

Call for Proposals Now Open 2019 AALS Annual Meeting: “Arc of Career” Sessions

Proposals due: April 13, 2018

As part of the AALS’s efforts to respond to the needs and interests of its members, the AALS Arc of Career Committee encourages programming at the Annual Meeting to address a broad spectrum of issues related to professional development. In place of presentations on substantive legal topics, Arc of Career sessions address a broad range of matters related to the professional careers of law faculty and administrators. The Committee hopes to include perspectives for all legal education professionals, including tenure and tenure-track faculty, contract and special faculty, administrators and other constituencies.

The AALS Arc of Career Committee requests proposals for creative and interactive sessions on professional development issues broadly conceived for the 2019 AALS Annual Meeting to be held January 2-6, 2019, in New Orleans, LA. Successful sessions at past Annual Meetings included, among others, sessions on joining the administration, career issues for post-tenured faculty, building and sustaining academic communities, preparing for life beyond the legal academy, and retirement. We offer this list as illustration, not limit the kinds of topics that would be appropriate for sessions. Indeed, other topics may arise from critiques raised in last year’s sessions, such as: Is the arc of career an appropriate metaphor for legal education professionals today? Are other metaphors more appropriate and, if so, what are they? What other issues remain submerged or unaddressed in these changing times in legal education?

The Committee will continue to offer each year a session for first-time meeting attendees on *How Do I Get the Most Out of the Annual Meeting?* And to offer every other year *So You Want to Publish a Book*.

Recent Arc of Career sessions have included:

- Design Thinking for Law Professors
- Opportunities and Challenges for Faculty of Color in Skills-Focused Law Teaching and Law Administration
- The Legal Writing Lateral
- Branching Out in Your Post-Tenure Career
- Building and Sustaining Academic Communities Through Blogging and Other Tools
- Chartering New Waters: Clinicians' Post-Tenure Reflections
- Transitions: Preparing For Life Beyond the Legal Academy

General Submission Guidelines

Programs may be proposed by full-time faculty members or administrators at AALS Member or Fee-Paid

law schools. International faculty; visiting faculty (who do not retain a permanent affiliation at another law school); graduate students; and non-law school faculty are not eligible to submit proposals but may serve as presenters.

Additional Information

Proposals should describe the concept or theme of the session and the mode(s) of presentation and include a full or partial list of suggested speakers/facilitators, but need not be more than 2 - 5 pages long.

Strong preference will be given to proposals that incorporate interactive experiences for the audience other than or in addition to Q and A. Preference will also be given to proposals:

- Submitted by collaborative groups spanning more than one law school;
- With an interdisciplinary element and/or suggestions of participants with perspectives from other disciplines. (Funds of \$900 may be available for one non-law school speaker);
- Reflecting diversity of schools and presenters (viewpoint, geography, race, gender, institutional rankings, etc.)

Arc of Career Program proposals are due by **April 13, 2018**, and should be submitted using the online submission form found [here](#). Questions may be directed to arc@lists.aals.org

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