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Our Annual Meeting is here!

Hello all!

I hope you all had a wonderful and productive semester. As we wind things down at our schools, we are also preparing to head to San Diego for the AALS Annual Meeting, January 3-6, 2018. As a reminder, our section program theme this year is "Equal Access to Justice: Supporting Law Students from Diverse Backgrounds from Admission through the Bar Exam." During our program, we hope to highlight support mechanisms in place for law students from diverse racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds to help begin law school, successfully complete law school, and pass the bar exam. We also wanted to feature the important history of law school academic support and how current academic support programs strive to meet the needs of law students from historically marginalized groups. We will also be announcing the recipient of the Section Award towards the end of our program. For those of you who will be joining us in San Diego, we look forward to seeing you on January 6th, from 9:00-12:00.

If you are unable to attend this year's Annual Meeting, please continue reading this newsletter for ways you can still participate in the meeting and in the upcoming year.

I wish all of you a happy and healthy holidays. It has been a pleasure serving as Chair this year.

-Danielle Kocal, Chair of the AALS Section on Academic Support, 2017

Academic Support Annual Meeting Events

Business Meeting:

Date: Friday, January 5, 2018

Time: 7:30 am -8:30 am

Location: Temecula Room 4, North Tower/Ground Level

Section Program:

Date: Saturday, January 6, 2018

Time: 9:00 am -12:00 pm

Location: Pacific Ballroom Salon 15, North Tower/Ground Level

Join a Committee!

We need your help! After the Annual Meeting, committees are the way we keep our section vibrant and working on important matters throughout the year. Sign up sheets will be available at the Business Meeting. If you can't attend the meeting in person, you can still sign up for a committee. Email Staci Rucker, Chair Elect, at ruckersc@ucmail.uc.edu to let us know what committee(s) you would be interested in serving on for 2018. The committees are:

Programming Committee

Bar Advocacy Committee

Webinar Committee

Learning Curve

Awards Committee

Nominations Committee

A note about the business meeting....

Each year, many important topics are raised and discussed at length at our Section's Business Meeting. However, we understand that traveling to AALS is not possible for many of our members. Therefore, this year, we will be providing the option of calling (or video chatting!) into the Business Meeting via a Zoom Meeting, so that members who are not in attendance can still participate. The instructions for calling into the meetings are below. If you are having technical difficulties that morning, email ruckersc@ucmail.uc.edu, and we will determine an alternate way for you to participate. Our section is at its best when we are all able to participate, so we do hope that you can join us!

Topic: AALS Business Meeting - Academic Support

Time: Jan 5, 2018 7:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/4693069357>

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