Both freedom and equality are inextricable from a meaningful engagement with the common good. We cannot construct a political and legal system that fails to understand us both as individuals and as citizens who are embedded in, and ennobled by, our relationships and communities. This year, let us consider how we might reimagine the intersection of freedom, equality, and the common good to strengthen democracy and rule of law in the years to come.
A MESSAGE FROM THE SECTION ON BALANCE IN LEGAL EDUCATION

by Rosario Lozada, Chair of the AALS Section on Balance in Legal Education

A law student book club is an effective medium to explore well-being practices relevant to legal education and practice, delve into issues of identity and self-worth, and foster a sense of belonging among law students. This article offers a step-by-step guide to launch a book club based on Kathryne M. Young’s How to Be Sort of Happy in Law School (2018). Professor Rosario Lozada, Dean of Students Angelique Ortega, and Program Specialist Marissa Cabrera presented on this topic at the 2021 NALSAP conference.

AALS 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Registration is now open!

AALS invites you to register now for the 2022 Annual Meeting! This Meeting will be held virtually rather than in person and is scheduled for Wednesday, January 5 through Sunday, January 9, 2022.

Here's What You Should Know:

• Sessions will take place each day between 11:00 am - 7:00 pm Eastern Time.

• AALS offered a school registration rate that allows all full-time faculty and administrators from participating schools to attend meetings. Check here to confirm whether your school is participating in the school rate. If so, your registration is already paid.

• Register for sessions in advance to secure your spot and create your own schedule.

• The Virtual Annual Meeting is being held on the OpenWater conference platform using Zoom meeting technology.

• Section Networking Sessions will be available every day of the meeting to socialize and connect with other attendees.

• Sessions will be recorded and available for playback after the Annual Meeting.

Register Now
SECTION FEATURE

*Indian Nations and Indigenous Peoples*

The AALS Section serves as a community hub for Indigenous law professors including both those who are members of Indian Nations and those who teach in the field of Indigenous law. To highlight the accomplishments of Indigenous law professors, the Section has continued its practice of publishing a [newsletter](#) for Fall 2021. Upcoming conferences, summaries of impactful federal court decisions, announcements of emeritus status are detailed to provide updates across the country. The newsletter allows for professors to showcase publications, promotions, and presentations from the previous academic year.

Over the Summer of 2021, the Section leadership hosted two events to engage around the theme of the Native American Experience in Legal Academia. The first was a collaboration with the National Native American Law Student Association (NNALSA) which resulted in the webinar uplifting Native law student voices on their experiences, “I am a Native Law Student: Diverse Perspectives Panel on the Native Law School Experience”. The webinar on August 3, 2021 was well attended and recorded with Native law students from across the country joining to share on their motivations to overcoming the challenge of often being isolated as a Native law student in mainstream law schools. Second, the Section hosted a social networking virtual event on Friday, August 6, 2021 inviting U.S. and Canadian Indigenous law professors and those teaching in the field to join in conversation, share on scholarship projects and discuss development of law school courses in the field. This sparked wonderful conversation and connections by professors familiar with Indigenous issues transcending political boundaries.

Finally, the [Section on Indian Nations and Indigenous Peoples](#) wishes everyone a Happy Native American Heritage Month in November!

- *Angelique EagleWoman* (Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate), *Chair of the AALS Section on Indian Nations and Indigenous Peoples*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 9, 2021, 3:00 - 4:00 PM ET**

*Exploring Our Love/Hate Relationship with Alumni Magazines*

*Section on Institutional Advancement*

**November 12, 2021, 12:00 - 1:00 PM ET**

*Webinar with Simonetta Calderini - “Women as Imams”*

*Section on Islamic Law*

**November 18, 2021, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ET**

*The Winds of Change – Insights from AccessLex on Washington*

*Section on Pre-Law Education and Admission to Law School*