

# Call for Proposals Now Open 2020 AALS Annual Meeting: “Arc of Career” Sessions

**Proposals due: April 12, 2019**

Get involved in AALS 2020 with a professional development program. 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 AALS Arc of Career Committee would like to receive proposals for creative and interactive sessions on professional development issues broadly conceived for the 2020 AALS Annual Meeting. 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. While not limited to these particular ideas, the committee would welcome proposals on the pros and cons of lateral hiring, finding a mentor within and outside your institution, how to mentor faculty both pre- and post-tenure, and how to think about and prepare your tenure package.

The Committee organizes the session for first-time meeting attendees, *How Do I Get the Most Out of the Annual Meeting*, every year. This year, we will also offer a session on *So You Want to Publish a Book*.

Recent Arc of Career sessions have included:

- What to Make of Student Evaluations
- Building Bridges and Social Justice Through Collaborative Centers and Initiatives
- Responding to the Call for a New Social Structure: Academia, Advocacy, Direct Action, and Attrition
- Encore Faculty: Preparing For Life Beyond the Legal Academy
- 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

## **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 12, 2019**, and should be submitted using the [online form found here](#). Questions may be directed to [arc@lists.aals.org](mailto:arc@lists.aals.org)

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