Call for Papers for Section on Leadership
2021 AALS Annual Meeting

The Section on Leadership is pleased to announce a Call for Papers from which one additional presenter will be selected for the section’s program, “‘Never Let A Good Crisis Go To Waste’: The Pedagogy of Leadership During Crisis—Student Engagement and Teaching Lawyer-Leader Skills and Values,” to be held during the AALS 2021 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.


As more and more law students and lawyers find themselves holding positions other than in law firms, law schools must prepare our students for a wide variety of leadership roles they might play in both the public and private sector. Lawyers, through their legal education and training, are especially needed to lead in these challenging times. The 2021 Section on Leadership’s program will focus on the pedagogy of engaging students and young lawyers in developing their leadership skills and attributes. The program will build on the notion that leadership education has been shown to advance the critical skills and competencies of lawyers as well as their development as influential professional and community leaders.

The work of developing lawyer leaders is not limited to those of us engaged in formally labeled leadership courses or programs. Faculty and staff across legal education — e.g., professional responsibility teachers, clinical teachers, librarians, career service professionals, and many others - are engaged in leadership development of our students. Submissions from across legal education are strongly encouraged.

Form and length of submission, anonymous review:
We encourage submission of articles of around 2500 to 10000 words, including footnotes. A cover letter with the author’s name and contact information should accompany the paper.

Submission method and due date:
Papers should be submitted electronically to Doug Blaze, blaze@utk.edu. The due date for submission is September 15, 2020. The author of the selected paper will be notified by October 10, 2020. The Call for Paper presenter will be responsible for paying their registration fee and hotel and travel expenses.

Submission review:
Papers will be selected after review by members of a committee appointed by the Section Chair after consultation with the Executive Committee of the Section.

Inquiries or questions: Any inquiries about the Call for Papers should be submitted to: Doug Blaze, University of Tennessee College of Law, blaze@utk.edu, 865-974-6820.