

AALS 2023 Annual Meeting

Legislation & Law of the Political Process Section Call for Papers

The Legislation and Law of the Political Process Section of the AALS invites submissions for **two sessions** to be held at the AALS 2023 annual meeting. The annual meeting will be held January 3-7, 2023 in San Diego, California. The Call for Paper presenters will be responsible for paying their registration fee and hotel and travel expenses. The details on each session are below.

If you are interested in participating in either session, email the paper or work-in-progress to be presented to Jesse Cross at jmcross@law.sc.edu by not later than 5 pm EST on **Friday, August 19**. Projects at any stage of completion are welcome. Please specify the session in which you are interested in participating. (A work also may be submitted to both sessions.)

Any questions also may be submitted to Jesse Cross at jmcross@law.sc.edu.

Session #1: Statutory Interpretation in the Era of High Textualism

The Supreme Court increasingly is committed to textualist methods of interpreting statutes, a trend that is reshaping the interpretation of statutes throughout the judiciary. Increasingly, the Court is elaborating its vision of this interpretive methodology, such as in recent efforts by textualist Justices to define textualism as the search for the “original public meaning” of statutes. For scholars of legislation, this presents a vital moment for critical reflection upon statutory interpretation in America. This session therefore calls upon authors to submit works that critically reflect on these (or other) trends in statutory interpretation, in the effort to foster a dialogue about how statutes are interpreted in this emerging era of “high textualism.”

Submissions from scholars across fields and at all levels of seniority are welcome.

Session #2: Emerging Scholars in Legislation & Law of the Political Process

This session looks to highlight and discuss the work of emerging scholars in the fields of legislation and the law of the political process. The session seeks submissions from scholars who have been in academic positions for fewer than six years. Any work that addresses the topics of legislation or the law of the political process is welcome.