

Association of American Law Schools **2024** ANNUAL MEETING

January 3 – 6, 2024 | Washington, DC

DEFENDING DEMOCRACY



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Defending Democracy

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We live in a great country. But there are real threats to it. Three-quarters of all voters – left, right, center – believe our democracy is in peril. Extremism, anti-Semitism, racism, violence against LGBTQ people, and political violence persist. It is part of the reason I chose “Defending Democracy” as the theme for my tenure as AALS President.



Law schools can play a critical role in the future of our country and our democracy. The legal profession has never had a higher profile and greater exposure than over the last few years. Lawyers are everywhere in places of prominence, power, and policy. Lawyers have shaped and will continue to shape our democracy.

What, then, is our responsibility as educators of future lawyers? What role do we play in helping to ensure that our democracy endures? Our work begins with three pillars that define every law school: curriculum, scholarship, and culture. We are teaching the courses, writing the scholarship, and shaping the cultures that propel legal education.

When we raise our collective voice, people listen. Defending democracy is not about politics. It's about what we can do together. Throughout the next year and beyond, I look forward to working with all of you to advance this ever-important work.

Welcome back to Washington!

What better location to gather than Washington, DC this January as we discuss AALS President Mark Alexander's theme of Defending Democracy. Please note that all sessions and events will take place in person; there are no virtual or hybrid options for attendance.

What's New

- **The headquarters hotel** is the Marriott Marquis Washington DC. We are delighted to be at a new hotel – a new neighborhood, new restaurants, and quicker access to downtown DC museums and monuments. The Marriott Wardman Park, our long-time hotel partner for the annual meeting and the faculty recruitment conference, closed in 2020.
- **The overflow hotel**, where select events, meetings, and sessions will be held is the Renaissance Washington DC Downtown Hotel (becoming the Westin Washington DC Downtown in fall 2023). It is located directly across the street from the Marriott Marquis.
- **Section award ceremonies** will be scheduled as usual but will no longer come with a price tag; there will be no lunch service, just an award ceremony celebrating award winners.
- **Coffee breaks** between sessions are longer, so you have more opportunities to catch up with colleagues.
- Special opportunities for **new law faculty** to connect at the beginning of the meeting include the session for first-time attendees and the reception for new law school teachers.
- **Law school receptions** are scheduled again most every evening.

Program Highlights

Wednesday

For first-time attendees (or second, or even third time), connect with other newbies and learn how to get the most out of the meeting at What Is AALS and Why Does It Matter for My Career? And How Do I Get the Most Out of the Annual Meeting at 5 pm.

If you attended the AALS Workshop for New Law School Teachers virtually or in person in the past few years, the reunion is on! Join the AALS Reception for New Law Teachers at 6 pm.



Thursday

Join AALS President Mark Alexander at the Opening Plenary session in a conversation with Jocelyn Benson, Michigan's Secretary of State.

Enjoy refreshments and light appetizers while mixing and mingling with your colleagues from law schools across the country at the classic Opening Reception at 5 pm.

Join us for the fourth annual AALS Awards Ceremony honoring our colleagues and celebrating excellence in legal education.

Friday

Minority law teachers, don't miss your opportunity to obtain a guide to tenure, tailored for faculty of color at the Workshop for Pretenured Law School Teachers of Color starting at 12 pm. After, join us for the workshop's networking reception from 4 – 5 pm.

The AALS Symposium will address "Global Crises: International Law Norms in Defense of Democratic Principles."

Visit **am.aals.org/program** to see detailed schedule information

Saturday

All Section officers should take the opportunity to attend the annual Section Leadership Information Session with continental breakfast. Share ideas with other chairs and officers and receive in-person support, hear from incoming AALS President Melanie Wilson, and hear guidance from the AALS Section Services Manager, Shannon Leonard.



The final day is traditionally a half-day, but the Saturday schedule this time around is packed all the way through 5pm. In the morning, there is a special session from the AALS Committee on Recruitment & Retention of Minority Law Teachers and Students on “Reimagining Law School Faculty Recruitment.”

General networking throughout

Attend the opening reception in the Marriott Marquis Ballroom and roam the Exhibit Hall offerings, arrange meetings during the extended coffee breaks each day of the meeting, and check out law school receptions each night.



Registration

The meeting will take place entirely in person in Washington, DC. Virtual and hybrid offerings are not available. We look forward to the networking, relationship building, and celebration that comes with bringing the community of law school faculty together.

Registration includes: Four days of sessions organized by Sections, the Annual Meeting Program Committee, and the AALS President; the Opening Plenary session with a keynote speaker; the classic Opening Reception; Exhibit Hall access; and morning and afternoon coffee breaks.

To register for the 2024 Annual Meeting, please visit **am.aals.org**

Registrant Type	Early Bird 9/11 - 11/16	Advanced 11/17 - 1/2	Onsite 1/3 - 1/6
Member & Fee-Paid Law Schools			
Faculty/Staff	\$515	\$565	\$615
New Full-Time Law School Faculty (0-3 yrs.)	\$260	\$310	\$360
Emeritus/Retired Faculty	\$260	\$310	\$360
Non-Member Law Schools & Organizations			
Faculty/Staff	\$565	\$615	\$665
International Law Schools Faculty	\$515	\$565	\$615
Non-Law Faculty Spouse/Partner	\$35	\$35	\$35

Spouse or partner registration

You may purchase a \$35 spouse/partner registration at the same time as your own full meeting registration if your spouse or partner is not faculty or staff of a law school. You may also add it to your registration onsite at the meeting.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be made in writing and submitted no later than **December 15, 2023**. A refund of the full registration fee will be issued to these requests. Cancellations received after this date, as well as no-shows to the Annual Meeting, are not eligible to receive even partial refunds of the registration fee unless there are severe extenuating circumstances such as the death or hospitalization of the registrant or a member of their immediate family or the equivalent. Cancellation requests can be made by email or by regular mail to: AALS Registration, c/o Erick Brown, 1614 20th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009.

For answers to frequently asked questions, visit **am.aals.org/faq**

Hotel Information

The AALS 2024 Annual Meeting will take place at the Marriott Marquis Washington DC. Select events, meetings, and sessions will take place at the Renaissance Washington DC Downtown Hotel (becoming Westin Washington DC Downtown in fall 2023).

Marriott Marquis Washington DC

Room rate: \$185 single/\$205 double
occupancy (plus tax)

Renaissance Washington DC Downtown Hotel

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Downtown in fall 2023)*

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Reservations

You will be able to book your hotel after you register for the meeting. Reservations will be booked and processed by the AALS designated housing service, Maritz Global Events, and should not be booked directly with the hotels. Your registration confirmation email will contain more information. The cutoff date to make a hotel reservation is **December 19, 2023**.

See more details about meeting hotels at **am.aals.org/hotel**

Accessibility

AALS is committed to making our meetings and events accessible to all of our attendees. Please email accommodations@aals.org no later than **December 8, 2023**, for assistance.

For more information, please visit **am.aals.org/accessibility**



AALS Calendar

2024

Annual Meeting

Wed., Jan. 3 – Sat., Jan. 6, Washington, DC

Advanced Workshop for Experienced Deans

Sat., Jan 6, Washington, DC

Conference on Clinical Legal Education

Wed., May 1 – Sun., May 5, St. Louis, MO

Workshop for New Law School Teachers

Thu., June 6 – Sat., June 8, Washington, DC

Advanced Workshop for Newer Deans

Thu., June 22 – Fri., June 23, Washington, DC



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