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WINTER 2021, BULLETIN

FROM THE EDITORS

FEBRUARY 19, 2021 | ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): EMILY BARNEY, EMILY BYRNE, MATTHEW TIMKO

A retro-active welcome to 2021! Please forgive us for this belated issue, 2021 started with a bang. To mark the speedy passage of time, we offer what we can in this issue.

Included are the [President's Message from Lindsay Carpino](#) and the Executive Board Meeting minutes for [November](#), [December](#), and [January](#).

If you attended or not, you can read summaries of both the lively [December Trivia Night](#) and the first [CALL Media Club: The Little Paris Bookshop](#).

We also welcome the [incoming Executive Board Members](#): Scott Vandelin, Sarah Andeen, and Carrie Port. We hope you enjoy this Winter edition of the CALL Bulletin!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 19, 2021 | ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): LINDSEY CARPINO

I hope everyone did their best to stay warm over the extra cold winter! As I write this message, the snow continues to fall. It has been a year since our last in-person business meeting in February, but CALL continues to keep our members engaged. We hosted a successful virtual business meeting on February 18, 2021 with speaker Robert Ambrogi. Ambrogi spoke about the [Essential Role of the Law Librarian](#). We had 63 members join via Zoom.

The Meetings Committee is busy planning a virtual museum tour of the [Pritzker Military Museum & Library](#) on March 18, 2021. The Continuing Education Committee has a few events planned. On February 24, 2021, they hosted a successful webinar in conjunction with vendor Trellis: Legal Intelligence, called: ["How AI Powered Analytics Can Improve Your Litigation Strategy for Illinois State Court Litigation."](#) On March 4, 2021, they are hosting a program called ["How MAALL States Deal with Legislative History."](#)

The Strategic Planning committee has updated our current plan to include a Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) initiative. I encourage our membership to review the enhanced changes to the strategic plan once they are finalized. More to come on this. To celebrate Black History Month, the Community Service Committee has encouraged CALL members to consider donating to the [DuSable Museum of African American History](#). Online donations in support of the museum may be made [here](#).

Voting for our current 2021-2022 CALL executive board runs through March 15, 2021. You can learn more about our candidates [here](#). Good luck to all!

Don't forget to [apply for a grant](#) if interested in attending a conference or other educational opportunity. It is also not too early to start thinking about members to nominate for our [CALL awards](#) to be honored in May.

Stay warm! Cheers!

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WINTER 2021, CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD

CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2020

FEBRUARY 19, 2021 | ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): PHILIP JOHNSON

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 8:30 a.m. — Conference Call

Board Members Present: Lindsey Carpino, Jamie Sommer, Tom Keefe, Megan Butman, Mandy Lee, and Philip Johnson

Board Members Absent: Jessie LeMar

Significant Actions: None

Guests: Matt Timko (Bulletin Committee), Sarah Andeen (Mentorship Committee), Julie Pabarja (Placement & Recruitment Committee)

Treasurer's Report (Section IV)

- Harris Balance as of November 9, 2020: \$16,552.
- Membership numbers to date – 176. We had about 24 renewals last month, and Clare Willis is reaching out to and finalizing the numbers on members who have yet to renew.

TAGGED:  EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 2020

FEBRUARY 19, 2021 | ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): PHILIP JOHNSON

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 8:30 a.m. — Conference Call

Board Members Present: Lindsey Carpino, Jamie Sommer, Tom Keefe, Megan Butman, Mandy Lee, Jessie LeMar, and Philip Johnson

Board Members Absent: None

Significant Actions: None

Guests: Lyonette Louis-Jacques (Public Relations Committee), Joe Mitzenmacher (Nominations & Elections Committee), Sarah Reis (Government Relations Committee)

Treasurer's Report (Section IV)

- Harris Balance as of December 7, 2020: \$16,571.
- Membership numbers to date – 181. We anticipate two institutional memberships to process soon.

TAGGED:  EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 2021

FEBRUARY 19, 2021 | ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): PHILIP JOHNSON

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:30 a.m. — Conference Call

Board Members Present: Lindsey Carpino, Jamie Sommer, Tom Keefe, Megan Butman, Mandy Lee, Jessie LeMar, and Philip Johnson

Board Members Absent: None

Significant Actions: None

Guests: Jean Wenger (Corporate Memory), Annie Mentkowski (Bylaws)

Treasurer's Report (Section IV):

- Harris Balance as of January 11, 2021: \$17,682.10
- Membership numbers to date – 200



CALL Board of Directors 2021-2022



WINTER 2021, CALL EXECUTIVE BOARD, NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS

FEBRUARY 19, 2021 | ARTICLE AUTHOR(S):

Please congratulate me in welcoming our newly elected CALL Board:

Vice President/President-Elect



Scott Vanderlin

Secretary

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Sarah Andeen

Director



Carrie Port

We will congratulate you officially at our May Business Meeting.

I would like to thank the Nominations & Elections Committee for putting together a wonderful slate: Joe Mitzenmacher (Chair), Julie Melvin, Eugene Giudice and Todd Ito.

Thank you to those who were nominated:

Shari Berkowitz Duff (Vice President/President-Elect), Mike McMillan (Secretary) and Patricia Scott (Director). We appreciate your willingness to serve CALL.

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The Essential Role of the Law Librarian

w/ Robert Ambrogi



WINTER 2021, MEETINGS

FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING

FEBRUARY 19, 2021 | ARTICLE AUTHOR(S): PHILIP JOHNSON

Our February business meeting convened on February 18 over Zoom and had 53 CALL members in attendance.

President Lindsey Carpino opened the meeting by reminding attendees that the CALL election is going on until March 15 and that this month the community service has arranged for CALL to support the [DuSable Museum of African American History](#) (more on these in the committee announcements below).

She also thanked our speaker Robert Ambrogi, noting that outside of a remote meeting it would be difficult to schedule a meeting with him present. Vice President Jamie Sommer introduced Mr. Ambrogi, who is a long-time expert on legal technology, practice, and ethics. He is the publisher and editor-in-chief of [LexBlog.com](#) and writes a technology column for [Above the Law](#).

The Essential Role of the Law Librarian

Mr. Ambrogi opened by saying that he's not a futurist and isn't interested in making predictions, citing William Gibson's quote, "The future is already here—it's just not evenly distributed." Mr. Ambrogi pub-

lished a book chapter on artificial intelligence (AI) and law libraries last year in **Law Librarianship in the Age of AI**, which was the focus of his discussion.

He asserts that we can get some insight on the future by looking around at what's already happening. There's been a general agreement that legal professionals' use of technology has accelerated over the last year, and while AI is implicated, that trend has applied toward analytics and other areas as well.

There has been some fear among lawyers and information professionals that AI would take jobs away, partly propelled by rhetoric. E.g., some of the anthropomorphizing of AI by naming such tools things like **CARA** and **ROSS** has fed that concern, as has legal services touting that we'll have a conversational research process with AI tools. In fact, the opposite seems to be true, and information professionals will be incredibly valuable in guiding the use of AI and machine learning tools.

Four Roles for Librarians

Mr. Ambrogi discussed four roles for librarians when it comes to using and teaching AI and machine learning: gatekeeper, guide, ethicist, and interpreter. These days it's near impossible to be an information professional without being a technology professional.

Librarians as Gatekeepers

In many organizations, librarians have become technology gatekeepers that evaluate, screen, and vet the best and most useful new technology. AALL is one of the biggest legal technology conventions in the country, and librarians have the skill and savvy to scrutinize vendors' claims and ensure the technology does what the vendors say it does.

Librarians as Guides

The librarian is also the guide in the firm for using technologies that have become available. They facilitate the use of AI and analytics, train lawyers and students, and continually evaluate AI systems, in part by analyzing search results. Librarians can also help refine machine learning results and tailor applications. **Ed Walters has said that librarians play a critical role in the internal development of the use of AI.**

Librarians as Ethicists

When Mr. Ambrogi discusses librarians as ethicists, he's not suggesting that information professionals will become ethics professionals but instead implicates the attorney's duty of technology competence. There is a gap between what the ABA rule expects and the competence lawyers have, and librarians can help bridge that.

Technological skill and varies among attorneys—consider the attorney who couldn't turn off his cat filter during a Zoom hearing. Attorneys in charge of a case have a duty to manage the use of technology. Those with background in law and technology will be vital members of teams to ensure the team meets the duty of competence.

Librarians as Interpreters

Librarians as interpreters will help professionals in firms understand AI and algorithmic technologies and what they're capable of. AI isn't inherently intelligent—it's the application of algorithms to data, and algorithms are created by humans, so they have certain biases and flaws that lead to different results.

Susan Nevelow-Mart has demonstrated that different legal research platforms return different results for the same query. **Diana Koppang** has compared litigation analytics products and demonstrated the same. It's important for researchers to understand the biases that may be inherent in these systems and practice diligent scrutiny in evaluating search results.

AI is not coming for librarians' jobs. The future of law librarianship is in AI and will make the job even more multifaceted.

Audience Q&A

Q: I think about the librarian's duty to stay abreast of technology. Should there be a formal way to ensure librarians are staying qualified to do this?

A: That could be useful. As long as you're interested in staying informed, there are plenty out there to help with that. E.g. there's no mandatory CLE in MA, but it's not really a problem there. People stay up to date in their areas. Organizations should provide a means to stay abreast of this information

Q: Do you have any advice for being better advocates for our profession?

A: I think you do a pretty good job, especially the organizations. There are a lot of misunderstanding of the role of the librarian among legal professionals. The best way to change this is to write, be on podcasts, and communicate to broader audiences when you can. It's public relations in a sense.

Q: As you look around at the landscape of legal research providers, are any of them emerging as a future cornerstone for our work?

A: CaseText is one to watch. They've turned the tables a bit so that Thomson Reuters and Lexis Nexis are playing some catch-up. Nobody had anything like CARA when that started. The industry has changed in the last decade so that little companies are spurring a lot of innovation.

Q: Should we be advocating for a change in the curriculum for librarians to be learning statistical methods so we can better understand AI and machine learning?

A: I'm not a librarian, so I can't say too much about the MLS curriculum. The subject at least needs to be discussed. Maybe not the math aspect, but people should know how algorithms are developed and how they work.

Committee Announcements

Meetings (Jill Meyer) –

The initial **CALL Media Club meeting** in January went well, and the committee is planning the next meeting in April, which will cover a movie. An email will circulate for people to recommend movies. They'll compile top suggestions and then send a survey in March.

Meetings (Eugene Giudice) –

On March 18 at 5:30, CALL members can participate in a virtual tour of the **Pritzker Military Museum**. Right now there's a special exhibit on the World War II campaign in Pacific. There will be a \$5 fee to participate.

Nominations and Elections (Joe Mitzenmacher) –

The **2021 Executive Board Election** is open. Members should have received a link to the ballot and their pins on Monday, February 15. Let Joe know if you did not receive the link.

Continuing Education (Todd Hillmer) –

There are two **Continuing Education programs coming up**. On February 24, Trellis will give a presentation on AI-driven analytics strategies for Illinois litigation. On March 4, UI McKinney librarians will discuss how MAALL states deal with legislative history.

Community Service (Jesse Bowman) –

For this meeting we're donating to the **DuSable Museum of African American History**. There was a link in the email. Note there's no way to indicate that a donation is related to CALL, so don't worry about that.

Bridget MacMillan was present representing Lexis Nexis for the drawing of two \$25 Amazon virtual gift cards. Our winners were Julie Pabarja and Todd Hillmer.

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WINTER 2021, MEETINGS

TRIVIA NIGHT REVIEW

FEBRUARY 19, 2021 | ARTICLE AUTHOR(S):

The meetings committee hosted a holiday online trivia night on December 17, 2020. Ten excited and hopeful teams participated. Tanya Carlson, Konya Moss, Jessie LeMar, and Sandy Qiu of Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom were the winning team with an assist from their families.

Jillian Baker hosted the trivia night and wowed us with her inventive questions. There were music hints to all the questions and the rounds consisted of pop culture, back to school, random questions, and two picture rounds featuring movies and license plates.

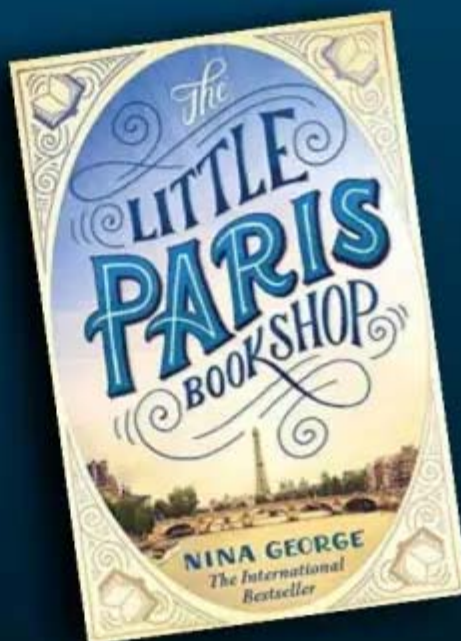
The Final 2 Questions are listed below. For fun see if you know the answers.

- **Children Books:** Released in 1987, what book was the result of more than two years of detailed work by illustrator Martin Handford, and spent 93 weeks in the number one spot on the New York Times Best Sellers List?
- **Geography:** Which US State has the most natural lakes?

The Meetings Committee is excited to host more events in the future.

CALL MEDIA CLUB

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WINTER 2021, MEETINGS

CALL MEDIA CLUB: THE LITTLE PARIS BOOKSHOP

FEBRUARY 19, 2021 | ARTICLE AUTHOR(S):

2020 was an interesting year for the CALL Meetings Committee. We were forced to revise the traditional “Business lunch” meetings, to at-home Zoom calls, and everyone struggled to stay healthy and sane while living out the year stuck in the “comfort” of our homes.

After some successful Zoom Happy Hours and a really fun virtual Trivia Night holiday party, the CALL Meetings Committee decided to get creative with different ways that our group could stay connected during the pandemic shut-down. One suggestion was a book club. We decided to try and keep it light, and fun, and use it as a way to get conversation going and give us all something to look forward to during the cold winter days.

The first meeting, of what we have now decided is the CALL Media Club (open to books and movies – and any other media we see fit to include) occurred on Jan. 28, 2021. A few book options were sent out to the greater CALL membership to vote on, and it was decided to start off with [The Little Paris Bookshop](#) by [Nina George](#). We had approximately 11 people join the group, and we had a great conversation during our lunch hour.

The book received mixed reviews, but the discussion sparked lots of recommended reading (and travel destinations). The plan is to continue this quarterly, with the next session taking place in April. We are hoping to try a movie for the next go-round, and there will be a survey sent out to the membership for recommendations. So look for that survey to send in your recommendation, and hopefully we can double the participation for the next session!

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