

## Annual Report 2020-2021

### Law Library Association of Maryland (LLAM)

The LLAM officers for 2020-2021 were Chi Song, President; Liz Graham, Vice President/President-Elect; Carly Roché, Secretary; Tanya Thomas, Treasurer; Bijal Shah, Board Member; Julia Roberts, Board Members; and Simon Canick, Past President (resigned December 2020).

**COVID-19 Health Emergency.** LLAM successfully shifted its meetings and programming to the virtual environment. Members engaged with one another virtually for both professional and social events. COVID-19 also brought economic challenges. So, this year, members had the option to waive payment of membership dues, no questions asked.

**Solidarity.** On July 1, 2020, the LLAM Executive Board issued a Statement of Solidarity to express the Board's commitment to dismantling system injustices and racial inequality in our community and profession. In May 2021, the LLAM Board voted to support the AALL Asian American Law Librarians Caucus Statement on Anti-Asian Incidents. LLAM focused its programming, primarily through the Project 20/20 Series to address the ways in which our community can recognize and address systemic injustices and racial inequality in our profession.

#### **Grants and Awards.**

- LLAM offered its first student internship stipend to current library school students and recent graduates who are working in an unpaid internship or volunteer position during Summer 2021.
- LLAM offered 2 registration grants for LLAM members and 1 registration grant for students to attend the 2021 AALL Virtual Meeting and Conference.
- LLAM awarded its inaugural Service Award to Patricia Behles and Elizabeth Rhodes. The Service Award recognizes the contributions of a current or former LLAM member to the organization and the profession of law librarianship.

**Project 20/20: From Transition to Transformation.** LLAM collaborated with the Law Librarians Society of Washington, D.C., and the Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association to offer a monthly, online programming series. Each month, Project 20/20 featured a program, a social networking event, and a professional development workshop. Registration was free and open to members and the general public.

- Project 20/20 kicked off on October 1, 2020 with a Keynote Address from Ijeoma Oluo, a *New York Times* bestselling author of *So You Want to Talk About Race*, who joined us for a conversation on race, allyship, and changes we can make to promote equity and justice.
- Programming topics included marketing, mental health, the productivity myth, and drug development.
- Professional development events included workshops on setting boundaries, integrating diversity into legal research instruction, excel, resumés, and building pipelines for paraprofessionals.
- Social networking events included happy hours, a sourdough social, a planner party, and game nights.

- Project 20/20 concluded with a conversation with Ashley C. Ford, a respected voice on topics ranging from popular culture and race to imposter syndrome and health boundaries.

The LLAM year concluded with a virtual Annual Meeting, Officer Installation, and Trivia Competition on Friday, May 21, 2021.

Submitted by Liz Graham, LLAM President, and Chi Song, LLAM Past President