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Clinical and Experiential Law Program Directors Workshop

Thinking Innovatively and Strategically About Experiential Programs

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### CONFERENCE EVALUATION

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Welcome to Thinking Innovatively and Strategically About Experiential Programs, the AALS Clinical and Experiential Law Program Directors Workshop!

We are excited to come together in person to engage, share, learn and celebrate after several years of being apart. After the upheaval and change of recent years, we are in a moment of opportunity for reflection and innovation in clinical and experiential legal education. The workshop will cover themes such as:

- How does this moment impact our teaching and legal education as a whole?
- How do we as program directors and experiential deans create space and resources to harness creativity and take advantage of this moment?
- What are the current issues facing experiential learning and how can we respond?
- How to move experiential programs forward while honoring the past and responding to current needs and expectations?
- How do we serve as advocates for experiential education within our institutions and the larger academy?

This is an exciting and challenging time to be an experiential law program leader. We hope you will use this time together to forge new friendships and collaborations as we meet to discuss the challenges and opportunities of this moment.

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**Workshop Schedule**

**Wednesday, April 26**

4 – 7 pm  
**AALS Registration**  
Yosemite Foyer, Ballroom Level

**Thursday, April 27**

7 am – 4 pm
**AALS Registration**  
Yosemite Foyer, Ballroom Level

7:30 – 8:45 am  
**Coffee with Colleagues**  
Imperial A, Ballroom Level

8:45 – 9 am  
**Welcome and Introduction**  
Imperial A, Ballroom Level

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**Description of Workshop Design and Program:**  
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**Introduction to Workshop Design and Program**

We are excited to be joining in person for the first time since 2019. This workshop takes advantage of the opportunity to work together in shared physical space. Our goal is to maximize opportunities for participant engagement, sharing, learning and celebrating. Instead of traditional panel presentations, each session employs a different method designed to capitalize on in-person engagement. These methods include a facilitated group discussion, concurrent sessions modeled on case rounds, small group discussions and a group brainstorming (report out) session.

9 - 10:30 am  
**Facilitated Discussion: How to Create Space and Resources to Think Creatively About Experiential Education**

This is a unique moment for clinical/experiential legal education. We are living and working in times of uncertainty and change in our local communities and in the larger enterprise of legal education. On the heels of a global health pandemic, we face our work with a new perspective. Our communities are navigating a profound moment of public reckoning with a long history of racial injustice. In response to the destabilizing moments of the past few years, clinical education embraced innovation and creativity, often out of necessity, and often to great success. How does this experience impact our teaching and legal education as a whole? How do we as program directors and experiential deans create space and resources to foster and harness the innovation and creativity of recent years even as we return to (what we hope to be) some stability?

*The Facilitated Discussion will meet in small groups. See Handout for your session assignment and its meeting room location.*

10:30 – 10:45 am  
**Coffee with Colleagues**  
Union Square 1&2, Fourth Floor

10:45 am – 12:15 pm  
**Concurrent Sessions Modeled on Case Rounds: How to Move Experiential Programs Forward While Honoring the Past and Responding to Current Needs and Expectations**

In this session, we will break out into a series of concurrent sessions focused on three distinct areas: in-house clinics; externships; and experiential curriculum development. The focus of these concurrent sessions will be on how we as directors and experiential deans navigate a program's development in this new era while at the same time recognizing and honoring the program's past development? How can we effectively move things forward recognizing that faculty and students have diverse needs and expectations? How do we develop (and implement) an experiential curriculum that takes students from 1L to 3L?
Please select a session and one of the room locations below.

Concurrent #1: In-House Clinics
- Union Square 12, Fourth Floor
- Union Square 13, Fourth Floor
- Union Square 14, Fourth Floor

Concurrent #2: Externship Programs
- Union Square 15, Fourth Floor
- Union Square 16, Fourth Floor
- Union Square 17, Fourth Floor

Concurrent #3: Curriculum Development
- Union Square 19, Fourth Floor
- Union Square 20, Fourth Floor
- Union Square 23, Fourth Floor

12:15 – 1:45 pm
Luncheon
Imperial B, Ballroom Level

1:45 – 3:15 pm
Small Group Discussions: How do we Serve as Advocates for Experiential Education Within Our Institutions and the Larger Academy

This session will use small group discussions to explore how directors and experiential deans can serve as advocates for experiential education within our respective institutions and within the larger legal academy. Within our institutions: how do we support and expand the hiring of experiential faculty?; how do we advocate for security of position?; how do we advocate for additional funding?; how do we advocate for expanded experiential offerings? and how to we advocate for externships as part of the larger clinical community? As part of the larger legal academy: how do we capitalize on the momentum gained from 303(c) advocacy?; how can we expand upon the required number of experiential credit hours?; and how will regulatory and bar admission reform initiatives impact our roles?

Please select a session and one of the room locations below.

Small Group Discussion #1: Issues Within Institutions
- Union Square 12, Fourth Floor
- Union Square 13, Fourth Floor
- Union Square 14, Fourth Floor
- Union Square 15, Fourth Floor

Small Group Discussion #2: Issues in the Larger Legal Academy
- Union Square 16, Fourth Floor
- Union Square 17, Fourth Floor
- Union Square 19, Fourth Floor
- Union Square 20, Fourth Floor

3:15 – 3:30 pm
Coffee with Colleagues
Union Square 1&2, Fourth Floor

3:30 – 4:30 pm
Brainstorming Key Take Aways
Imperial A, Ballroom Level

After a day of facilitated discussion, concurrent sessions, and small group discussions, we use this last session of the day to come together and share the wisdom of the group. This session will be focused on drawing out key take aways from each specific component of the workshop. Our goal is to have participants leave the workshop with a list of ideas, approaches, and connections to bring back to their respective institutions.
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Thursday, May 2 – Sunday, May 5
Marriott St. Louis Grand
St. Louis, MO
AALS CALENDAR

2023

**Annual Meeting**
Tue., Jan. 3 – Sat., Jan. 7, San Diego, CA

**Conference on Clinical Legal Education**
Thu., Apr. 27 – Sun., Apr. 30, San Francisco, CA

**Conference on Democracy**
Wed., May 4, Virtual

**Workshop for New Law School Teachers**
Wed., June 7 – Sat., June 10, Washington, DC

**AALS Institutional Advancement Conference**
Wed., June 14 – Thu., June 15, Virtual

**Advanced Deans Workshop I**
Thu., June 22 – Sat., June 24, Washington, DC

**Conference on Affirmative Action**
Mon., July 10, Virtual

2024

**Annual Meeting**
Wed., Jan. 3 – Sat., Jan. 6, Washington, DC

**Conference on Clinical Legal Education**
Wed., May 1 – Sun., May 5, St. Louis, MO