

In Session:

CALL/ACBD's Newsletter

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From the Executive Board

CALL/ACBD Website

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Next CALL/ACBD Executive Board Meeting

Our next Board meeting will take place on **Tuesday, March 19 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM ET**. Members are invited to attend. Please contact [National Office](#) for details. An agenda will be posted on the website in advance. Agendas and minutes are all available on the website in the members section under "[Member Resources](#)".

Events

CALL/ACBD 2019 | May 26 – 29, 2019
Get Informed | Be Inspired | Innovate
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Registration for the CALL 2019 Conference is now open! Head over to the [website](#) to register and contact conference@callacbd.ca if you're interested in volunteer opportunities.

The 2019 Conference Planning Committee is pleased to announce another plenary – The Competition on Legal Information Extraction and Entailment (COLIEE) at CALL/ACBD 2019.

Session Abstract

The current Artificial Intelligence (AI) pandemic seems to impinge on everything, including all aspects of legal reasoning and the structure of legal systems. Most aspects at the intersection of formulation, abstraction, and legal decision making impinge on a legal reasoning competition (the Competition on Legal Information Extraction and Entailment or “COLIEE”), which has run for five years, and reveals potentially useful frameworks for legal reasoning, as well as the deep challenges. We use both the framework summary and COLIEE to illustrate the challenges and potential of the future of legal information processing.

Speaker Abstract

Randy Goebel is currently a professor in the Department of Computing Science at the University of Alberta, Associate Vice President (Research) and Associate Vice President (Academic), and Fellow and co-founder of the Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute (AMII). He holds a BSc (Computer Science), MSc (Computing Science), and Ph.D. (Computer Science) from the Universities of Regina, Alberta, and British Columbia, respectively. Professor Goebel's theoretical work on abduction, hypothetical reasoning and belief revision is internationally well known, and his recent research is focused on the formalization of visualization and explainable artificial intelligence (XAI). He has been a professor or visiting professor at the University of Waterloo, University of Regina, University of Tokyo, Hokkaido University, Multi-media University (Malaysia), National Institute of Informatics, and a visiting researcher at NICTA (now Data 61) in Australia, and DFKI and VW Data:Lab in Germany. He has worked on optimization, algorithm complexity, systems biology, and natural language processing, including applications in legal reasoning and medical informatics.

Eunice Beeson Memorial Travel Fund

Would you like to go to the 2019 annual conference but you don't have sponsorship? This fund was established to assist members of CALL/ACBD who wish to attend the Annual Meeting, but, for financial reasons, are unable to do so. Bursaries are provided to cover travel expenses and/or accommodation. The deadline for applications is **March 8, 2019**. [Click here](#) for an application.

Committee & SIG News

Committee to Promote Research

The Committee to Promote Research and CALL/ACBD invite members to apply for the CALL/ACBD Research Grant. The application deadline is **March 15, 2019**.

The CALL/ACBD Research Grant was established in 1996 to provide members with financial assistance to carry out research in areas of interest to members and to the association. Please refer to our Committee site for a copy of the [application form](#) and to view our collection of past research projects. [Click here](#) to view research grant application tips.

The Committee is excited to receive proposals and we encourage members to apply or to contact us to discuss a project you are interested in. Members who previously applied but were not awarded funding are welcome to reapply.

Co-Chairs, CALL/ACBD Committee to Promote Research:

[Susan Barker](#) & [Elizabeth Bruton](#)

Diversity, Inclusion, and Decolonization Committee

In its inaugural year, the DIDC has been gradually building a framework to meet its mandate: 1) To foster awareness and acumen in respect of issues of diversity, inclusion, and decolonization within all sectors of the law librarianship and related professions; 2) To foster diversity, inclusion, and decolonization, along with representation in our profession and in our work with and ties to related professions; and 3) To further diversity, inclusion, and decolonization, along with representation and participation in CALL/ACBD activities and groups, including educational programming, partnerships, member development, and recruitment to the law librarianship profession.

To help realize these goals, the DIDC has created roles for its members to liaise with external and internal CALL/ACBD groups. Most DIDC liaisons have volunteered to work with SIGs and Committees they already serve on, so they will be familiar faces. Liaisons will play a role in communicating between their groups and the DIDC to facilitate the conversation of furthering diversity, inclusion, and decolonization. In the coming months in the lead up to the conference, we will get in touch with all of our SIGs and Committees to further these partnerships. In the meantime, if your group has a DIDC question or concern, please contact either co-chair for assistance.

Another initiative the DIDC would like to see get off the ground is a blog, where interesting articles or news items can be shared with the greater CALL membership, and to spark interesting conversations. We will keep you posted once it is ready!

[Click here](#) for more information on the DIDC.

[Click here](#) to access the DIDC Resolution 2018/1.

Membership Development Committee

Mentorship Program

The CALL Mentorship Program is accepting applications! To coincide with member renewals, [the mentorship program application is now OPEN](#), we will accept applications until March 22 for the 2019-2020 mentorship in-take. The program runs from May – May calendar.

Mentorship offers many benefits: the sharing of knowledge and experience, a chance to work through real life issues/challenges, and developing friendships & broadening one's network just to name a few. Whether you're a student looking for information about being a law librarian, an existing professional looking for some advice and

coaching, or a seasoned professional looking to give back to the profession, the mentorship program is a great opportunity for members to connect, share, learn, and grow.

Returning mentors do not need to submit a new application. If you're interested in being a mentor for the first time, please apply on the CALL website.

This month's topic of interest is "[Use the KonMari Method to Tidy Your Mind](#)" by Brad Stulberg, Outside Online. Decluttering your life doesn't just improve happiness; it improves performance, too. Better than being chronically busy is to have a limited number of things that you care about and bring your all to them. Discuss strategies on decluttering your mind with mentor/mentee!

Any questions about the program can be directed to [Martha Murphy](#).

Professional Development Committee

About Us

The Professional Development Committee (PDC) is responsible for ascertaining the continuing professional development needs of CALL/ACBD members across Canada. The PDC assists with oversight of continuing education programs and surveys the membership to identify knowledge and skills necessary for professional excellence.

Current Needs

1. The PDC is always looking for new talent. Expressions of interest may be sent to the Committee Chair, [Annette Demers](#);
2. All Committees and SIGs are invited to send along any ideas for future programming by filling in this [survey](#);
3. All court house librarians are encouraged to remind your local practitioners of the upcoming CALL webinars and other programming; such programming can be used to fulfill lawyer CPD requirements in some jurisdictions;
4. Do you have an idea for CALL programming that you would like to see offered? If so, please fill in this very short [survey](#).

Upcoming Events

Stay tuned for details coming soon on the next CALL/ACBD webinar!

Other Offerings

Advanced Legal Research videos

CALL members are invited to contact [National Office](#) to obtain access to the Advanced Legal Research video series (personal use only) for a nominal fee.

New! Discounted Access to Lesley Ellen Harris' Copyright Courses

We are delighted to announce that Lesley Ellen Harris has generously offered to give discounted rates on some of her copyright course offerings!

See full listing [here](#).

Discounted rates on the following courses:

- Canadian Copyright Law eTutorial – 10% discount
- Developing a Copyright Policy or Guidelines – 10% discount
- Please contact [Annette Demers](#) to obtain the discount code and registration link for these courses

Scholarships & Awards Committee

Applications are open for the [Denis Marshall Memorial Award for Excellence in Law Librarianship](#). The Marshall Award is bestowed on a current member of CALL/ABCD who has shown outstanding dedication to the profession of law librarianship. Applications are requested by **April 1, 2019**.

Applications are also open for the [Michael Silverstein Prize](#), the [Gisèle Laprise Prize](#), and the [Education Reserve Fund](#). Each of these has an application deadline of April 1, 2019 and each offers an opportunity to consider yourself as well as a colleague.

CALL/ACBD offers its members a number of significant awards and is fortunate to include many deserving recipients among its members. Please do not hesitate to submit an application.



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