



Latinx Caucus Newsletter

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The latest news, events, and more!

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Shared our mission and talked about the law librarianship profession.

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Over a thousand people attended and Latinx Caucus was there representing.

Latinx Caucus dinner during AALL Annual Conference

Lovely dinner with some Latinx members who attended AALL Conference in Boston, MA.

Our VR Museum and more

Fill out the survey to learn more about your interests and future Caucus activities.

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Latinx Caucus invited to the UIPR Library Week 2023

– Latinx Law Librarians Board

On April 27, 2023, via Zoom, Elaine Tornés Blanco and Marisol Florén-Romero presented our caucus to students and faculty at the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico (Arecibo, PR). See the 1-hour presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/LibraryWeek2023>

Martín F. Rosado Rojas, Director at the René Marqués Library of the Inter American University of Puerto Rico (Arecibo Campus), invited Latinx Caucus to present remotely during the Library Week. The presentation covered a background of the American Association of Law Librarians (AALL), its chapters, caucuses, mentorship program, and awards. The audience had the opportunity to learn about law librarianship, what the law librarians do in different work environments like academia, government, and law firms. Elaine Tornés provided a history of the Latinx Caucus since its beginnings in 2005 and shared its mission and purpose, explaining the job opportunities and compensation in law librarianship. Marisol Florén was interviewed about her experience in law librarianship and the value of being part of the Latinx Caucus.

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New Board Says Hello and a Survey!

The New Latinx Board consist of Victor Chavez (Chairperson), Elaine Tornés Blanco (Vice Chairperson), and Rosa Hall (Secretary). The three of us are excited to serve and are eager to see what we can accomplish together.

Fill out [this very brief, 4-minute survey](#) we have created hoping to hear from the Caucus to allow us to more effectively plan for the future.

Colorado University International Festival 2023

– Latinx Law Librarians Board

On March 4, 2023, the University of Colorado celebrated the International Festival, and the Latinx Caucus had the opportunity to share its mission and the Latin culture with a diverse crowd. This yearly event celebrates the greater Boulder community's different cultures, traditions, and heritage. It also promotes diversity among students and community members of the greater Boulder community.

The colorful festival was an excellent platform to engage with a myriad of people eager to learn about Latin culture and law librarianship. While handing out flyers and dulce de leche, Elaine Tornés, Latinx Caucus Vice-Chair, explained to the visitors the importance of law librarians in different settings and how it could be a fulfilling and rewarding career. The feedback was positive, and many developed an interest in the topic, which was shown by their questions and appetite for the food.

Sharing the Latinx Caucus mission with communities and academic groups is an important endeavor to secure the profession's future and present it as a great professional and intellectually satisfying career that can create positive changes in our society.



Victor Chavez



Elaine Tornés



Rosa Hall

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(Left) Victor and Elaine at the [Conference of Newer Law Librarians \(CONELL\)](#) celebrated on 07/15/2023 at Boston Marriott Copley Place. [Click here to see our flyer!](#)



(Above) Elaine and Marisol outside the vendor exhibit at [Haynes Convention Center](#). 07/16/2023.



(Above) Victor and Elaine at the Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL), sharing the Latinx Caucus mission with the new generation of law librarians.

How to Join Us

1. Visit the AALL homepage and click on the "Community" tab.
2. Access the "Caucuses" page.
3. Look for the option "Join a Caucus Now On My Communities" and click on it.
4. Navigate to the Latinx Caucus and join!
5. Scan the below QR Code for easy instructions. We look forward to welcoming you!



Congrats to all Latinx Members who served as speakers at the 116th [AALL Annual Conference](#) in Boston, MA! 🎉

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Congratulations to Teresa M. Miguel-Stearns and the team at the University of Arizona Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library on being awarded a grant from the [Institute of Museum and Library Services \(IMLS\)](#). The University plans to use the funds to expand their [Law Library Fellows Program](#) with the goals of encouraging more students to enter the legal information field, recruiting law libraries around the country to host Fellows, and promoting law librarianship to students from historically underrepresented backgrounds. Teresa credits AALL's August 2022 Webinar: "[Shaping the Future of IMLS Programs with Law Library Needs in Mind](#)," for spurring this project on.

For members and institutions aspiring to make a difference through IMLS grants, please refer to the [various grant programs](#) for more information.

Dinner during AALL Annual Conference in Boston, MA

– Latinx Law Librarians Board

On July 15, 2023, in the cozy ambiance of the Italian [Serafina Back Bay Restaurant](#), nine friends in law librarianship gathered for a long-awaited meal together. ([Margarita Pérez](#), [Victor Chavez](#), [Elaine Tornes](#), [Mike Martinez](#), [Daisy De Anda](#), and [Cesar Zapata](#))

It was a joy reconnecting in person! Each one brought unique experiences to the table, having worked in different law libraries across the country. Animated discussions about the Latinx Caucus history, latest professional challenges, and advice for the new generation filled the air. Laughter echoed around as inside jokes and memories were relived in camaraderie and within a circle of belonging. As savoring a delicious meal, the evening was a testament to the enduring friendship and shared passion we all share as part of the Latinx Caucus.

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A VR Museum, and an interactive map!

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The [Virtual Museum](#) available [here](#) is under construction, but it will benefit from your submissions. Thanks to [Marisol Florén-Romero](#) for sharing flyers from another Latinx events.

Check out the interactive map embedded [in this post](#) and shared only in our community. Contact the Latinx Board if you want to opt-out or let us know if you are a new member and don't see you in the map.

