



2024 ALLUNY Spring Institute

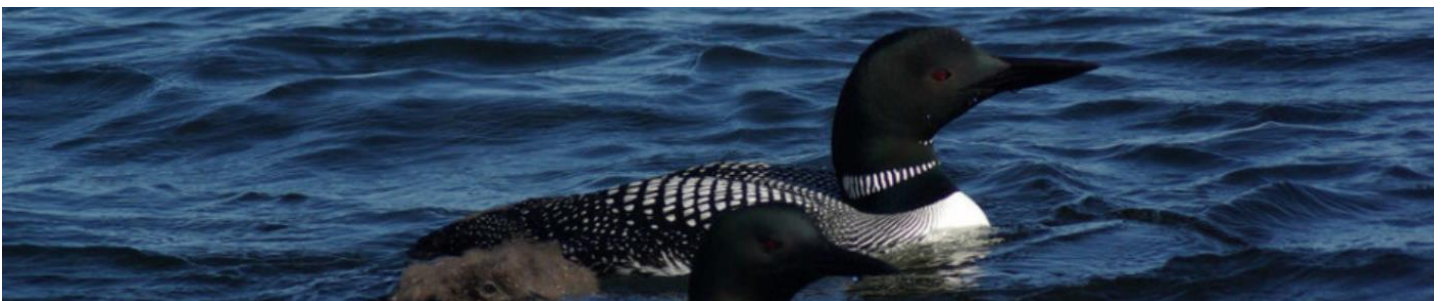
**Eclipsing Inequality: the Librarian's Role in Advancing Social Justice**

Friday, April 19th

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Syracuse University College of Law Library – Room 106

Albany Law School – Room 200



*Association of Law Libraries Upstate New York*

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# ALLUNY 2024 SPRING INSTITUTE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

- 9:00 – 10:00** Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 – 10:45** **Book Bans, Intellectual Freedom, and the Role of Law Libraries in New York**  
Speaker: Stephanie (Cole) Adams  
Member  
The Law Office of Stephanie Adams, PLLC
- 11:00 – 11:45** **Legal Research for All - Techniques for Teaching (non-law) Librarians**  
Andrew Kloc  
Senior Law Librarian  
New York Appellate Division, Fourth Department
- 12:00 – 1:20** Lunch with Round Table Discussion : Building the Librarian Pipeline
- 1:30 – 2:15** **Improving Accessibility of Legal Information to Non-Lawyers**  
Rebecca Katz  
Founder  
Justice Access
- 2:30 – 3:15** **Tech in A2J (Access to Justice)**  
Margaret Hagan  
Executive Director, Legal Design Lab; Lecturer, Stanford Law School,  
Stanford Institute of Design  
Stanford Law School
- 3:30 – 4:15** **Benjamin Report 2.0 The Status of Administrative Law publishing in New York**  
David Walker  
Associate Professor of Law, Director of Schaffer Law Library  
Albany Law School
- 4:15 – 4:30** **Closing Remarks**

## **Program Descriptions**

### **Book Bans, Intellectual Freedom, and the Role of Law Libraries in New York**

Cole Adams

The focus of the presentation will be the fundamental legal factors impacting book ban efforts in New York, and the legal resources municipal and school district attorneys need to be familiar with when addressing attempts to limit access to certain library materials. I will also generate for you a short pamphlet summarizing the resources, suitable to be adopted for use at a law library.

### **Legal Research for All – Techniques for Teaching (non-law) Librarians**

Drew Kloc

This talk will be a behind-the-scenes look at presentations I have given to public library staffs and the NYLA conference. I'll explain the choices made and challenges involved by looking at the PowerPoint presentations used, and encouraging discussion of how it could be done better. Equipping public librarians and others to do basic legal research won't convince everyone that the government is not actually run by Illuminati space aliens who are colluding with Bigfoot to brainwash our children, but it might help demystify the law for some. (Yes, yes, I know—that's exactly what the Illuminati space aliens would want us to think.)

### **Improving Accessibility of Legal Information to Non-Lawyers**

Rebecca Katz

The 2019 DC Access to Justice Commission reports that one of the reasons people don't get legal services is because they don't know their issues are legal. Learning this led Becky to create a free online law library for DC residents who need a law library but lack access to one. Among the library's long-term plans is providing training to non-librarians so they can learn to do legal research and show others how to find the answers they need.

## **Tech in A2J (Access to Justice)**

Margaret Hagan

While a fellow at the Stanford Institute of Design (d.school), Margaret launched the Program for Legal Tech & Design, experimenting with how design can make legal services more usable, useful & engaging. Today, the [Stanford Legal Design Lab](#) researches, designs, and develops new interventions to ensure equal access to justice for all. These are technology, visible design, and community-building projects. Their 2023-2024 strategic tracks are AI & Access to Justice, Eviction Prevention, Justice System Innovation, and Better Legal Internet. Margaret will discuss the ways technology can be used to assist those with legal needs, and how law librarians can facilitate access to, and use of, these technologies.

## **Benjamin Report 2.0 The Status of Administrative Law publishing in New York**

David Walker

Noted attorney Robert M. Benjamin accepted an appointment by New York Governor Herbert H. Lehman as a special commissioner under New York's Moreland Act to study administrative adjudication in the State of New York. ... (This) was the first comprehensive study of state administrative law in any jurisdiction, and its suggestions were of value far beyond the State of New York. ... Five of the six 1942 Benjamin Report volumes describe and analyze the adjudication procedures employed by each of the major New York state agencies. The sixth volume is unnumbered and is a summary volume containing Benjamin's recommendations on how state administrative adjudication could be improved. David will discuss how they could improve even more.

Larry J. Craddock, Final Decision Authority and the Central Panel ALJ, 33 J. Nat'l Ass'n Admin. L. Judiciary Iss. 2 (2013) Available at: <https://digitalcommons.pepperdine.edu/naalj/vol33/iss2/1>

## **Speaker Biographical Details**

### **Stephanie (Cole) Adams**

The Law Office of Stephanie Adams, PLLC

Cole's early work as an associate launched her extensive experience with municipal matters. In Buffalo, she started her own practice and later formed Bloom, Cole & Shonn, LLP, focusing on education and internet law. She helped staff the legal office at SUNY Buffalo's Group Legal Services, starting a path of service to educators and students that continues today. In 2006, Cole began ten years as General Counsel at Niagara University. While there, Cole designed a system of Enterprise Risk Management (ERM), databases for grant, contract and event management, and other legal/operational workflow solutions. A former library employee and passionate speaker on library-related issues, Cole has presented at numerous CLEs on topics including road law, LLC formation, social networking, internet law, intellectual property, the role of the general counsel, concussions in sports, and managing complex investigations.

B.A. Hampshire College

J.D. SUNY Buffalo School of Law

### **Margaret Hagan**

Margaret Hagan is the Executive Director of the Legal Design Lab and a lecturer at Stanford Law School and the Stanford Institute of Design (the d.school). She was a fellow at the d.school from 2013-2014. She teaches a series of project-based classes, with interdisciplinary student groups tackling legal challenges through user-focused research and design of new legal products and services. She also leads workshops to train legal professionals in the design process, to produce client-focused innovation. While a student, she built the game app Law Dojo to make studying for law school classes more interactive & engaging. Margaret recently started the blog Open Law Lab to document legal innovation and design work.

A.B. University of Chicago

M.A. Central European University, Budapest

Ph.D. Queen's University Belfast

J.D. Stanford Law School

## **Rebecca Katz**

Rebecca Katz, Executive Director, founded [JusticeAccess](#) after a winding professional path led to a place where time, experience, and connections combined to create the right conditions to identify a gap and fill it. JA's mission is to provide legal information to non-lawyers in the District of Columbia. The experiences Becky is most likely to boast about are her membership in the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau while in law school, her tenure as state archivist for the District of Columbia, and conforming to the stereotype of a librarian in comfortable shoes surrounded by many cats.

B.A. Washington University in St. Louis  
J.D. Harvard Law School  
M.S.L.I.S. Catholic University of America

## **Drew Kloc**

Andrew Kloc is a Senior Law Librarian at the Appellate Division, Fourth Department Law Library in Rochester. Prior to joining the Appellate Division in 2009, he was the Systems & Electronic Services Librarian at Genesee Community College in Batavia and worked for private law firms in the Buffalo area. In addition to technology management, Mr. Kloc is also experienced in legal and academic reference services.

B.A. Colgate University  
M.L.S. SUNY Buffalo

## **David Walker**

David C. Walker is the Director of Schaffer Law Library at Albany Law School. He has served in numerous roles in legal education over the past decade, including work as a librarian and legal research and writing professor at Lincoln Memorial University–Duncan School of Law, where he also directed both the Lawyering Skills and Academic Success programs, Charleston School of Law, and Albany Law School. David clerked for the Honorable Deborah J. Venezia after receiving his Juris Doctor from Rutgers Law in Camden, N.J., and before receiving his Master of Library and Information Science from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. His scholarly interests include the nature of legal authority in the American tradition and legal research as an analytical process.

B.A. Hofstra University  
M.L.I.S. Rutgers University  
J.D. Rutgers University

## **Additional Resources**

<https://www.lawhelpny.org/>

<https://nycourts.gov/courthelp//>

<https://ww2.nycourts.gov/lawlibraries/publicaccess.shtml>

<https://ny.freelegalanswers.org/>

<https://www.nycourts.gov/courthelp/goingtocourt/helpCenters.shtml>

<https://askalawlibrarian.nycourts.gov/>

<https://rurallawcenter.org/>

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