

## American Law and Economics Association

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Dear ALEA Members:

Registration is now open for our forthcoming annual meeting, which will be held on Thursday and Friday, August 4-5, 2022 at Columbia University in New York. All sessions will be held at Columbia Law School, which is located at 435 West 116<sup>th</sup> Street. **We urge you to read through this letter carefully, as it contains important information with regard to this year's meeting.**

We will be posting the preliminary program on the ALEA website as soon as it is available. The conference sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday (following a breakfast from 8:00-9:00 a.m.), and conclude at about 3:15 p.m. on Friday. ALEA's annual dinner will be held on Thursday evening; a post-conference reception will be held on Friday from 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

**In addition to our regular conference events, we have added two new exciting social events this year:**

The first event is ALEA's first-ever "**Equity, Belonging, and Community-Building Event**," to be held on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:30 -8:30 p.m., at the Columbia University Faculty House, which is located at 64 Morningside Drive in New York. This event is included in your conference registration fee, and is open to all ALEA members who identify as part of any group that has historically been marginalized within the law and economics profession. This includes but is not limited to scholars who identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color), LGBTQIA+, people with disabilities, and women. At our Community-Building Event, we will have appetizers and drinks and share experiences, ideas, conversations and roll out a new mentorship program. You can register for this event when you register for the Conference itself (link below).

The second new event is the "**Junior Scholars Networking Event**," which will be held on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, from 4:15-6:30 p.m. Untenured or junior conference participants\* are cordially invited to drop by the Arts & Crafts Beer Parlor, located at the southeast corner of Amsterdam and 116th Street, to continue their conversations, forge collaborations, and enjoy light fare and beverages in an informal, relaxed and inclusive setting. As with the Equity, Belonging, and Community-Building Event, this event is included as part of your registration fee.

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\* As a rough guide, we define "junior" to be individuals within six years of final degree, and " untenured" to have its usual and customary meaning per trade usage.

Along with these new events, ALEA's Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is launching the Equity Mentorship Program this year for scholars from marginalized backgrounds (BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, people with disabilities, women). Scholar-mentees will receive law and economics career guidance from mentors well-established in the field. ALEA members interested in participating in this new initiative (as mentees or mentors) should indicate this on their ALEA Annual Meeting registration form or email ALEA's Diversity Committee at [aleadiversity@gmail.com](mailto:aleadiversity@gmail.com) for more information. (Note: Scholar-mentors may be from any background.)

**REGISTRATION:** To register for either/both of above events, and for the meeting itself, please visit the following link: [https://editorialexpress.com/cgi-bin/conference/conference.cgi?action=login&db\\_name=ALEA](https://editorialexpress.com/cgi-bin/conference/conference.cgi?action=login&db_name=ALEA).

We are asking all attendees (including paper presenters) to register *as soon as they know they will attend the meeting*.

The registration fee for this year's meeting will be \$375.00 (\$130.00 for students), which includes all meals and social functions during the conference. **The registration deadline is July 15, 2022. A late fee will be charged for on-site registration or registrations received after July 15<sup>th</sup>, and no refunds will be given after that date (with the exception of illness, such as COVID and/or COVID exposure).** Please note that *all attendees* must register for the meeting (including paper presenters). In the event that you must cancel due to illness, we ask that you inform us as soon as you know you will be unable to attend.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE VACCINE/MASKING:** All visitors to Columbia University, including those who enter any campus facility for any period of time, must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Thus, please do not come to ALEA unless you are fully vaccinated.

Please note that ALEA will adhere to any and all Columbia University public health protocols in place at the time of the event. Currently, high-quality masks (e.g., surgical, KN95, KF94, N95) are required in classrooms and are strongly recommended for all other indoor spaces on campus. These policies are subject to change as public health conditions warrant.

**LODGING:** The Association is not planning any special hotel rates for ALEA 2022. These have proved costly because they require various guarantees, and because participants have migrated to their favorite hotels and short-term rental services. Be sure to bear in mind that the Annual Meeting this year is on a Thursday-Friday, rather than the more common Friday-Saturday schedule. If you are looking to stay near the conference location, please note that all sessions will be held at Columbia Law School (435 West 116<sup>th</sup> Street, New York). Lodging information can be found on the conference website, <http://amlecon.org/alea-meeting.html>, and a copy is attached here as well.

We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be a very exciting meeting!

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ALEA President 2021-22