

## AUTHOR BIOGRAPHIES

### Shamika D. Dalton

Shamika D. Dalton is the Interim Associate Director at the University of Florida (UF) Levin College of Law's Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center. She also teaches First-year Legal Research and Advanced Legal Research as a Professor of Legal Research. Shamika, a triple alumna from North Carolina Central University, received her B.S.W. in 2004 and her J.D. and M.L.I.S in 2011.

Shamika is a member of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), Black Caucus of AALL (BCAALL), Academic Law Libraries SIS (ALL-SIS), Research, Instruction, and Patron Services SIS (RIPS-SIS), and Southeastern Chapter of AALL (SEAALL). She has served as chair of AALL's Diversity Committee (2015–2016), member-at-large of BCAALL's Executive Board (2017–2019), and co-chair of BCAALL's Nominations Committee (2015–2016) and Annual Dinner Committee (2017–2019). Shamika founded SEAALL's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, the first committee of its kind on a regional level in AALL. Shamika has published diversity-related articles in both *AALL Spectrum* and *Law Library Journal*. Most notably, Shamika is the editor of the forthcoming publication, *Celebrating Diversity: A Legacy of Minority Leadership in the American Association of Law Libraries*, 2nd ed.

### Dr. Yvonne J. Chandler

Dr. Yvonne J. Chandler is an Associate Professor at the University of North Texas (UNT), College of Information, Department of Information Sciences. She received her B.A. from Clark College, M.S. from Atlanta University, and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. Dr. Chandler developed the UNT/DLIS Law Librarianship program that has graduated more than 150 law librarians working in the state of Texas and across the nation. Through her efforts more than 300 University of North Texas master's degree students have received scholarships and other support from the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program.

In 2008, Dr. Chandler received the prestigious University of North Texas President's Council Outstanding Teaching Award from the University. At the 2016 American Library Association Annual Conference, she was awarded the DEMCO/ALA Black Caucus Award for Excellence in Librarianship that is presented to a librarian who has made significant

contributions to promoting the status of African Americans in the library profession. In April 2015, Dr. Chandler completed her term as President of the Texas Library Association, the largest state library professional association in the United States.

### **Vicente E. Garces**

Vicente E. Garces is the Reference Administration & Web Services Librarian at the University of Minnesota Law Library. Prior to coming to the University of Minnesota, Vicente was the Senior Reference Librarian at the University of Oregon School of Law Library. He holds a B.A. degree in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles, a J.D. degree from the University of San Francisco, and an M.S.L.I.S. degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

Vicente was a co-author with Carol Avery Nicholson and Ruth Johnson Hill of the 1st edition of *Celebrating Diversity: A Legacy of Minority Leadership in the American Association of Law Libraries*.

Vicente's commitment to service is evident by his strong record of service in AALL and his local chapter, Minnesota Association of Law Libraries (MALL). He is currently serving as chair of AALL's Indexing of Periodical Literature Committee and MALL's Awards, Grants, and Scholarship Committee.

### **Dennis C. Kim-Prieto**

Dennis Kim-Prieto is a tenured Reference Librarian at Rutgers School of Law. He received his B.A. from the University of Arizona, M.F.A. from the University of Iowa, J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law, and M.S.L.I.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dennis is active with AALL, having served on several committees, and having chaired both AALL's Latino Caucus (2006–2007) and AALL's Diversity Committee (2010–2011). He was also intensively involved in the development of the AALL Legal Research Competencies and Standards for Law Student Information Literacy. He will serve as president of the New Jersey Law Librarians' Association in 2018–2019.

### **Carol Avery Nicholson**

Carol Avery Nicholson is retired from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Kathrine R. Everett Law Library where she was the Associate Director for Technical Services at the culmination of a rewarding career in technical services and law librarianship. She received

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Carol served as editor for *Celebrating Diversity: A Legacy of Minority Leadership in the American Association of Law Libraries* [1st ed.], the *AALL Price Index for Legal Publications*, *The Law Library Systems Directory*, 1st and 2nd editions, and has authored or edited many other publications.

Carol was the first person of color to serve as president of the American Association of Law Libraries, the highlight of a career dedicated primarily to the profession of law librarianship. Carol has received numerous awards including the AALL Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, AALL Presidential Certificates of Appreciation, AALL Southeastern Chapter Service to SEAALL Award, and the Renee D. Chapman Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions in Technical Services Law Librarianship. Additionally, in 2014 Carol was inducted into the AALL Hall of Fame.

#### **Dr. Michele A. L. Villagran**

Dr. Michele A. L. Villagran is an Assistant Professor with the San Jose State University (SJSU), School of Information. She was formerly a Lecturer with the University of North Texas (UNT), College of Information, Department of Information Science, working with the Greater Los Angeles and Northern California cohorts as coordinator, and as the director of the New Mexico cohort. Based in the Los Angeles area, Dr. Villagran also serves as President & CEO of CulturalCo, LLC consulting in areas of cultural competency, emotional intelligence, change management, and conflict resolution. She is a cultural intelligence advanced facilitator through the Cultural Intelligence Center (CQC), and Conflicts Dynamic Profile (CDP) consultant.

Dr. Villagran has more than 20 years of experience including work in the public and private sectors. She earned her undergraduate degree in Management and International Business from the University of Nevada Las Vegas, her M.S.L.S. degree in Legal Informatics and M.B.A. in Strategic Management from the University of North Texas. At Pepperdine University, she completed a Certificate in Dispute Resolution, a Masters of Dispute Resolution, and a Doctorate of Education in Organizational Leadership with her dissertation focusing on cultural intelligence. Dr. Villagran holds offices and serves on committees in many professional associations in the library, legal, dispute resolution, and education fields.