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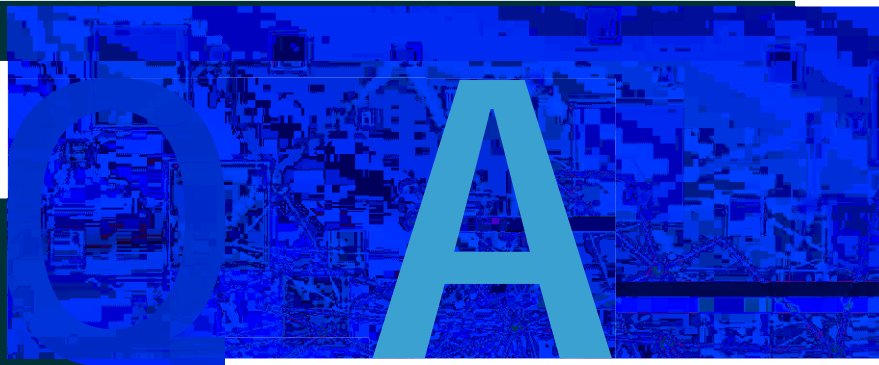


After a chance conversation about Neil Gaiman's *Ocean at the End of the Lane* with law librarian Jill Smith at the University of Maryland School of Law, Cas Laskowski asked a question most law librarians probably hear at some point in their careers: What exactly is your job? "After hearing her answer, I perked up because I wasn't sure what I was going to do with my law degree and her job sounded so amazing," notes Laskowski. That simple question put her on the path to becoming a law librarian. After completing her law degree in 2015, she entered the University of Arizona's Law Library Fellows Program to earn her MLIS in 2016.

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Superpower you wish you had?

To communicate with animals. I want to tell my dog, "Eating chocolate will kill you; I'm not

make so many things easier.

Words to live by?

Inclusion can't wait.

Favorite TV show to binge watch?

Brooklyn Nine-Nine.

two badass Latinas where their heritage

characters they play.

Favorite travel destination?

The ocean.

Guilty pleasure?

Oreos. I love trying

together to make sure he succeeded, and on the next deployment he was so valued by his unit that they wouldn't move without his intelligence.

So, I try to do the same thing with my stu-

ing behind, there's usually a reason for it. When I teach, I really try not to just shove knowledge into their heads, but to also build good habits and structures that allow them to succeed.

In leadership roles I never ask people I'm working with to do anything I wouldn't do. I

people because I don't think you gain respect that way. But the best advice I can share from my time in the Army is keep a brag book, a collection of all of your major projects and accomplishments. It makes job applications easier, but its true value is in proving to yourself that you do more than you realize.

What subjects are you most passionate about exploring in your writing, whether it's your blog or through any of your other projects?

Two subjects I am most interested in exploring are tech trends and inclusive innovation.

Innovation doesn't always mean we're developing something new; it also can mean we're reinvigorating something that exists. It's being more creative about how we think about innovation, both in including multiple stakeholders and

You are Chair of AALL's Diversity & Inclusion Committee. What is the committee working on that makes you particularly proud?