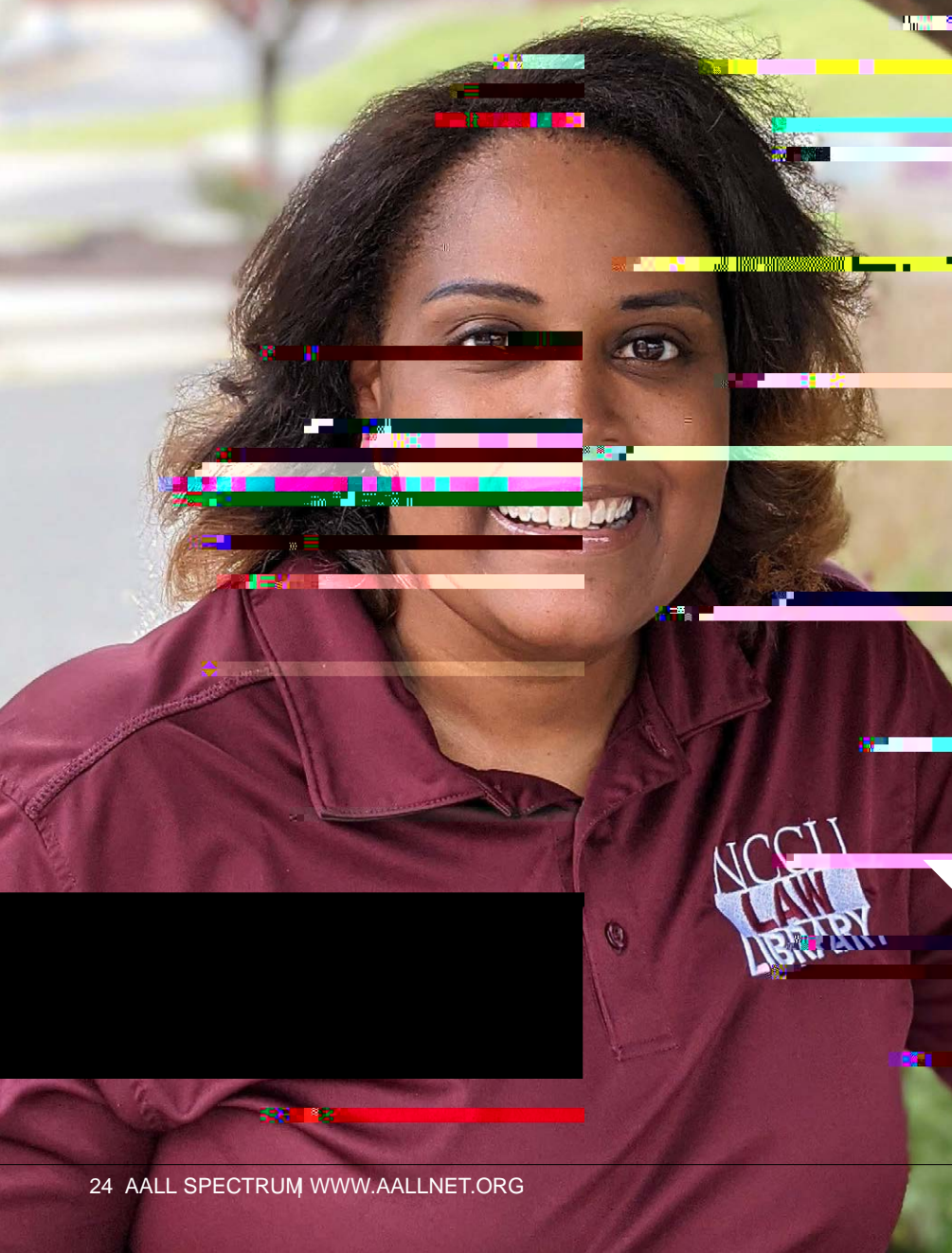


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MAKING LAW LIBRARIANSHIP MORE DIVERSE & INCLUSIVE




Zanada Joyner comes from a family of higher education professionals, so one could say education is in her blood. Her passion lies in helping Black students and other minorities become lawyers. “Lawyers are the backbone of justice and equality and play a crucial role within society at large,” said Joyner. She became a member of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) in March of 2013, and has been active on committees, special interest sections, and within her local chapter. Diversity within the profession plays a key role in making the profession more inclusive, but there is a lot more work to be done. And, according to Joyner, the profession is not yet fully inclusive; but the conversations that have come about since 2020 give her hope that we are moving in a direction that will open up more opportunities for minorities within the legal information profession.

“My goal in life is to impact people in a way that makes their lives better. Not necessarily to give them something, but to provide people with tools.”

– Zanada Joyner

Joyner received her BA from Loyola University New Orleans in 2000 and her JD in 2007. She earned her master of library and information science (MLIS) degree from Rutgers University in 2015.

She currently serves as the senior reference librarian at the North Carolina Central University (NCCU) School of Law in Durham, North Carolina. In her role, she teaches first year Legal Research and



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