During 2013-2014, the Research and Publication Committee administered the AALL research grant programs and the AALL Distinguished Lectureship Award, and initiated a review of the documents and webpages associated with its activities.

The Research and Publication Committee is responsible for administering AALL’s research grant programs. The committee informs AALL members of the availability of the grants and grant-cycle deadlines, evaluates grant applications, selects grant recipients, determines award amounts, assures that grant recipients comply with grant requirements, and approves reports.

In 2013-2014, the committee received and reviewed four applications for research grants funded through the AALL Research Fund: An Endowment Established by LexisNexis®. The committee selected for funding the two applications: (1) $650.75 to Melanie Knapp (Head of Reference and Instructional Services, George Mason University Law Library) and Rob Wiley (Research Specialist, George Mason University School of Law), for their project entitled Comparison of Research Speed and Accuracy Using WestlawNext and Lexis Advance; and (2) $4349.25 to Andrea Alexander (Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor, Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law) and Michelle Hook Dewey (Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor of Library Services, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Law) for their project entitled, Building Bridges: Case Studies in Best Practices for Law Library and Career Services.

The committee received and reviewed five applications for the AALL/Wolters Kluwer Law & Business Research Grant. Selected for funding were two applications: (1) $950 to Phillip Gragg (Director and Associate Professor, Concordia University School of Law Library) for his project entitled, Upward Mobility and Career Prospects for the Dual Degree Librarian: A Quantitative Analysis of Our Profession and Projection of Career Opportunities Over the Next Two Decades; and (2) $1000 to Shawn Nevers (Head of Reference and Research Instruction, Brigham Young University Law School Library) for his project entitled, Research Practice of Attorneys. These awards exhaust the funds from Wolters Kluwer for this program, and brings this award to a close.

The committee in 2013-2014 approved the final report for the research grants awarded during 2012-2013 from the AALL/Wolters Kluwer Law & Business Research Grant. It approved the final report of Brian Anderson (Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor, Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law) for his project entitled, Determining the Role of Law Libraries in the Republic of Rwanda: A Survey of Users, Uses, and Overall Legal Society.

The committee also administers the AALL Distinguished Lectureship Award. This award was created by the AALL Executive Board to honor members with a unique perspective on the history, practice, or philosophy of law librarianship, who share their knowledge and expertise with other members in a lecture given at the annual meeting. The committee received three nominations. The committee selected Richard A. Danner, Archibald C. and Frances Fulk Rufty Research Professor and Senior Associate Dean for Information Services, Duke University School
of Law. Dean Danner delivered his address, entitled *What We Know and How We Think About It* at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio on July 14. The lecture will be published in the *Law Library Journal* at a future date.

In order to increase efficiency the committee regularly reviews its associated documents and webpages. Because the previous year saw the completion of a thorough revision of the AALL *Research Agenda*, attention this year focused on the grant application and other forms. Working with AALL headquarters, these forms will be converted to editable PDF files in time for the next application cycle.

The committee fulfills other AALL publication-related charges, including reviewing proposals for additions to the AALL Publication Series, published by William S. Hein & Co. The committee received no new proposals during the current cycle.

The members of the 2013-2014 AALL Research and Publications Committee were: James M. Donovan, Chair; Joseph Molinari, Vice-Chair; Joanne Dugan Colvin, Douglas Cox, Anna Guerra, Sibyl Marshall, Michael G. Moore, Dana Neascu, Roy L. Sturgeon, Michelle Thomas, and Xiaomeng Zhang.

Submitted by,

James M. Donovan
Chair, 2013-2014