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**American Association of Law Libraries Announces
2020 Gallagher Award Winners
AALL Honors Four Legal Information Professionals
for Service to the Profession**

CHICAGO – April 28, 2020 – The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) today announces the 2020 recipients of the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, the association’s highest honor.

The 2020 AALL Gallagher Award recipients are:

- Dr. Yvonne J. Chandler, Associate Professor and Director, Law Librarianship and Legal Informatics Program, University of North Texas, Department of Information Science.
- Jolande Goldberg, Senior Cataloging Policy Specialist for Law Classification, Policy & Standards at the Library of Congress.
- Melody Lembke, Retired Associate Librarian for Collection Services at the University of California, Irvine School of Law.
- Michelle M. Wu, Associate Dean for Library Services and Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Library.

“This year’s recipients of the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award have devoted their careers as leaders, innovators and educators to advancing the legal information profession,” noted AALL President Michelle Cosby. “Throughout their years of dedicated service, Yvonne, Jolande, Melody and Michelle have made countless contributions that exemplify their professionalism and expertise and reflect their commitment to the legal information profession’s sustained success. I am proud to recognize and congratulate each of them on this well-deserved honor.”

Established in 1984 to acknowledge sustained service to law librarianship, exemplary support to AALL, and outstanding contributions to significant professional literature, the Gallagher Award is presented to individuals who have completed, or are nearing completion of, an active professional career.

Yvonne Chandler’s family, as well as her dean offered their thoughts on the achievement.

“On behalf of myself, Yvonne’s brother, Franklin Chandler, and our family, we thank you for this recognition,” said Yolanda Patrice Jones, cousin to Dr. Chandler. “Yvonne is truly a champion of legal information. We humbly thank you for awarding Yvonne the Gallagher Award, and express our greatest appreciation for AALL—all that you are, all who you inspire, and all that you do.”

"Dr. Yvonne Chandler is one of our most dedicated faculty members in our department," said Jiangping Chen, Professor and Chair, Information Science at UNT. "She has made unprecedented contributions to law librarianship, as well as the recruitment and training of legal information professionals. As an enthusiastic LIS educator and scholar, Yvonne has guided and recruited numerous students to the profession of librarianship and law librarianship, especially minority and first-generation college students. She is a true champion for the freedom of information and loved dearly by our students, alumni, and her colleagues. I congratulate her on this well-deserved honor."

Jolande Goldberg noted how the relationships she built in her time as an AALL member are one of the things she values the most.

"My career, starting with my immigration—yes, I am an immigrant—was a love affair with the Library of Congress," said Goldberg. "It was the imposing authority of the Library of Congress under which I could think about and compose for half a century some interesting shelving of the mind on which the law collections rest. I have also been an AALL member for half a century, and the most wonderful part of the adventure were the people, my colleagues, single or in ad-hoc committees, who were coming along the long road with me. It has been my distinct pleasure and honor to accept their thoughts, critique, expertise, and endless hours of hands-on work—we call "volunteerism."

Melody Lembke was proud to have been recognized for an award associated with the memory of Marian Gould Gallagher.

"I am honored to have been nominated and selected to receive the Marian Gould Gallagher Award by AALL colleagues," said Lembke. "I respect all of Marian's accomplishments and am thrilled to be associated with her memory."

Michelle M. Wu was honored to receive the award, and mentioned the importance of the work of others in helping her achieve this recognition.

"Following the footsteps of the library luminaries who have preceded me, I am extremely honored and humbled to receive the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award," said Wu. "No one's achievements are truly theirs alone, and this is no less true of any contributions that led to my selection for this year's award. It is thanks to the generous, collaborative, and creative spirit of the entire AALL community and librarians everywhere that has made my career so enjoyable and productive. I am honored to have had the opportunity to give back to a community from whom I have learned so much, and I am deeply touched to know that I have had an impact on its members in return."

For more information about AALL's Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, visit bit.ly/AALL-gallagher.

About AALL

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) is the only national association dedicated to the legal information profession and its professionals. Founded in 1906 on the belief that people—lawyers, judges, students, and the public—need timely access to relevant legal information to make sound legal arguments and wise legal decisions, its more than 4,000 members are problem solvers of the highest order. AALL fosters the profession by offering its members knowledge, leadership, and community that make the whole legal system stronger. For more information, visit www.aallnet.org.