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American Association of Law Libraries Announces 2024 Gallagher Award Winners

AALL Honors Law Librarians for Service to the Profession

CHICAGO – May 7, 2024 — The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) announces the 2024 recipients of the [Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award](#), the Association’s highest honor, recognizes extended and sustained service to the Association, or for contributions to professional literature. Established in 1984, the Gallagher Award is presented to individuals who have completed, or are nearing completion of, an active professional career.

The 2024 AALL Gallagher Award recipients are:

- **Billie Jo Kaufman**, Law Library Director and Professor of Law, Mercer University School of Law, Macon, Georgia.
- **Fred R. Shapiro**, Associate Director for Collections and Special Projects, Yale Law Library, New Haven, Connecticut

“I am pleased to acknowledge the contributions of this year's Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award recipients to the field of law librarianship,” said AALL President June Hsiao Liebert. “Congratulations on this recognition.”

Billie Jo Kaufman thanked her colleagues for their support and reiterated the importance of continuing to advocate for the profession.

“I am deeply honored and humbled to accept this award that not only reflects my individual efforts, but also underscores the collective dedication of the entire community of law librarians,” said Kaufman. “I have been privileged to work with talented colleagues who continually inspire and challenge me. I am especially grateful to my deans, faculty, and colleagues who have supported my innovative and creative thinking. In accepting this award, I am reminded of the responsibility that comes with it—to continue advocating for the advancement of law librarianship and to contribute to the enrichment of our profession.”

Fred Shapiro was grateful to receive this honor from his law librarian colleagues.

“I have been lucky to receive a lot of recognition in my life. But this honor is special because it comes from my colleague law librarians,” said Shapiro. “Law librarianship is a very important profession, and AALL is our central organization. Bestowing the Marian Gallagher Award on me is a kind of affirmation by AALL that the academic and scholarly aspects of law librarianship are still a vital part of the profession.”

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

About AALL

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