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The American Association of Law Libraries Names 2024 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award Recipients

Ryan Greenwood, Patrick Graybill, and Caroline L. Osborne Honored

CHICAGO – May 21, 2024 — The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) announces the 2024 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award recipients. Co-authors Ryan Greenwood, curator of rare books and special collections at the University of Minnesota Law Library and Patrick Graybill, digital technologist at the University of Minnesota Law Library received the award for Jewels of the Collection: Treasures of the Riesenfeld Rare Books Research Center.

Additionally, author Caroline L. Osborne, director, and professor of law at West Virginia University College of Law, received the award for Sources and Strategies of Legal Research.

Awarded annually, the Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award recognizes significant contributions—works of legal bibliography, legal research texts, and works that advance the field of law librarianship more generally—to legal literature. Nominations are evaluated on their creative elements, and the extent to which originality and judgment factored into the work’s creation.

“This year’s winners of the Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award, Jewels of the Collection: Treasures of the Riesenfeld Rare Books Research Center and Sources and Strategies of Legal Research, exemplify excellence in their respective fields, offering invaluable insights and enriching our understanding of historical collections and legal research methodologies,” said AALL President June Hsiao Liebert. “These titles not only reflect the dedication and expertise of their authors but also stand as lasting contributions to their respective fields.”

Jewels of the Collection: Treasures of the Riesenfeld Rare Books Research Center introduces the treasures within the Riesenfeld Center, featuring 100 items of special rarity, historical significance, and interest. Through detailed descriptions and historical context, the collection highlights landmark contributions to law and history, associations with renowned figures, and unique artifacts, offering insight into a rich legal legacy with both national and global significance.
"On behalf of our library, we are happy to accept this award, and would like to recognize the support of Joan Howland and the valuable editorial assistance of library colleagues Michael Hannon, Connie Lenz, and Sarah Yates," said Greenwood and Graybill. "The award is a testament to the value of historical collections and historical scholarship within law libraries. We hope that Jewels of the Collection, which showcases Minnesota's rich special collections, will encourage other law libraries to promote their rare and unique historical collections as important resources for study and scholarship."

Sources and Strategies of Legal Research offers a new approach to the course subject matter based on the concept that legal analysis is essential to legal research. It places legal analysis as the focal point of legal research and instead of taking a process-oriented approach, focuses on search strategies for efficiently and effectively finding information.

"The receipt of the Joseph L. Andrews Award reflects the achievement of a long-held aspirational goal. I am honored and humbled," said Osborne. "Writing Sources and Strategies was a labor of love for my students—present, past, and future. It would not have been possible without the support of many of my colleagues who read drafts, provided feedback and suggestions, and offered encouragement. I will be forever grateful for all who supported this endeavor."

For more information about AALL’s Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award, visit bit.ly/AALL-andrews.

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