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In many ways, Billie Jo Kauffman represents both the ideals that the Distinguished Service Award was designed to recognize, as well as the ideals of our profession.

Billie Jo’s service record is impressive. As a librarian, she has developed a reputation for outstanding service in every library she has worked. Starting her career in public libraries, she has risen from an entry-level position in technical services at Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center to becoming its director while earning her law degree. After Nova Southeastern, where she earned a reputation as an innovative director, leader, and innovator in the field of academic law libraries, she moved to American University where she continued to lead the way for many by advocating for the integration of technology into legal education and the practice of law. Presently, she is continuing her career as library director and professor of law at Mercer University School of Law.

Throughout her career, Kaufman has tirelessly worked to serve as an administrator, teacher, and scholar. She has taught a broad range of classes, including basic legal research skills, advanced legal research, and courses on technology. At the same time, she has worked on planning law school retreats, serving on committees, and representing her law school in the university’s shared governance. She has written numerous articles, contributed to books, and given presentations to a wide variety of groups and organizations. In addition, she has served on the editorial board of CALI for over 25 years.

As a director, she has worked with many librarians and has mentored them as they have grown their careers. Many librarians can attest to her wisdom and guidance, and have developed their own successful careers.

In short, Billie Jo Kaufman is a hardworking and knowledgeable leader in our profession. In addition to her professional career, Kaufman has served on a number of AALL committees,
including the Annual Meeting Program Committee, Local Arrangements Committee, and Consulting Services Group, and participated in the Newer Librarians Workshop. She has also been a member and volunteered with the Association of American Law Schools, the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, SEALS, and Friends of the Law Library of Congress. She also served on numerous American Bar Association (ABA) Site Evaluation teams and on the ABA’s Committee on Libraries. As a result of her vast experience, she has also served as a consultant at many law schools.

Billie Jo Kaufmann’s tireless pursuit of excellence in service to the profession of law librarianship and the law make her a worthy recipient of the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award.

FRED R. SHAPIRO
Fred R. Shapiro is not just one of the smartest legal bibliographers practicing today, he is the quintessential image of the humble, prolific, brilliant, and literate scholar.

A literature major at MIT in the early 1970s, he went on to earn a law degree from Harvard Law School in 1980, after which he served as an associate at a Washington, DC law firm for one year before turning his intellect to law libraries. He enrolled at Catholic University of America’s School of Library Science and earned his MS in Library Science while working at the university library at the same institution. After working for several years at New York Law School (NYLS), where he taught legal research and became head of reference, he moved to Yale Law School Library as associate librarian for public services and, eventually, associate librarian for collections and special projects, all of which tells the successful story of a dedicated academic law librarian.

While Shapiro’s success as a law librarian demonstrates his commitment to excellence to the practice of law librarianship, this only tells a small portion about why he is being recognized with the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award.

Those who knew Shapiro in the 1990s will undoubtedly remember him always in possession of a stack of index cards in his breast pocket and a small notebook. It was uncanny at the time how he was able to work into any conversation the question of whether anyone knew of an interesting quotation about the law, or by a lawyer, judge, or scholar. He did this again in a nonlegal realm as he was compiling his most famous works, the Yale Book of Quotations and the New Yale Book of Quotations. These books are now regarded by many as the standard quotation dictionaries. The Wall Street Journal even named the Yale Book of Quotations as the second most essential of all reference works.

But Shapiro’s scholarship is not limited to quotations, his academic interests are broad, but dive deeply into etymology and the origins of expressions and various rules and systems that we all take for granted. He has been described in the Wall Street Journal as the founder of legal citation analysis, and played a major part in developing the Making of Modern Law legal history databases. He has been acknowledged as the leading contributor to the Oxford English Dictionary, he is a contributing editor of Black’s Law Dictionary, and he is currently a major contributor to the forthcoming Oxford Dictionary of African American English.

Shapiro’s reputation is rare among law librarians. He is well-known outside law librarianship, perhaps, more than among his own profession. His books, articles, and historical discoveries have brought him to the attention of librarians and scholars from all disciplines and have earned him coverage in numerous national and international publications. He has been cited over 100 times in the New York Times and reviewed in the Times Literary Supplement, the Times (London), and the New Yorker, to name a few. He has also been a guest on NPR’s Morning Edition and Weekend Edition. He was also the first person to employ large searchable full-text historical online databases for linguistic research. Astonishing achievements for a humble law librarian.

His service to the profession extends far beyond the walls of any library or library organization of which he is a member, he is an ambassador to many far outside of a law library. This award is a fitting tribute to his distinguished service.
Celebrating the 2024 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award Recipients

The AALL Awards Committee is pleased to present the 2024 AALL Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award to Ryan Greenwood and Patrick Graybill, authors of *Jewels of the Collection: Treasures of the Riesenfeld Rare Books Research Center*; and Caroline L. Osborne, author of *Sources and Strategies of Legal Research*. Established in 1967 in memory of Joseph L. Andrews, this prestigious award recognizes and honors significant textual contributions of legal bibliography, legal research texts, and works that advance the field of law librarianship more generally, through their enduring research value, the result of extensive effort, and/or their impact.

*BY ANNALEE HICKMAN PIERSON*

*Jewels of the Collection: Treasures of the Riesenfeld Rare Books Research Center* by Ryan Greenwood and Patrick Graybill, along with editors Michael Hannon, Connie Lenz, and Sarah Yates, is a printed conspectus that features 100 selected works from the University of Minnesota Law Library’s rare and archival collections. Greenwood and Graybill describe *Jewels of the Collection* as a selected bibliography of “rare and unique materials to introduce and explore a global legal heritage. Each selected item is accompanied by a detailed description that explains its significance and places the item in its historical context. Many of the included books, pamphlets, letters, and other documents are important contributions to law and history, or landmark ‘firsts’ of legal literature. Others are notable for their associations with famous authors and owners, such as Clarence Darrow, or because they*
stand as unique artifacts and works of art. These items illustrate an extraordinary spectrum of legal literature. Based in creative selections and extensive research, the volume focuses a salutary spotlight on familiar and lesser-known works that combine to provide important insights into the historical development and progress of diverse traditions of law."

*Jewels of the Collection* has garnered significant support from the rare books law librarian community. Fred R. Shapiro, the associate director for collections and special projects (including supervising the rare book department) at Yale Law School’s Lillian Goldman Law Library, praised the University of Minnesota Law Library’s “magnificent and important rare book collection,” stating it “deserves to be mentioned in the same breath as [the Harvard and Yale rare book collections].” He emphasized that *Jewels of the Collection* “shines a very welcome spotlight on the collection’s high points and will have a notable impact on national understanding of this fine resource.” Mike Widener, who served as the rare book librarian at Yale Law School’s Lillian Goldman Law Library for the last 15 years of his career until his retirement in 2021, expressed *Jewels of the Collection* is “more than just a showcase of a great rare book collection. It is a treasure chest of stories about the law, its literature, and its practitioners . . . [and] demonstrates how the original artifacts can tell these stories in ways that digital surrogates can never come near to.”

**RYAN GREENWOOD**

Ryan Greenwood is curator of rare books and special collections at the University of Minnesota Law Library. He received a BA from the University of Chicago, a PhD from the University of Toronto, and an MLIS from Rutgers University. With Patrick Graybill in 2021, he was also awarded the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section Publication Award for their website *Law and the Struggle for Racial Justice: Selected Materials from the Riesenfeld Rare Books Center*. Greenwood has a background in legal history, including Roman and canon law, the history of international law, and English common law. The award-winning publication, *Jewels of the Collection*, represented a great opportunity to showcase the breadth and depth of the historical legal material at the Riesenfeld Rare Books Research Center at the University of Minnesota Law Library. Identifying and researching lesser-known collection items was a particular pleasure, resulting in a final product that embraces a wide spectrum of the Riesenfeld Center’s collections. Greenwood hopes the publication will provide new points of access to these collections and may encourage more libraries to create similar materials that document and raise awareness about their rare and historical collections.

**PATRICK GRAYBILL**

Patrick Graybill is a former digital technology specialist at the University of Minnesota Law Library. He received his BA from the University of Missouri–Kansas City, and his MLIS from the University of Arizona. With Ryan Greenwood in 2021, he was awarded the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section Publication Award for their website *Law and the Struggle for Racial Justice: Selected Materials from the Riesenfeld Rare Books Center*. Prior to his current position at the North Dakota State University Libraries, Graybill has worked for Northern Arizona University Library and the University of Nebraska – Lincoln Libraries. Graybill enjoyed some of the challenging design aspects of *Jewels of the Collection* and the creativity that was required to bring the project to successful fruition.
Sources and Strategies of Legal Research is a groundbreaking textbook intended for use in first-year legal research courses, written by Caroline L. Osborne and published by Carolina Academic Press in the spring of 2023. Osborne explains that her textbook “embraces a new conceptual approach to legal research focusing on legal analysis as essential to legal research . . . [and] is unique in two specific ways. First, it places legal analysis as the focal point of legal research departing from the typical source-specific or bibliographic approach. Second, it embraces a process-oriented approach focusing on search strategies for efficient and effective finding of information.”

Concise, at only 246 pages, the text is organized into three parts—1) basics of law, 2) sources of law, and 3) search strategies—and focuses on six fundamental questions:

1. What is legal analysis in a research context?
2. What source has the relevant information needed to resolve the client’s problem?
3. Why should a researcher select this specific source?
4. How should the information be used to advance the research process?
5. What is the optimal research strategy to locate the information efficiently and effectively?
6. What is a research strategy or plan?

Beth Adelman, director of the University At Buffalo State University of New York, Charles B. Sears Law Library, endorsed Osborne’s textbook for its “impactful structure, tone, and style,” calling it “one of the highest quality legal research textbooks [she’s] encountered.”

Caroline L. Osborne possesses an extensive background both in practice and academia. As the director of the George R. Farmer Jr. Law Library at West Virginia University School of Law and a tenured member of the faculty as professor of law, she oversees various facets of library management, including curricular support, teaching, and administration. Her expertise spans legal research methodologies, copyright law, and cultural property. Prior to her current position, Osborne held significant roles at the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond and the Wilbur C. Hall Law Library at Washington and Lee University School of Law. As of July 1, 2024, she became the associate dean of the Kathrine R. Everett Law Library and associate professor of law at the University of North Carolina School of Law at Chapel Hill. Her notable achievements include receiving the Frederick Charles Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship in 2023, and winning the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section Outstanding Article Award twice, in 2020 and 2015. Throughout her career, she has been actively engaged in professional associations, serving in leadership roles and contributing to scholarly discourse. Her involvement extends to national, regional, and international library associations and legal organizations such as the Southeastern Association of Law Schools and The Order of the Coif.

Professionalism + Leadership at Every Level

ANNALEE HICKMAN PIERSON; Head of Reference and Faculty Services; Howard W. Hunter Law Library; BYU Law School; Provo, Utah (AALL Awards Committee Member and Andrews Awards Sub-Committee Chair)
Jean P. O’Grady may have retired from her position as director of research and knowledge at Venable, but she continues to publish her popular blog Dewey B Strategic. She is a visionary leader, influential blogger, and prolific author in the field of law librarianship and legal information, and has served in various roles and positions in law firms and professional associations, demonstrating her expertise, innovation, and advocacy for the value of law librarians and legal information professionals. Because of her service, she has received numerous honors and awards for her contributions to the profession and the industry.

O’Grady began her career as a law librarian in 1980, after earning her MLS from St. John’s University and her JD from Fordham University School of Law. She worked as an evening circulation librarian at Pace University Law Library, before working as a reference librarian at Proskauer. From there she was hired as the director of legal information services at Shea & Gould and as the associate director of Pace University School of Law Library. In 1993, she joined Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering Hale and Dorr as the senior director of research services and libraries, where she oversaw the research, library, and knowledge management functions of the firm. She moved to DLA Piper in 2007 as the senior director of research and knowledge services, where she led the strategic development and implementation of research and knowledge initiatives for the firm. In 2021, she became the director of research and knowledge at Venable, where she continued to provide strategic direction and leadership for the firm’s research and knowledge services until her retirement in March 2024.

O’Grady has been an active member of AALL and the Private Law Librarians & Information Professionals Special Interest Section (PLLIP). She served as an AALL Executive Board member from 2017–2020, and as vice chair, chair, and past chair of PLLIP-SIS from 2012–2015. Further service to the Association includes serving as a member of the Council of SIS Chairs, the Economic Status of Law Librarians Committee, the State of the Profession Special Committee, as a team leader for the Annual Meeting Program Committee, and most recently as a member of the AI and Legal Information Special Committee.

She has contributed to the development and advancement of the profession and the Association through her leadership, vision, and collaboration.

O’Grady is a renowned blogger, author, and speaker. She is the founder and editor of Dewey B Strategic, which she launched in 2011 “to promote awareness of the strategic importance of librarians, libraries, and knowledge managers as change agents and innovators in the organizations they support.” She also writes a monthly column for Legal Tech Hub, where she shares her insights and analysis on hot topics in the industry. She has published numerous articles, white papers, and book chapters on various aspects of law librarianship, legal research, knowledge management, and legal technology. Additionally, she has been a frequent presenter and panelist at various conferences, webinars, and on podcasts, where she shares her expertise and experience with the audience.

As part of her dedication to the field of legal research, she has served as a member on several publisher advisory boards and is also dedicated to the success of her colleagues. As one nominator wrote, “Jean is approachable and collaborative” which “has fostered a sense of community among law library professionals, creating an environment where knowledge sharing and mutual support thrive.”

O’Grady has received many honors and awards for her achievements and contributions to the field of law librarianship and legal information. She was named one of Fastcase’s 50 Top Legal Innovators in 2011, and her blog Dewey B Strategic was selected for the ABA Journal Blawg 100 from 2012 to 2016. She was inducted into the ABA Journal Blawg 100 Hall of Fame in 2016. She was also the recipient of the PLLIP Advocate of the Year Award in 2015, the AALL President’s Award in 2016, the PLLIP Best Blogger/Writer of the Year Award in 2017, and the PLLIP Distinguished Librarian Award in 2020.

For her service to AALL and its members, leadership in the legal community at large, and professional scholarship, we welcome Jean P. O’Grady to the AALL Hall of Fame.
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