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# MARIAN GOULD GALLAGHER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

## Gallagher Award Celebrates Outstanding Achievement in Law Librarianship

James E. Duggan, Marci Hoffman, Anne Klinefelter, and Lawrence R. "Larry" Meyer  
Recognized for Service to the Profession

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Awards Committee is pleased to announce this year's recipients of the 2025 Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award: James E. Duggan, Marci Hoffman, Anne Klinefelter, and Lawrence R. "Larry" Meyer. Established to recognize extended and sustained service to the Association or significant contributions to professional literature, this award is the Association's highest honor.

Members of the Awards Committee are Jennifer A. Berman (chair), Ronald E. Wheeler (vice chair), Shari Berkowitz Duff, Amanda F. McCormick, Mark D. Pellis, Holly M. Riccio, and Thomas Striepe.

BY RONALD E. WHEELER



### JAMES E. DUGGAN

James E. Duggan is the director of the law library and associate professor of law at Tulane University Law School in New Orleans, Louisiana, a role he has held since 2008. Before joining Tulane, Duggan served as associate director of the law library and professor at Southern Illinois Univer-

sity School of Law, where his career began in 1988 as a reference librarian and assistant professor.

Over the course of nearly four decades, Duggan has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the legal information profession. A prolific scholar, he has authored numerous influential articles in law journals and served for five years as editor of *Law Library Journal*, AALL's official journal. His leadership contributions are equally distinguished. Duggan served as AALL President in 2008–2009, president of the [Mid-America Association of Law Libraries \(MAALL\)](#) in 1997–1998, and president of the [New Orleans Association of Law Libraries \(NOALL\)](#) in 2012–2013. He also chaired the Association of American Law Schools Section on Law Libraries and Legal Information, co-chaired the Executive Board of the [Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries \(CAFLL\)](#), and led both the [Social Responsibilities SIS](#) and the [Legal Innovation & Technology SIS](#).

Duggan's dedication extends far beyond elected office. Throughout his career, he has taken on countless roles through appointments or by simply stepping up when needed. Even without formal titles, he has left an enduring impact through his service on committees, boards, and special interest sections. Just as meaningful as his professional contributions are the relationships he's built and the support he's offered to colleagues across the profession. As one nominator noted in Duggan's [AALL Spectrum Leader Profile](#) (July/August 2022), when asked for his guiding words, he cited the motto of his alma mater, Virginia Tech: *Ut Prosim*—"That I May Serve." The nominator continued, "I don't know of anyone else I have met who has been as passionate about being a law librarian and devoted to AALL as James. His

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example of service and achievement is one that others might emulate.”

Duggan's generosity, kindness, and unwavering commitment to the profession have touched the lives of countless law librarians—those he has mentored, supported, or simply inspired throughout his remarkable career.

## MARCI HOFFMAN

Before her retirement, Marci Hoffman served as director and lecturer in residence at the University of California Berkeley Law Library and is widely recognized as one of the nation's foremost experts in foreign, comparative, and international law (FCIL) librarianship. Over her distinguished career, she held key positions at the University of Minnesota Law Library, Georgetown University Law Library, and Berkeley Law, shaping generations of legal researchers and law librarians.



A prolific scholar and passionate educator, Hoffman has authored an extensive body of work—including books, articles, guides, and bibliographies—and served for over a decade as general editor of both the *Index*

*to Foreign Legal Periodicals*, which catalogs more than 800 journals and remains a vital revenue stream for AALL, and continues as the general editor of Brill's *Foreign Law Guide*, an invaluable resource for researching foreign and comparative law. Her expertise spans international human rights law and an extraordinary range of legal systems and jurisdictions worldwide.

But what truly sets Hoffman apart is her enduring commitment to expanding access to legal information. In 1995, she partnered with Professor David Weissbrodt to create the University of Minnesota Human Rights Library, a groundbreaking online resource that provided access to tens of thousands of human rights documents—many of which were previously difficult to locate in print and largely unavailable online. In 2005, Hoffman collaborated with librarian Jill Watson to develop the Electronic Information System for International Law (EISIL), a curated web directory linking to authoritative versions of essential international legal materials. This initiative, requested by the American Society of International Law, responded to growing concerns that

attorneys were struggling to find reliable sources through existing search engines.

Both the Human Rights Library and EISIL not only improved access to critical legal content but also elevated the role of law librarians in the international legal community—reinforcing their expertise in curating, verifying, and organizing legal information in an increasingly digital world.

As one nominator observed, “Marci was never too busy to meet with someone who needed her expertise.” Her dedication to mentoring, her global perspective, and her innovative spirit have helped define the very essence of FCIL librarianship today.

## ANNE KLINEFELTER

Anne Klinefelter is the Henry P. Brandis Distinguished Professor of Law Emerita and former director of the law library at the University of North Carolina School of Law, where she served in a variety of leadership roles beginning in 1999. Her earlier appointments at the University of Alabama, Boston University School of Law, and the University of Miami School of Law



laid a strong foundation for a career defined by exceptional contributions to academic law librarianship.

A prolific scholar, Klinefelter's body of work includes six book chapters, ten long-form scholarly articles, a range of continuing legal education materials, and numerous shorter pieces. She has delivered more than 60 presentations at local, national, and international venues—including at least five AALL Annual Meeting & Conferences. Her scholarship is particularly distinguished in the field of privacy law, where she is recognized both nationally and internationally for her expertise at the intersection of libraries, reader privacy, and broader issues of information privacy—topics of growing importance in both librarianship and legal scholarship. Notably, Klinefelter was awarded a Distinguished Fulbright that allowed her to teach privacy law and conduct research comparing European and U.S. libraries' approaches to the right to be forgotten.

Throughout her career, Klinefelter served the profession of law librarianship through many leadership roles. She served as President of the [Southeastern Chapter of AALL](#),

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Chair of the AALL Copyright Committee, Chair of the American Association of Law Schools Section on Law Libraries, Chair of the AALL Academic Law Libraries Research and Scholarship Committee, and leader of two consortia. She was a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for *Law Library Journal* and chaired a special task force to improve the sustainability of *LLJ*.

Klinefelter's work has been recognized with numerous honors, including the 2023 AALS Section on Law Libraries and Legal Information Award for Outstanding Service and Contributions to the Profession, AALL's Frederick Charles Hicks Award in 2019, the Distinguished Lecturer Award in 2012, and a Presidential Recognition Award in 2016 for her exceptional leadership of the Law Library Journal Sustainability Task Force. Beyond her own research, she has been a steadfast mentor and advocate for others in the field, generously offering support and guidance to colleagues across the profession.

Perhaps most enduring is her reputation for kindness, generosity, and a deep commitment to uplifting others. As one nominator wrote, "Anne recognized the essential role of law librarians within our community. She was an advocate for work-life balance, providing space and support for the scholarship of the profession that is often overlooked."



## LAWRENCE R. "LARRY" MEYER

Larry Meyer served as director of the San Bernardino County Law Library from 2002 to 2024, following his tenure as law library director at the University of La Verne College of Law from 1995 to 2002. Over the course of his distinguished career, Meyer has become a leading advocate for county

law libraries and a transformative force within the legal information community.

His contributions have been recognized with numerous honors, including the 2008 Federal Depository Library of the Year (awarded to his law library), the 2015 Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award, and the 2017 Volunteer Service Award. Beyond accolades, he has served in a remarkable range of leadership roles—chairing or supporting committees, chapters, and sections across organizations such as

the California Library Association, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity International, Council of California County Law Libraries, State Bar of California, Southern California Association of Law Libraries, and multiple AALL special interest sections and committees.

Meyer is widely respected for his strategic insight, political acumen, and tireless dedication to strengthening county law libraries. A fellow director once noted, "Larry's guidance and mentorship were absolutely essential to my success. His leadership helped me navigate the complexities of public service with confidence and clarity."

Equally known for his warmth and collegial spirit, he embodies the best of law librarianship. Whether offering advice, sharing hard-earned lessons, or simply brightening a room with his smile, Meyer is a mentor, advocate, and friend to many—and a true champion of public access to legal information.



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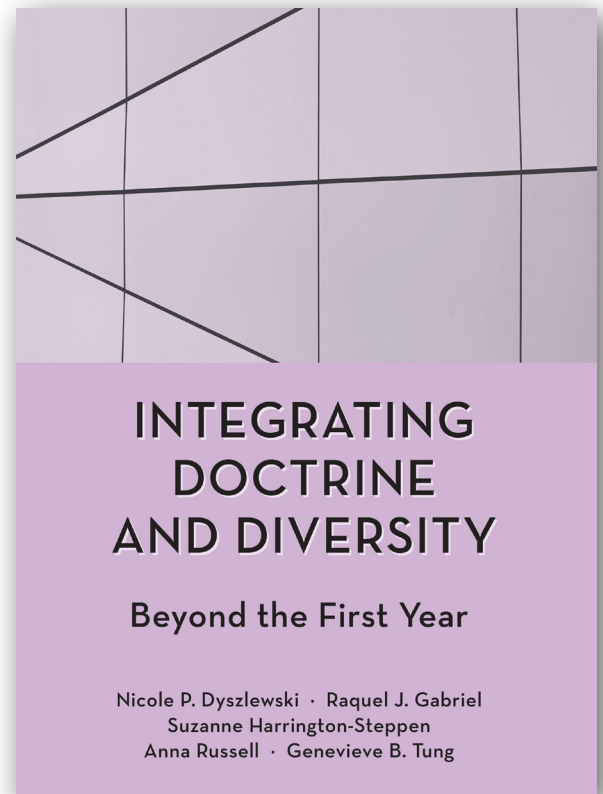
# JOSEPH L. ANDREWS LEGAL LITERATURE AWARD

## Celebrating the 2025 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award Recipients

The AALL Awards Committee is pleased to present the 2025 AALL Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award to Nicole Paccione Dyszlewski, Raquel J. Gabriel, Suzanne Harrington-Steppen, and Genevieve B. Tung, editors of *Integrating Doctrine and Diversity: Equity and Inclusion Beyond the First Year* and Michael J. Slinger and Sarah C. Slinger, authors of *Complete Periodical Literature of Law Librarianship*.

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 RONALD E. WHEELER



*Integrating Doctrine and Diversity: Equity and Inclusion Beyond the First Year* is unique because it is a collection of essays, case studies, and resources designed to help law faculty incorporate critical perspectives on equity, inclusion, and social justice into upper-level courses. It offers practical guidance across core bar exam subjects and experiential learning areas such as legal writing, research, and client counseling.

Dyszlewski remarked that “I am especially honored because this is the first time in the history of the Joseph L. Andrews Award that someone at Roger Williams University School of Law has won. This award is a powerful affirmation to all the changemakers—our editorial team, the teachers, librarians, disrupters, and authors who wrote these essays—that integrating diversity skills into the law school curriculum

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matters, and that together we are shaping a more equitable and just legal system.”

## NICOLE PACCIONE DYSZLEWSKI

Nicole Paccione Dyszlewski is professor & assistant dean for curricular innovation at the Roger Williams University (RWU) School of Law in Bristol, Rhode Island. Dyszlewski



joined the staff of Roger Williams Law in 2015 as the research/access services librarian having come from a public legislative library beforehand. She received a BA from Hofstra University, a JD from Boston University School of Law, and an MLIS from the University of Rhode Island Graduate School

of Library and Information Studies. She is a member of the Massachusetts State Bar and the Rhode Island State Bar. Her areas of scholarly interest are DEIB pedagogy in law schools, mass incarceration, and access to justice.

## RAQUEL J. GABRIEL



Raquel J. Gabriel is the director of the law library and professor of law at CUNY School of Law. She is an active AALL member, having penned a series of columns for *Law Library Journal*, and having been featured in the publication

*Celebrating Diversity, 2nd ed.* (2018) in recognition of her service in many leadership roles within AALL. Her teaching interests include Legal Research and Advanced Legal Research as well as ways to teach research creatively and inclusively.

## SUZANNE HARRINGTON-STEPPEN



Suzanne Harrington-Steppen is a clinical professor of law, associate director of pro bono programs, and the director of summer public interest externship programs at Roger Williams University School of Law. Prior to law school she

worked as a policy analyst for the California Food Policy Advocates and as a community organizer for the Los Angeles Coalition to End Hunger and Homelessness. She then worked as the project coordinator for the Pro Bono Collaborative before joining RWU Law.

## GENEVIEVE B. TUNG



Genevieve B. Tung is the associate director for educational programs at the Biddle Law Library at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. In this role, she teaches and coordinates Biddle's legal research instruction for 1L,

upper-level JD, LLM, and master's in law students. She received a JD from Fordham School of Law and a MLIS from the Drexel University College of Computing & Informatics and was previously a member of the law library faculty at Rutgers Law School in Camden, New Jersey. Before becoming a law librarian, she practiced with the intellectual property group of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP in New York.

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*Complete Periodical Literature of Law Librarianship* marks a historical first as the first-ever father-daughter co-authorship to win an AALL Award. This book is a comprehensive, expertly annotated bibliography of more than 5,000 articles on law librarianship in the U.S. and Canada. Now available as a searchable HeinOnline database, it offers researchers detailed insights into decades of professional literature, curated to support in-depth study. Together the authors commented that, "The creation of our *Complete Periodical Literature of Law Librarianship* (CPLLL) represents the culmination of 30 years of hard work and has truly been a labor of love to benefit the profession of law librarianship. That we, as co-authors/editors, are a father-daughter team makes receiving the Andrews Award even more meaningful. We are deeply grateful to Hein for supporting this project and hope CPLLL will remain a valuable and enduring resource for all those researching law librarianship topics."

## MICHAEL J. SLINGER

Michael J. Slinger retired as associate dean, director of the Legal Information Center, and emeritus professor of law at Widener University Delaware Law School. He was a working professional law librarian for 38 years. During his career he served as associate director for public services at the University of Notre Dame Law Library, law library director & professor of law at Suffolk University Law Library,



and as law library director and associate dean at Cleveland State University Law Library. Slinger is a past president of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries; and at AALL, served as Chair of the [Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section](#). During his career he served on ABA law school inspection teams throughout the United States. The author of more than a dozen articles published in law journals and law librarianship publications, he is a two-time recipient of the [AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Award](#).

Sarah C. Slinger is the associate director for research services at the University of Georgia School of Law Alexander Campbell King Law Library, where she teaches a variety of introductory and upper-level legal research courses. Before her tenure at the University of Georgia School of Law, she served as the head of instructional services law librarian & adjunct professor of law at Florida International University College of Law Library. She is a member of AALL and the [Southeastern Association of Law Libraries](#). Slinger serves on the editorial boards of *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* and *Law Library Journal* and is an active scholar. She has authored articles published in *Law Library Journal*, the *University of Miami Race & Social Justice Law Review*, and the *Journal of Legal Policy & Pandemics*, as well as co-authoring the book chapter "A Voice in the Development of Amazonia: The Constitutional Rights to Participation of Indigenous Peoples" in *Indigenous Amazonia: Regional Politics & Territorial Dynamics* (Leal Filho ed.). She won the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Award and the Gherardi Davis Prize for Vexillological Research. ■



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# HALL OF FAME AWARD



This year, the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Hall of Fame honors the late Duncan Alford, a longtime member whose contributions to the profession and to the Association were both significant and enduring. Please join the Awards Committee and the Association in celebrating Alford's legacy and recognizing him as the 2025 Hall of Fame inductee.

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Duncan Alford's distinguished career in law librarianship, legal scholarship, and service to the profession has left a profound

mark on AALL and the broader legal information community.

A graduate of the University of Virginia, Alford qualified for the prestigious Echols Scholars Program and earned his BA with High Distinction in Economics and French. Following studies in UC-Berkeley's doctoral program in economics, he received his JD with Honors from the University of North Carolina School of Law, where he served on the *North Carolina Law Review*. He later earned his MLIS from the University of South Carolina College of Library and Information Science.

Alford began his professional journey as a business analyst with McKinsey & Company in Atlanta, advising clients in telecommunications and banking. After law school, he clerked for Chief Justice Burley Mitchell of the Supreme Court of North Carolina and practiced corporate and banking law with Kilpatrick Stockton in Atlanta. He continued his legal career with Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., practicing corporate and commercial real estate law in Charlotte and Rock Hill, ultimately becoming a partner in 2000.

In 2001, Alford turned his focus to law librarianship, bringing his combined expertise in law and research to leading academic institutions. His roles included serving as law librarian at Princeton University, reference librarian at Columbia University Law Library, and head of reference and adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Library. He later joined the inaugural faculty of the Charlotte School of Law as associate dean for library and information services and associate professor of law.

In April 2007, Alford joined the University of South Carolina School of Law as associate dean and director of the law library, becoming a full professor in 2012. At USC, he taught first-year legal research and introduced the school's first course in International and Foreign Legal Research, enriching the curriculum in global legal studies.

Alford's scholarly contributions are notable and widely respected. His research spans banking law, international and comparative law, and legal research methodology. He held research fellowships at esteemed institutions including the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, the Chinese University of

Hong Kong, the College of Europe in Bruges, and the American Academy in Rome, where he accessed the Vatican Library Archives. He also served as a Fulbright Specialist at the University of Mkar in Nigeria.

Beyond scholarship, Alford's sustained service to AALL and the profession exemplifies the spirit of this award. Colleagues describe him as one of the best writers and scholars in law librarianship, with outstanding dedication to advancing legal information and supporting the professional community through committee work, mentorship, and leadership.

Duncan Alford's career reflects a deep commitment to excellence, innovation, and service—qualities that have earned him a place in the AALL Hall of Fame and the respect of colleagues across the profession. ■

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