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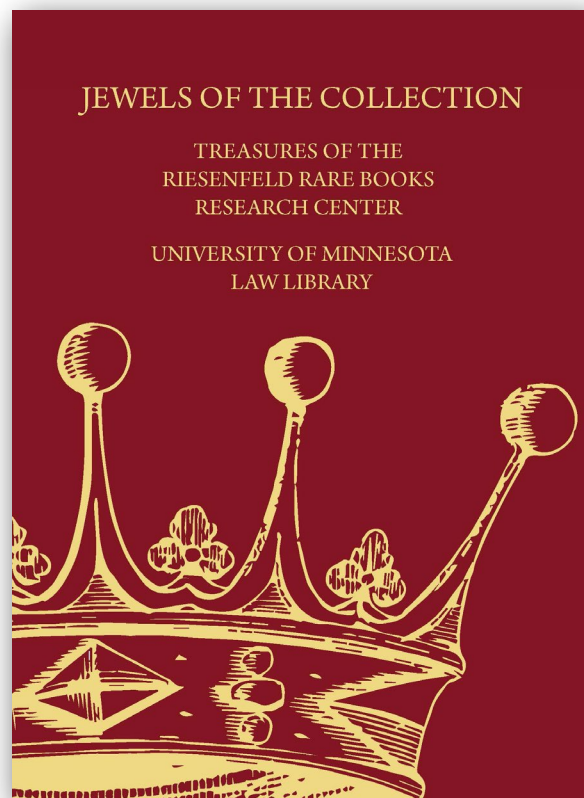
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Celebrating the 2024 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award Recipients

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

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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 the 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.

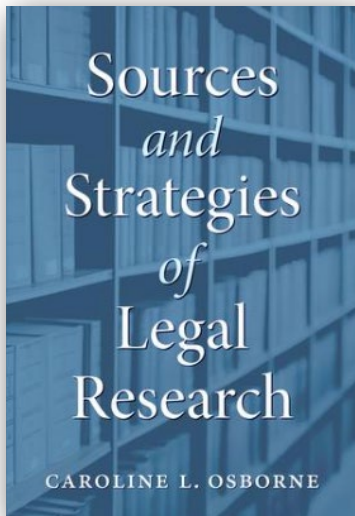


PATRICK GRAYBILL

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.

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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

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. ■

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