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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.

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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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