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American Association of Law Libraries Announces 2021 Gallagher Award Winners

AALL Honors Three Legal Information Professionals for Service to the Profession

CHICAGO – May 25, 2021— The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) today announces the 2021 recipients of the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, the association’s highest honor.

The 2021 AALL Gallagher Award recipients are:

- **Catherine Lemann**, Retired Research Librarian, Law Library of Louisiana.
- **Daniel L. Wade**, Curator, Foreign & International Law Collection; Associate Librarian for Foreign & International Law & Lecturer in Legal Research, Yale Law School, Lillian Goldman Law Library. (*Awarded Posthumously*)
- **Mary Whisner**, Public Services Librarian, University of Washington, Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library.

“This year’s Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award recipients are leaders and innovators within the legal information profession,” noted AALL President Emily R. Florio. “These three accomplished professionals have spent their careers mentoring generations of librarians. Catherine, Daniel, and Mary have made countless contributions that exemplify their professionalism and expertise and reflect their commitment to the legal information profession. AALL is pleased to be able to acknowledge their outstanding contributions to the field of law librarianship with this award.”

Established in 1984 to acknowledge sustained service to law librarianship, exemplary support to AALL, and outstanding contributions to significant professional literature, the Gallagher Award is presented to individuals who have completed, or are nearing completion of, an active professional career.

AALL Past President Catherine Lemann was honored to receive the award, and mentioned the importance of the work of others in helping her achieve this recognition.

"I am honored and humbled to receive AALL's Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award," said Lemann. "It is thanks to the many law librarians, AALL members and staff, my family, and the amazing people I have worked with throughout the country who have inspired, educated, commiserated, and celebrated with me over the years. It has been an honor to have had the opportunity to give back to the community that has given so much to me."

Daniel Wade's family, as well as his close friend Frank Shapiro, offered their thoughts on the achievement.

"I am very happy to accept this award for my late husband, Daniel L. Wade," said Carol Wade. "Dan would be honored and humbled by your decision to select him. He loved AALL, its fostering and sharing of knowledge, community, and personal relationships, and promoting human rights issues in the law library profession. Thank you on behalf of my family and me for honoring him with this award."

"Dan Wade was a towering figure in law librarianship," said Frank Shapiro, a close friend of Wade. "He co-founded the Northeast Foreign Law Librarians' Cooperative Group, founded AALL's Legal History & Rare Books Special Interest Section (SIS), and was instrumental in launching the Foreign, Comparative & International Law (FCIL) SIS. The latter group named its major award after him. He also mentored generations of young FCIL librarians. Finally, he was a tireless champion of peace, racial justice, equality, climate justice, and immigrant rights."

Mary Whisner was proud to have been recognized for an award associated with the memory of Marian Gould Gallagher.

"Since I've spent my career at the Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library, this award is special to me," said Whisner. "Mrs. Gallagher was a giant in the profession and in the University of Washington, which is why she is remembered in the names of both AALL's award and the library she led for 44 years. Mrs. Gallagher's former student, Penny Hazelton (who received the award in 2015), hired me and gave me many opportunities. With my colleagues, I have had the challenge and joy of mentoring scores of law library interns as they enter the profession. I am also grateful to Frank Houdek (Gallagher Award 2011), who encouraged me to write for *Law Library Journal*. While I admire outstanding directors and AALL leaders such as Mrs. Gallagher, Penny, and Frank, I am proud to accept this award as a frontline reference librarian."

For more information about AALL's Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, visit bit.ly/AALL-gallagher.

About AALL

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) is the only national association dedicated to the legal information profession and its professionals. Founded in 1906 on the belief that people—lawyers, judges, students, and the public—need timely access to relevant legal information to make sound legal arguments and wise legal decisions, its

more than 4,000 members are problem solvers of the highest order. AALL fosters the profession by offering its members knowledge, leadership, and community that make the whole legal system stronger. For more information, visit www.aallnet.org.