



**Introducing**

**the  
AALL Hall  
of Fame**

**AALL announces  
its inaugural class  
of inductees to the  
Hall of Fame**

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What do Babe Ruth, Red Grange, Elvis Presley, and Hank Williams have in common? Well, beside the fact that they all have appeared on U.S. commemorative postage stamps, each was included in the first group of individuals to be inducted into their professions' halls of fame—baseball, football, rock and roll, and country music, respectively.

With their selection for the American Association of Law Libraries Hall of Fame in 2010, A.J. Small, William Roalfe, Helen Newman, Marian Gallagher, and 74 other law librarians now also become members of that most exclusive of clubs—the inaugural class of inductees to a hall of fame. And while it may be a while before their likenesses appear on stamps, the singular contributions of Small, Roalfe, Newman, Gallagher, and the others to the profession of law librarianship are no less worthy of celebration and recognition than are those of Ruth, Grange, Presley, and Williams in their chosen fields of endeavor.

Similar in goal to its counterparts in other fields, the AALL Hall of Fame is designed to recognize and honor members of the Association who have played a continuing and major role in the development of AALL and the advancement of the law librarianship profession. This aim is reflected in the selection criteria approved by the Executive Board, which require that a nominee to the Hall of Fame must be or have been a member in good standing of AALL for 25 years or more, must have provided years of distinguished service to the Association over a substantial portion of his or her period of membership, and must have made significant contributions to the profession.

The inaugural class of inductees, described in more detail below, includes a man commonly referred to as AALL's "founder" (Small), the first editor of *Law Library Journal* (Frederick Schenk), the first woman to serve as AALL president (Rosamond Parma), the author of the expansion plan that helped AALL survive and grow even in the midst of the Great Depression (Roalfe), and the Association's long-time administrative secretary, of whom it was said that she "held us together with baling wire and library paste" (Babe Russo).

Without the selfless devotion of such individuals, it is hard to imagine AALL lasting for a decade or two, let alone moving briskly into its second century.

Consequently, it is appropriate that many of them are now honored by the Association that they worked so hard to develop and sustain through their selection to its Hall of Fame. For some whose primary contributions came long before the creation of the Gallagher Distinguished Service Award in 1984, the official recognition may be long overdue, but there is no question that it is deserved.

### Background

In July 2008, AALL President James Duggan appointed a Member Recognition Special Committee and charged it with exploring "additional ways to recognize and acknowledge members who have provided excellent and sustained leadership to the profession through years of service and contributions" ([www.aallnet.org/committee/member\\_recognition.asp#charge](http://www.aallnet.org/committee/member_recognition.asp#charge)). Duggan asked the committee to suggest new "methods that might be used to honor and recognize outstanding law librarians and/or AALL members," explicitly identifying the "creation of a 'hall of fame' (or similar structure)" as one such possible method.

In June 2009, the special committee, chaired by Gail Warren and including members Carolyn Ahearn and Frank Houdek, recommended to the

Executive Board that it create several new awards and methods of recognition. Included in its suggestions were an emerging leader award, a volunteer service award, an innovations in

technology award, a distinguished lectureship, pins for 20 and 40 years of continuous membership, and the creation of an AALL Hall of Fame.

In July 2009, the board approved the creation of these awards, including the Hall of Fame, and in

November 2009 it directed President Catherine Lemann to appoint a Hall of Fame Selection Special Committee to select "the initial group of individuals to be inducted into the AALL Hall of Fame." The special committee consisting of Frank Houdek (chair), Patrick Kehoe, Margaret Maes, Judith Meadows, Susan Siebers, and Mary Lu Linnane (ex officio) was formed in December 2009.

In accord with the recommendation of the Member Recognition Special Committee, the Board determined that the first class of inductees would consist

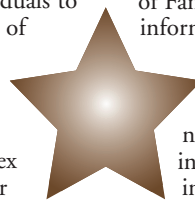
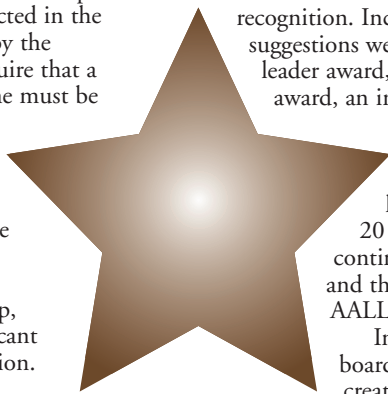
of two groups of individuals: all past recipients of the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award (1984–2009) and "other deserving deceased members or members who have been retired/removed from an active career for at least 10 to 15 years" ([www.aallnet.org/committee/hof.asp#charge](http://www.aallnet.org/committee/hof.asp#charge)). Since those in the first group were already known, the Hall of Fame Selection Special Committee's task was to choose the second group of initial inductees who, according to the committee's charge, "would be designated 'Pioneers' of the Association."

Aside from the daunting task of selecting an initial class from among the hundreds of individuals who deserved serious consideration for inclusion, the special committee wrestled with another question: whether someone whose first important contributions to AALL didn't occur until the 1940s or 1950s could rightfully be designated a "Pioneer" of an association founded in 1906. Feeling that it could not, the committee recommended to Lemann that the description for the "other deserving members" of the initial group of inductees (i.e., those who had not won the Gallagher Award but were nevertheless worthy of induction in the first class) be expanded to include both "individuals who are designated 'Pioneers'...because of the critical roles they played in the formation and early development of AALL, as well as others deserving of induction because of their important contributions to AALL and the profession."

Lemann approved this change, thereby allowing the special committee, after much research and not a little hand-wringing, to ultimately select an initial class for induction into the Hall of Fame that features 16 individuals designated as Pioneers and 10 others deemed worthy of inclusion. Adding this group to the 52 recipients of the Gallagher Award from 1984 to 2009 brings the inaugural class of the AALL Hall of Fame to 78.

### The Inaugural Class Selected by the Special Committee

Once established on AALLNET, the Hall of Fame's "home" will provide in-depth information about each inductee. But even the cursory listing of professional contributions and achievements that follows leaves no room for argument about the inclusion of these individuals in the inaugural class of a hall of fame devoted to AALL and the law librarian profession. The Pioneer group is listed first, in alphabetical order, followed by the other members.



## Pioneers

- **Arthur Beardsley** (University of Washington), AALL president, vice president, and member of the Executive Board; founder of University of Washington law librarianship program
- **A. Mercer Daniel** (Howard University), first African-American member of AALL; attended Annual Meetings from 1934 until 1975, 19 years after his retirement
- **Ernest Feazel** (Cleveland Law Library Association), charter member; AALL president and Executive Board member; served on board of editors of *Index to Legal Periodicals and Law Library Journal*
- **Gilson Glasier** (Wisconsin State Law Library), charter member; AALL president and Executive Board member; second editor of *Law Library Journal*
- **George Godard** (Connecticut State Library), charter member; third AALL president; also served as vice president and Executive Board member; president, National Association of State Librarians
- **Luther Hewitt** (Philadelphia Bar Association), AALL president, vice president, and Executive Board member; chair of Committee on *Index to State Legislation*
- **Frederick C. Hicks** (Columbia University, Yale Law School), first academic law librarian to serve as AALL president; also served on Executive Board; author of several classic texts (including *Materials and Methods of Legal Research*); elected life member of AALL in 1946
- **Margaret Klingelsmith** (University of Pennsylvania), only female charter member of AALL; AALL vice president; one of the first women in city of Philadelphia admitted to the bar
- **Lotus Mitchell Mills** (Sullivan & Cromwell), first private law librarian elected to national office, served as AALL secretary and treasurer
- **Helen Newman** (George Washington University, Supreme Court of the United States), appointed executive secretary in 1934, AALL's first paid staff position; served as one of three incorporators for AALL; also served as AALL president, secretary, and treasurer; editor of *Law Library Journal* for nine years; cofounder of Law Librarians Society of Washington, D.C., Inc., and later its president; recipient of special citation for outstanding service to the profession and AALL (1959)
- **Rosamond Parma** (University of California), first woman to serve as AALL president, also served as Executive Board member
- **Franklin Poole** (Association of the Bar of the City of New York), charter member; AALL president, secretary, treasurer, and Executive Board member; chair, Committee on the *Index to Legal Periodicals* (1915–42)
- **William Roalfe** (University of Southern California, Duke University, Northwestern University), author of 1930s AALL expansion plan (aka “Roalfe Plan”); AALL president and Executive Board member; co-founder, North Carolina Law Librarians (eventually became first AALL chapter); founding president, Chicago Association of Law Libraries; founding president, International Association of Law Libraries; recipient of special citation for outstanding service to profession and AALL (1959)
- **Frederick Schenk** (Harvard, University of Chicago, Northeastern University), charter member; first editor of *Law Library Journal*, as well as managing editor, *Index to Legal Periodicals*; AALL president, vice president, and Executive Board member
- **A.J. Small** (Iowa State Library), issued the call that led to formation of AALL in 1906; charter member and first AALL president, also served as Executive Board member
- **Gertrude Woodard** (University of Michigan), first woman to serve as an AALL officer and member of AALL Executive Board; AALL vice president, secretary, and Executive Board member; editor of *Law Library Journal* for seven years

## Other Members of the Inaugural Class

- **Bernita Davies** (University of Illinois), AALL president, vice president, president-elect, and Executive Board member; editor of *Law Library Journal*
- **Helen Hargrave** (University of Texas), AALL president and Executive Board member; chair and member of numerous committees
- **Sidney Hill** (Association of the Bar of the City of New York), AALL president and Executive Board member; chaired special committee to establish an index of foreign legal periodicals; president of Law Library Association of Greater New York; recipient of special citation for distinguished service to AALL (1966)
- **Eldon James** (University of Missouri, Harvard, Law Library of Congress), AALL president; editor of *Law Library Journal* for 10 years and *Index to Legal Periodicals* for 18 years
- **Ervin Pollack** (Ohio State University), AALL president and Executive Board member; co-director of second AALL institute; co-founder and president, Ohio Regional Association of Law Librarians; author of *Fundamentals of Legal Research*



- **Miles Price** (Columbia University), AALL president and Executive Board member; director of first AALL institute; co-author of *Effective Legal Research*; recipient of special citation for outstanding service to the profession and AALL (1959)
- **Fred B. Rothman** (New York University, Fred B. Rothman & Co.), law librarian who founded leading legal publishing company and long-time AALL supporter
- **Antonette (Babe) Russo** (AALL), long-time AALL administrative secretary; elected AALL honorary member (1990)
- **William Stern** (University of Chicago, Los Angeles County Law Library), AALL president and Executive Board member; editor of *Law Library Journal*; Southern California Association of Law Libraries president, instrumental in creation of *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals*
- **John Vance** (Law Library of Congress), AALL president, vice president, and executive board member; first president of Law Librarians Society of Washington, D.C., Inc.

### The Gallagher Award Winners

From 1984 when it was first established to 2009, AALL presented 52 individuals with its distinguished service award. The first recipient was Marian Gould Gallagher of the University of Washington, a universally applauded choice. The award was renamed in her honor following her death in 1990.

By action of the Executive Board, each of these 52 Gallagher Award recipients is automatically a member of the inaugural Hall of Fame induction class. Given the size of the group and the fact that their AALL activity is of a more recent vintage and therefore better known to most readers, the names of these Hall of Fame members are listed simply in the order in which they received the award.

Marian Gould Gallagher (1984)  
 Julius J. Marke (1986)  
 Arthur Charpentier (1987)  
 J. Myron Jacobstein (1987)  
 William Murphy (1987)  
 Earl Borgeson (1988)  
 Forrest Drummond (1988)  
 Frank Lukes (1988)  
 Bethany Ochal (1988)  
 Harry Bitner (1989)  
 Leon M. Liddell (1989)  
 George Strait (1989)  
 Viola Bird (1990)  
 Hibernia Turbeville (1990)  
 Connie E. Bolden (1991)  
 Morris L. Cohen (1991)  
 Anthony P. Grech (1991)  
 Elizabeth Benyon (1992)  
 Mary W. Oliver (1992)  
 Jane L. Hammond (1993)

Blanka Kudej (1993)  
 Jack S. Ellenberger (1994)  
 Elizabeth Finley (1994)  
 Diana Vincent-Daviss (1994)  
 Al Coco (1995)  
 Dan Henke (1995)  
 Mortimer Schwartz (1995)  
 Betty W. Taylor (1997)  
 Marie Wallace (1997)  
 Richard L. Beer (1998)  
 Bardie C. Wolfe, Jr. (1998)  
 Edgar J. Bellefontaine (1999)  
 Eileen H. Searls (1999)  
 Balfour Halevy (2000)  
 Adolf Sprudz (2000)  
 Marian Boner (2001)  
 Francis Gates (2001)  
 Jacqueline S. Wright (2002)  
 Marvin R. Anderson (2003)  
 Leah Chanin (2003)  
 Francis Robert Doyle (2003)  
 Shirley Hart David (2004)  
 Thomas H. Reynolds (2004)  
 Charles R. Dyer (2005)  
 Roy M. Mersky (2005)  
 Michael S. Miller (2005)  
 Carol D. Billings (2007)  
 Roger F. Jacobs (2007)  
 Cossette T. Sun (2007)  
 Robert L. Oakley (2008)  
 Patrick E. Kehoe (2009)  
 E. Ann Puckett (2009)

### Going Forward: Future Selections

The Special Libraries Association established its Hall of Fame ([www.sla.org/content/SLA/awardsrecognition/halloffame/index.cfm](http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/awardsrecognition/halloffame/index.cfm)) in 1959 with the induction of 20 individuals. Similarly, the Medical Library Association began its Fellows Awards in 1976 ([www.mlanet.org/awards/honors/fellows/index.html](http://www.mlanet.org/awards/honors/fellows/index.html)). By these standards, AALL, now in its second century, is late in creating a hall of fame to honor its outstanding members. Thus, it should be no surprise that the inaugural class—78 strong—is as large as it is. There was some catching up to do. Now that the first class is chosen, however, it is anticipated that no more than a handful will be selected on an annual basis by the AALL Awards Committee.

In choosing future inductees, the committee will follow the Hall of Fame statement of purpose and selection criteria, as amended by the Executive Board in April 2010 upon a recommendation of the Hall of Fame Selection Special Committee. While these documents emphasize that selection to the AALL Hall of Fame is a singular honor, they also make clear that the Gallagher Award remains the Association's highest honor. For instance, while the Gallagher Award is explicitly described as an award that is "presented to an individual who has completed or is nearing completion of an active professional career," the Hall of Fame selection criteria only require

that a "nominee must be or have been a member in good standing of AALL for 25 years or more." Thus, while the Hall of Fame award requires that nominees have provided "distinguished service to the Association over a substantial portion of [their] period of membership" and to have made "significant contributions to the profession," it does not mandate that they be at the end of their careers.

The Hall of Fame statement of purpose also indicates that "[a]n individual's induction into the Hall of Fame does not preclude the Association from later presenting the individual with the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award. New Gallagher Award recipients who have not previously been inducted into the Hall of Fame will automatically become members of the Hall of Fame." It seems likely that in future years there will be individuals selected to the Hall of Fame who are still actively engaged in making substantial contributions to AALL and law librarianship; some of them will then later be honored with the Gallagher Award as their professional careers come to a close.

### Hall of Fame "Home"

For most people, the mention of Cooperstown means one thing—the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, which opened its doors in 1939. And for those who visit the Hall in Cooperstown, the highlight is inevitably the Hall of Fame Plaque Gallery. As described on its website, "Bronze plaques of all the Hall of Fame members line the oak walls creating a sanctuary for the game's legends to be remembered." (Visit <http://baseballhall.org> to see this impressive gallery.)

While the Association will not try to replicate Cooperstown or its bronze plaques, it does plan to appropriately commemorate the service and contributions of those selected for the AALL Hall of Fame by developing a page on AALLNET that will contain profiles, information, and, where available, photos for each inductee. It is expected that this page will be completed some time in the next year as the AALLNET redesign moves forward. ■

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