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**FORMER UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR
LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES HONORED WITH
AALL GALLAGHER AWARD**

*American Association of Law Libraries Recognizes
Judith M. Wright for Service to the Profession*

CHICAGO, May 26, 2016—The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) announced today that Judith M. Wright, retired associate dean for library and information services at the University of Chicago's D'Angelo Law Library in Chicago, will receive the 2016 Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award—AALL's highest honor.

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

Wright's contributions to the law library profession include serving as AALL Special Committee on Educational Policy and National Legal Resource Committee chair and serving as a member of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries' Education Committee.

In addition to leadership roles in the Legal Information Preservation Alliance and the advisory council of the Law Library Microform Consortium, Wright co-founded the Chicago Legal Academic System, a consortium of academic law libraries in the Chicago area, and collaborated with peer leaders on resource and information sharing issues through the Big Ten Universities Committee on Institutional Cooperation. She also served on the editorial board of Legal Reference Services Quarterly.

Wright's long-lasting contributions have been recognized both nationally and locally. In 2013, she was given the Frederick Charles Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship by AALL's Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Chicago Association of Law Libraries.

That same year, Wright was inducted into the AALL Hall of Fame and the University of Chicago Law School established the Judith M. Wright Fellowship to honor her dedication to mentoring future generations of law librarians. The fellowship helps develop promising new academic law librarians' careers.

Wright retired from the D'Angelo Law Library, where she had begun her career as a documents/reference librarian in 1980, in June 2012.

"I'm honored to be one of this year's Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award recipients," Wright said. "I have been a member of AALL since 1970 and the programs of AALL were invaluable. Working with colleagues locally and nationally has been essential over the past 46 years as law libraries have evolved and constantly changed."

Wright and fellow 2016 Gallagher Award winner Blair Kauffman, law librarian and professor of law at Yale Law School in New Haven, Connecticut, will be recognized at the 109th AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, to be held in Chicago from July 16-19, 2016.

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

To learn more about the 2016 AALL Annual Meeting and register, visit bit.ly/AALL16reg. Early-bird registration is available through June 3, 2016. Full conference registrants who are not AALL members will receive a complimentary one-year AALL membership.

About AALL

The American Association of Law Libraries was founded in 1906 to promote law libraries' value to the legal and public communities, foster the law librarianship profession, and provide leadership in the legal information field. With nearly 4,500 members, AALL represents law librarians and related professionals who are affiliated with law firms; law schools; corporate legal departments; courts; and local, state, and federal government agencies. For more information, visit www.aallnet.org.

About AALL Annual Meeting & Conference

The AALL Annual Meeting & Conference is the premier educational and networking event for more than 1,500 legal information professionals. In its 109th year, the 2016 AALL Annual Meeting will be held in Chicago, July 16-19, 2016, and offer three days of must-have educational programming featuring more than 70 sessions in six content areas. For more information, visit www.aallnet.org/conference.

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