



Gallagher Award Recipients Exemplify Professionalism and Innovation

by James E. Duggan

The AALL Awards Committee is pleased to announce that the 2001 recipients of the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award are **Marian Boner** and **Francis Gates**.

The Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award recognizes extended and sustained service to law librarianship, contributions to professional literature, or exemplary service to AALL. Established in 1984, the award was renamed in 1990 to honor Marian Gould Gallagher, former law librarian and professor of law at the University of Washington and AALL president in 1954–55, its first recipient, who died in 1989. Nominees for this award must have been members of AALL and are near or at the end of their careers. The award may be presented posthumously. Members of the 2001 Gallagher Award Subcommittee were Marie-Louise Bernal, Phyllis Marion, Mary Ann Nelson, Susan O'Toole and Chair James Duggan.

Both of this year's recipients made important and sustained contributions to law librarianship, professional literature and the Association.

Marian Boner graduated *Phi Beta Kappa* from the University of Texas. She earned her law degree at the University of Texas Law School, where she was named to the Order of the Coif. She was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1955. Boner worked as an associate librarian and associate professor at the University of Texas School of Law Library. She was the first director of the State Law Library of Texas, serving from 1972 to 1981.

Boner was the author of *Basic Lists for Texas Law Libraries*, 1971, and *A Reference Guide to Texas Law and Legal History*, 1976. She was a contributing author to the *Centennial History of the*

Texas Bar, 1882–1982, and contributed articles to *Law Library Journal*, *Texas Law Review*, *Texas Bar Journal* and other professional journals.

Active at both the Chapter and national levels, Boner served as president of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries from 1969–70 and filled 2 three-year terms on the AALL Executive Board, first as secretary from 1970 to 1973, and then as vice president, president and Executive Board member from 1973 to 1976. Boner was a moving force in the establishment of Special Interest Sections during her year as president. She remained active within AALL after her presidency, serving as chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee in 1979–80, and chair of the Ethics Commission in 1982–1983.



Marian Boner

In his letter of nomination, Connie Bolden, a 1991 recipient of the Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, praised Boner for her diplomacy and vision. "Her dedication, insight, professionalism and hard work were recognized and appreciated by all who worked with her," Bolden said. "She had a most unique ability to bring together strongly held divergent views and accomplish much without raising a cloud of dust."

Boner died April 2, 1983.

Francis Gates obtained an A.B., *Phi Beta Kappa* in 1952 and a B.L.S. in 1954 from the University of California, Berkeley. He earned a J.D. from the San Francisco Law School and was admitted to the California State Bar in 1963. Gates held a number of positions, including reference librarian at the Graduate Social Sciences Library at the University of California, Berkeley from 1954 to 1960; law librarian and later research attorney at the California Continuing Education of the

Bar from 1960 to 1969; and associate law librarian/assistant professor at the University of Southern California Law Center from 1970 to 1973.



Francis Gates

Gates became director of the law library and professor of legal bibliography at U.S.C. in 1973. He moved to New York City in 1975 to become director of the law library and professor of law at Columbia University Law School, a position he held until 1981. From 1982 to 1984, he worked as a librarian at Sedgwick Detert

Moran & Arnold in San Francisco. In 1984, Gates became circuit librarian for the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. He retired from the 9th Circuit in 1991.

Gates served as president of the Western Pacific Association of Law Libraries from 1969 to 1970. He filled 2 three-year terms on the AALL Executive Board from 1974 to 1977 and again from 1979 to 1982. Gates was AALL president in 1980–1981. He also served on numerous AALL committees, chairing the Federal Legislation Committee in 1969–1971 and Statistics Committee in 1969–1970.

Marie Wallace, 1997 recipient of the Gallagher Award, describes Gates as a "talent prospector, energy transformer, organizational designer, leavening agent, and hot link in an emerging digital world. Francis was an 'out-of-the-box' thinker long before the phrase was coined or law librarians thought about innovation."

Gates currently lives in San Francisco.

The Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Awards will be presented during the Association Luncheon on Monday, July 16, at the Minneapolis Convention Center Grand Ballroom. Please join the Association in honoring the 2001 recipients.

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