Marian Gould Gallagher

Librarian, Teacher, Author, Speaker, Leader, Legend

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Foreword

This presentation was prepared for the April 2007 reception sponsored by Mrs. Joanne Roddis to honor her late husband and former dean, Richard S. L. Roddis. The charter members of the Gallagher Society were introduced and the legacy of Marian Gould Gallagher was recognized.
“Fearless and strong… 

…but also humorous and humane”

– Robert C. Berring
“Law libraries are for the user, not the staff.”
– Marian Gould Gallagher
Librarian

- Administration of a large library required “fortitude and diplomacy plus skills as diverse as legal bibliography and research and budget preparation and presentation,” and Mrs. G had them all.

  – Beverly J. Rosenow

  (as quoted by Mulhern)
Librarian: Professional with a Personal Touch

Viola Bird and Marian Gould Gallagher at Mrs. Bird’s retirement party

Betty Wilkins, Marian Gould Gallagher, and Viola Bird
“She taught service above all, but left us alone to carry out the example that was set for us. We all knew her motto, ‘more flies with honey’ and kept that in mind!”

– Muriel Quick

“She and her staff practiced integrity, honesty, reliability, service to patrons—as fully as possible. She let persons work independently and respected initiative (she didn't micro-manage).”

– Vickie Northington
Today’s Librarianship Legacy

Ann Hemmens, reference librarian, helps a patron.
Today’s Librarianship Legacy

Rob Britt, Japanese Legal Materials Specialist, instructs visitors.
Today’s Librarianship Legacy

Reference

Mary Whisner, Assistant Librarian for Reference Services, trains another librarian.
Library Publications

• Current Index to Legal Periodicals
  – Mrs. G turned it into a regular publication that continues today

← In print & on the web →
Library Publications

• Collection Development Policy
  – Mrs. G created
  – Gallagher Law Librarians working on 4th edition
  – Template adopted by many academic law libraries
Today’s Legacy of Publications

Authors holding the Washington Legal Researcher’s Deskbook 3d (2002).
1,132 copies of this edition have been sold as of March ’07!
Today’s Legacy of Publications

A new publication in 2000:

*Japanese Laws in English: An Index to the EHS Law Bulletin Series*

by Rob Britt
Today’s Legacy of Publications

Also published by Gallagher Law Library:

- Indian Tribal Codes 1981, 1988
- Index to Washington Reports
- Subject Index to Wash. Law Reviews
- Gallagher Law Library Oral History
- 1986 Wash. Tort Reform Act Legislative History
Author

• Her writing was described as “scholarly but unstilted” in Profile

• Her writing included:
  • Many articles in Law Library Journal
  • Legal research guides and texts
Today’s Writing Legacy

Gallagher Law Library website

• 137 legal research guides
• Organized into the following categories:
  – Library skills: 5 guides
  – Basic legal research: 18 guides
  – Advanced and subject-specific legal research: 24 guides
  – Foreign, comparative, and international law research: 24 guides
  – Special topics: 43 guides
  – Guides prepared for UW classes outside of the Law School: 10 guides
  – Nonlegal research and fact-finding: 5 guides
  – Research guides for the public: 5 guides
  – Law and popular culture: 3 guides
Today’s Writing Legacy
“funny, intelligent, sly...she educated and entertained with an urbane earthiness that was accessible to everyone. Her humor was never cruel; her points were never scored at the expense of others.”

– Robert C. Berring
She was the only woman on the University of Washington School of Law faculty from 1944 until joined by Marjorie Rombauer in 1960.
Teacher

• Taught all of the UW’s law librarianship courses 1944 -1981.

• Head of law librarianship training program; taught, mentored, and advised 80 students nearly 40 years.

• Taught Evidence at UW School of Law

• “one of the most approachable and respected in faculty” at the UW law school – Bobbe Bridge
Describing the kind of person she looked for in law librarianship program applicants:

“Mrs. Gallagher was all of these and more.” — Penny A. Hazelton
Today’s Teaching Legacy

Penny Hazelton teaches a seminar to law librarianship students.
Today’s Teaching Legacy

Helane Davis, law librarianship student in 2004, teaches at Bridge the Gap.
Today’s Teaching Legacy

Mary Whisner, Assistant Librarian for Reference Services, teaches law students.
Today’s Teaching Legacy

Ranked #1!
The UW’s Law Librarianship program was ranked #1 by *US News and World Report*’s ranking of America’s Best Graduate Schools in 2007 and 2008.

The alumni website was launched in 2004 and now serves the 218 grads of the program.
Leader

“Women lawyers had to be patient and aggressive and work very hard and suffer a lot of indignities just by being ignored.”

– Marian Gould Gallagher
Leader

“Marian was a true renaissance woman. She enjoyed everything from reading to sports to poker.”

– Richard S.L. Roddis
“Between exchanging jokes and many humorous moments and laughter together, they exchanged ideas on the role of the law school to the students, its staff, and members of the faculty. They also enjoyed exchanging articles and books related to law and the education of law students.”

– Mrs. Richard S. L. Roddis
Leader: Building

• Mrs. Gallagher served as Chair of the New Law School Building Committee from 1967-1974

• She saw the building go from this…
Leading together, “Dick and Marian fought hard for every change!! The basement stacks, more storage, and additional ladies bathrooms were the result of much negotiation with the architect, some members of the building committee and the Legislature. Dick and Marian were an effective team to better the law school, and getting it to function as well as it did.” – Joanne Roddis
Leadership Legacy: Building

Mrs. Gallagher’s Portrait oversaw the moving preparation area in Condon Hall.

Movers transported countless carts of books and boxes of materials into the new library in William H. Gates Hall.
Leadership Legacy: Building

Building Gallagher Law Library’s new home

Library patrons enjoying the new space
Leadership Legacy: Building

Entering Condon Hall

Entering Gates Hall
Leadership Legacy: Building
Awards

• Phi Alpha Delta
• The Order of the Coif
• Whitman College Distinguished Alumna Award (1981)
• University of Washington School of Law Distinguished Alumna Award (1980)
More Awards

• University of Washington Library School, Distinguished Alumna Award (1970)
• Professor Emeritus, UW School of Law (1981)
• American Association of Law Libraries Service Award (1966) and Distinguished Service Award (1984)
Honors


• After being one of only two persons honored twice as recipients of service awards from AALL, it named a new award in her honor.
Honors and Firsts

- First woman made an American Bar Fellow from the state of Washington. (Mrs. G was “a might flattered”)
- First librarian, and one of the first women, to participate in site visits as part of the ABA Law School Accreditation Committee
Honors

Marian Gould Gallagher Library named in 1981
Humor

“She liked to have fun at work and play, and didn’t have time for people who took themselves too seriously.”

– Pegeen Mulhern
Known for being pretty funny herself…

…never afraid to have the joke on her

– Pegeen Mulhern
Humor

Caption reads:
“MEANDERINGS AND MISCHIEF—How to completely forget the “Law” (and decorum) is demonstrated here by Marian Gallagher and Bill Love, two-thirds of the title “Three Traveling Teachers.” P. Richard Cosway, last year a professor at the law school and now at Cincinnati U., was the third member. (from 1953)
Today’s Legacy of Humor
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