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Each year, the Government Relations Committee bestows the prestigious Public Access to Government Information (PAGI) Award and Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award on inspirational people or groups that have made a difference on the policy issues that impact law librarianship.

This year, we are pleased to announce that Sarah (Sally) G. Holterhoff, associate professor of law librarianship and government information/reference librarian at Valparaiso University Law School Library, is the recipient of the 2014 Oakley Award and the Mississippi College Law Library Legislative History Project is the recipient of the 2014 PAGI Award. The winners were carefully selected by the Government Relations Committee in consultation with the Awards Committee.

Oakley Advocacy Award

Now in its seventh year, the Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award recognizes an AALL member or group that has contributed significantly to AALL's policy agenda. The award honors the memory of Robert L. Oakley, AALL's Washington affairs representative (1989-2007), who received the award posthumously in 2008. Past recipients include Richard J. McKinney, Federal Reserve Board Law Library; the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries County Law Library Special Interest Group; Joan M. Bellistri, Anne Arundel County Public Law Library; Barbara A. Bintliff, director of the Tarlton Law Library/Jamail Center for Legal Research, Joseph C. Hutcheson Professor in Law; and Timothy L. Coggins, associate dean for library and information services and professor of law at the University of Richmond School of Law Library.

Holterhoff has been a truly outstanding advocate for AALL. As described in her nomination, she has "dedicated her professional career to strong, energetic, and effective advocacy to ensure that every citizen of the United States has full and equitable access to federal, state, and local information that is accurate and authentic." A past president of AALL, active committee and SIS member and chair, and two-term member of the Executive Board, Holterhoff has demonstrated leadership, dedication, and commitment to advocacy on behalf of the Association.

Holterhoff's contributions are manifold: As president of AALL, Sally convened the National Summit on Authentication of Digital Legal Information in 2007, which established AALL as a national leader in advocating

for the authentication and preservation of online legal information. The summit convened delegates from the judiciary, legal community, state governments, and interested organizations to discuss the issue of access to authenticated and trustworthy state legal information in the digital age and explore legal and technological solutions. In turn, AALL and others in the legal community worked closely with the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (now known as the Uniform Law Commission) to consider, draft, and ultimately pass the *Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA)*, now enacted in nine states.

Holterhoff has also worked passionately to ensure a robust future for the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). She served two terms as a member of the Depository Library Council, including as its secretary. She has written numerous articles about the FDLP and its importance to citizens and most recently served as the chair of AALL's Task Force on the Federal Depository Library Program for 2012-2013.

Currently, Holterhoff is a member of the AALL Government Policy Advisory Group, serving as an ex-officio member of AALL's policy committees. She is also AALL's representative to the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions.

Holterhoff's leadership, passion, and commitment to access to legal and government information truly embody the spirit of Bob Oakley.

PAGI Award

A principal tenet of AALL is the right of equal access to information for all to ensure an informed citizenry and to promote a just and democratic society. Established in 1998, the PAGI Award is given to recognize persons or organizations that have made significant contributions to protect and promote greater public access to government information. Past recipients include the Library of Congress for THOMAS; Sen. Conrad Burns, Michael O. Leavitt, and Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman for Regulations.gov; Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, or CREW, for their work to make government more open; Minnesota Revisor of Statutes Michele Timmons for her work to ensure permanent public access to authentic and preserved online legal information; and, most recently, internet freedom activist Aaron Schwartz, who was awarded the PAGI Award posthumously.

This year, the committee chose to recognize the Mississippi College Law

Library's Legislative History Project, an ambitious undertaking to create a free, searchable archive of the Mississippi Legislature's floor proceedings. Over the past two decades, states across the country have begun providing live webcasts of legislative proceedings while archiving video of the proceedings for later viewing in an effort to promote transparency and greater access to government. The state of Mississippi joined the movement in 2008 when the state legislature went live online for the first time. However, the legislature chose not to archive its proceedings. The Mississippi College Law Library's Legislative History Project seeks to fill this obvious void by providing recordings of the daily sessions of both the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate.

The project connects specific video clips to individual bills, making it possible for a user of the project to view only video clips that pertain to specific legislation. This project is one-of-a-kind, as no other state legislative archive segments daily recordings into small clips attached to the numerous bills and resolutions debated throughout the legislative session. To use the project, an individual may simply access the website at law.mc.edu/legislature. The law library's Legislative History Project works alongside its Judicial Data Project in an effort to make the state legislature more accessible to the public. The availability of legal information to all people is a necessary requirement for a just and democratic society, and this project is a step forward in enhancing that vision in the state of Mississippi by placing the state's legislative leaders into the homes of Mississippians.

Congratulations!

AALL congratulates both Holterhoff and the Mississippi College Law Library on their awards. The PAGI and Oakley Awards will be presented at the AALL Public Policy Update (A1) at the 2014 Annual Meeting in San Antonio on Sunday, July 13, from 1:15-2:45 p.m. ■



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