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AALL Names 2014 Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award Recipient

Chicago 5/29/2014—The American Association of Law Libraries announced today that Sarah (Sally) G. Holterhoff, government information/reference librarian and associate professor of law librarianship at the Valparaiso University Law School Library in Valparaiso, Indiana, has been selected as the 2014 AALL Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award winner.

Established in 2008, the award is given to recognize an AALL member or group who has been an outstanding advocate and has contributed significantly to the AALL policy agenda at the federal, state, local or international level. The award honors the memory of Robert L. Oakley, AALL's Washington affairs representative (1989-2007).

“I’m pleased and honored to be receiving the Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award,” Holterhoff said. “Bob was a great colleague and a wonderful advocacy mentor to me, starting when I was chair of the AALL Government Relations Committee in 1990-91. Receiving an award named for him is especially meaningful. Advocacy is definitely a team effort, and I feel very privileged to be part of AALL’s ongoing work on the issues of digital authentication of primary legal materials and support of the Federal Depository Library Program.”

An active committee and SIS member and chair and two-term Executive Board member, Holterhoff is also a past AALL president. During her presidency, she convened the National Summit on Authentication of Digital Legal Information in 2007, which brought delegates from the judiciary, legal community, state governments and other organizations together to discuss access to authenticated and trustworthy digital state legal information. AALL and other legal community members worked closely with the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (now known as the Uniform Law Commission) to create and pass the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA), which has been enacted in nine states.

Holterhoff also served two terms as a member of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, including as its secretary, and is currently a member of the Standing Committee of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) Section on Law Libraries, where she is working on the digital legal resources authentication issue at the international level. She also serves as AALL’s representative to IFLA.

In addition, Holterhoff was recently given the 2014 Distinguished Faculty Award from the Valparaiso University School of Law, which recognizes outstanding teaching, scholarship and service. The award was presented at the school’s Law Commencement ceremony on May 18, 2014.
Holterhoff will be recognized for the Robert L. Oakley award at AALL’s upcoming 107th Annual Meeting & Conference, held in San Antonio, Texas, from July 12-15, 2014.

For more information the Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award, please visit http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Member-Resources/AALLawards/award-oakley.html. For more information about AALL and the upcoming Annual Meeting & Conference, please visit http://www.AALLNET.org.

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