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AALL Names 2014 Public Access to Government Information Award Winner

Chicago 5/29/2014—The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) announced today that Mississippi College School of Law Library in Jackson, Mississippi, will receive the 2014 Public Access to Government Information Award.

Providing widespread, equal access to information to guarantee a just and democratic society comprised of duly informed citizens is one of AALL’s principal goals.

The Public Access to Government Information Award, established in 1998, recognizes individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to protect and promote greater public access to government information—such as information on government-related services; federal laws and other topics.

This year’s winner was nominated for the Law Library’s Legislative History Project (http://www.law.mc.edu/legislature), an online video archive that provides free access to recent actions of the Mississippi State Legislature. The site provides frequently updated video clips of bills and select resolutions of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Senate as they are debated on the floor, along with a summary of daily legislative action. Users can search for content by bill number, author and description.

"I am honored to accept, on behalf of the Mississippi College School of Law Library, the 2014 AALL Public Access to Government Information Award," Stephen Parks, research, instructional services and circulation librarian said. "Providing convenient, readily available government-produced materials remains an important goal, and we at Mississippi College hope to help increase public access to those crucial, timely resources."

For more information the Public Access to Government Information Award, please visit http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Member-Resources/AALLawards/award-information.html. For more information about AALL and the upcoming Annual Meeting & Conference, please visit http://www.AALLNET.org.

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