Committee Members:
James Heller (chair)
James Donovan
David Hollander
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Submitted on May 19, 2009 by James Heller

A. The committee made awards in the three categories as follows:

Open Division: co-winners Joseph A. Custer and Laura N. Gasaway

"The Truthiness of Thinkable Thoughts versus the Facts of Empirical Research"

Joseph A. Custer
Associate Director and Head of Technical Services
University of Kansas School of Law
Wheat Law Library
Lawrence, Kansas

"A Defense of the Public Domain: A Scholarly Essay"

Laura N. Gasaway
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law
University of North Carolina School of Law
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

New Member Division: winner Mikhail Koulikov

"Indexing and Full-Text Coverage of Law Review Articles in Non-Legal Databases: An Initial Study"

Mikhail Koulikov
Reference Librarian
New York Law Institute
New York, New York

Student Division: co-winners Theodora Belniak and Jason Tubinis
"The Law Librarian of the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries: A Figuration in Flux"

Theodora Belniak  
Joint JD/MLS Program  
University of Buffalo  
The State University of New York  

"A Law Librarian's Guide to the Economic Crisis"

Jason Tubinis  
Joint JD/MLS Program  
University of Buffalo  
The State University of New York  

B. The committee is sponsoring and holding a Writer’s Workshop at the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

After introductory comments we will break into roundtable discussion groups with editors and experienced authors facilitating the conversation at each table. I anticipate 30-40 attendees.

Table Topics:
- selecting topics for articles
- making time to write
- collaboration: working with co-authors
- getting published
- where to publish: a library journal or elsewhere
- researching and citation, including copyright and plagiarism
- working with your editor

Table Moderators:
- Carol Billings, author and past AALL President
- Barbara Bintliff, Associate Editor of LRSQ and past AALL President
- Mike Chiorazzi, Editor of LRSQ
- Dick Danner, former Editor of LLJ and past AALL President
- Mark Estes, Editor of Spectrum and past AALL President
- Jim Heller, author and past AALL President
- Frank Houdek, former Editor of LLJ and past AALL President
- Janet Sinder - Editor of LLJ