Research Committee 2007-08

In 2007-08, the Research Committee received and reviewed 10 applications for research grants.

In fall 2007, the committee selected two grants for funding through the AALL/Wolters Kluwer Law & Business Grant Program. Dr. Joel Fishman (Allegheny County Law Library, Pittsburgh) was awarded $1325 for his project “Index to State Judges’ Inductions, Memorials, etc. from the Official State Court Reports.” Wendy Scott and Christine Demetros (H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, Syracuse University College of Law) were awarded $1630 for their project “Merging Reference & Circulation Services: The Savior or Undoing of Reference in Academic Law Libraries.”

In spring 2008, the committee selected two grants for funding through the AALL Research Fund: An Endowment Established by LexisNexis. Jill Duffy (Research Librarian, Supreme Court of the United States Library) and Elizabeth Lambert (Pro Se Staff Attorney, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York) were awarded $2383 for their project “Dissents from the Bench: A Compilation of Oral Dissents Issued by the U.S. Supreme Court Justices.” Karen E. Kalnins (Reference Librarian, Oklahoma City University Law Library) was awarded $700 for her project “Oral Histories of Oklahoma Judges and Attorneys.”

The members of the committee this year were: Susan Lerdal, Chair; Jacqueline Cantwell; Annemarie Donovan; Pamela Rogers Melton; Ann Patterson; Adeen Postar; and Sarah J. Shik. We thank everyone who participated in the competition and those whose generous support made the grants possible.

Effective July 2008, the Research Committee will merge with the Publications Committee to form a new Research and Publications Committee, which will be chaired by Annmarie Zell in 2008-09.

Susan Lerdal, Chair
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