Scholarships Committee 2009-2010 Annual Report

The Scholarships Committee happily awarded money to several applicants in support of their educational goals. From a total pool of 37 applications, we granted 15 scholarships. The scholarships amounted to a grand total of $34,000. Awards were divided among the scholarship funds as follows.

**AALL & Thomson West - George A. Strait Minority Scholarship Endowment**
Andrew Christensen
Donyelle Darrough
Benita Ghura
Jeffrey Nelson
Grace Rosales

**LexisNexis/John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Endowment**
Jennifer Ekblaw (seeking dual degrees)
Ronald Fuller (library school with JD)
Robert Malesko (law school with MLS/MLIS)

**AALL Educational Scholarships**
Scott Akehurst-Moore (library school with JD)
Jennifer Ekblaw (seeking dual degrees)
Benita Ghura (library school with JD)
Joanne Gialelis (library school without JD)
Jeffrey Nelson (library school without JD)
Ellen Richardson (library school with JD)
Grace Rosales (library school with JD)

Vice Chair Johanna Bizub provided me with support, advice, and assistance and was of tremendous value throughout the year. Johanna and committee members Michael Bushbaum, Rick Goheen, Rhonda Lawrence, Gretchen Van Dam, and Sally Wiant were generous with their time and effort in reading, evaluating, and grading applications, and participating in the conference call assigning final awards. Donna Williams excelled in her role of adviser as our Executive Board liaison, and the indefatigable Hannah Phelps answered questions, fielded e-mails, resolved issues, mounted all of the applications for committee access, and generally kept us on course as our AALL staff liaison.

My final acts as chair are to congratulate all scholarship recipients, thank all committee members, and give special thanks to Johanna, Hannah, and Donna for all the assistance they gave to me personally. The most wonderful aspect of serving on this committee is that members are allowed to give much-needed funds to support future, and sometimes current, colleagues in completing their educations. Thank you to AALL, LexisNexis, Thomson West, and all donating members for generously providing the endowments required to keep these scholarships growing.

AALL members, please continue donating to the scholarships. Those of you beginning the pursuit of a degree, please consider applying for a scholarship in Spring 2011. It is for you that this committee exists.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Chair 2009-2010