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**Message from the LPSS Chair**

*Jeremy Darrington, Princeton University*

With this edition, *LPSS News* is now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year of publication! My thanks and congratulations to our co-editors, Merrill Stein and Dennis Lambert, and to all the previous editors for their dedication and work in promoting LPSS through the newsletter. For decades, political science and law librarians have come to LPSS looking for training, professional development opportunities, and support. That’s why I joined LPSS as a new political science librarian a few years ago, and LPSS has provided all those things for me. What I hadn’t anticipated, though, was gaining such a supportive group of colleagues and friends, dedicated professionals who freely give of their time and expertise to support the section and each other. I know from talking to many of you that mine is not an isolated experience. As section chair and as a librarian who found a home in LPSS, my sincere thanks to all of you who make LPSS the wonderful community it is.

If you’re new to LPSS, welcome! The key to getting the most from your LPSS membership is to do something with it—ask a question (or answer one!) on our listserv, [LPSS-L](#); connect with us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) (@LPSS\_ACRL); volunteer for a [committee](#) or to help with other new

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**Making the Most of Social Media**

If you haven’t noticed, many organizations are using social media, including the US government! [The President tweets](#), [NASA shares spacey images on Instagram](#), [ACRL regularly posts on Facebook](#), and the Open-World Leadership Center is [pinning things to Pinterest](#)! If you are part of the [72% of adults that use social media](#) you already know the motivations, but have you reflected on social media’s limitations?

As an information professional, you likely depend on a reliable collection of information sources to serve the research needs of your population. Don’t forget that using social media can clue you in to new and unique information streams. By connecting with like-minded accounts, you may discover events and resources you never knew about, or have a chance to monitor the discourse on current events or disciplinary interests. For LPSS members this might mean engaging with organizations such as

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## Member To Know -By Elizabeth L. White

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### *Lynda Kellam*

Our Member to Know for this issue is Lynda Kellam from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Libraries, and chair emeritus of LPSS. Originally from Greensboro as well, Lynda attended UNCG for college and her MLIS. She also has a Masters in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Lynda attended Library School thinking she would be a public librarian, but decided to switch to academic librarianship because of her subject interests. She considered being a Russian Bibliographer (she has a minor in Russian), but upon graduation decided to broaden her interests, and got her current position and liaison areas based on her Masters in Political Science.

At the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Libraries she is the Data Librarian and her primary duties have her assisting social sciences and health sciences users with Census data, ICPSR data, and subscription numeric data sources. She has also become the contact person for the research data management outreach efforts on campus, which means she has more contact with UNCG's scientists. In addition, she is the government information librarian and she supports Political Science and allied fields like Peace and Conflict Studies, Environmental Studies, and Law. Not surprisingly, she says that interacting with such a broad range of users is her favorite part of her job. To facilitate communication she uses Facebook, Twitter, and Google Voice for text questions. On top of her Libraries duties she teaches a class in the Political Science department.

Lynda feels that her job duties made her a natural fit with LPSS. She has enjoyed interacting and forming relationships with the members, and she feels her work with LPSS has been transformative as it has broadened her network, especially after gaining a leadership role. The network has been great because she can call on colleagues for assistance in her work.

In her very little spare time, Lynda enjoys the very Librariansesque pursuit of reading. She has been taking history classes at UNCG, and she recently read *The Luminaries* by Eleanor Catton, which she enjoyed. She also reads non-fiction related to her duties, and recommends *Making the World Safe: The American Red Cross and a Nation's Humanitarian Awakening* by Julia Irwin.

*Is there an LPSS member whom you'd like to know better through a profile in the LPSS News?  
Is there a member you could profile in 500-600 words who would interest the rest of the section?*

*Email your suggestions to the editors at*

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initiatives; and come introduce yourself at our general membership meeting at ALA Midwinter or Annual. If you have suggestions, questions, or are looking for ways to get involved, please contact me ([jdarrington@princeton.edu](mailto:jdarrington@princeton.edu)) or another section officer (you can get our contact info by visiting [our ACRL page](#) and logging in with your ALA account). There's a place for you here!

Next year, the section is turning 40, and we should celebrate LPSS's longevity and accomplishments. (In fact, I think we'll even have a party!) But LPSS also has a bright future, and we have lots going on. We recently gave the Instruction Committee a new name and expanded charge as our Professional Development Committee to focus on new ways of helping you develop your subject expertise and professional skills. Our 2015 ALA Annual Program Committee has been hard at work on a program proposal with two other sections about mass incarceration and prison policy, and our 2014 Program Committee pulled together a fascinating forum on water policy in the Colorado River Basin (be sure to check out the [program pathfinder](#)). Our Communications and Publications Committee and Membership Committee are exploring new ways to reach out to and engage both section members and others interested in our work. And our Vendor/Publisher Liaison and Review Committee is working on providing new and more frequent resource reviews. In addition, LPSS will be working on updating our Political Science Competency Guidelines in conjunction with ACRL's coming update to its information literacy standards. We'll also be exploring fundraising opportunities to support section initiatives and the possibility of an LPSS scholarship to support research or attendance at the Annual conference.

With all the tremendous work happening in the section, there's no need to wait until next year to celebrate. So, put on your party hat, grab some cake, and give a cheer for LPSS! Huzzah!



#### LPSS Executive Committee:

Jeremy Darrington (Chair, exp. June 30, 2015)  
 Rosalind Tedford (Vice-Chair, exp. June 30, 2015)  
 Lynda Kellam (Past-Chairperson, exp. June 30, 2015)  
 Jodi Shepherd (Secretary, exp. June 30, 2015)  
 Sarah Hogan (Member-at-Large, exp. June 30, 2016)  
 Elizabeth Lynn White (Member-at-Large, exp. June 30, 2015)  
 Sara Arnold-Garza (Social Media Coordinator, exp. June 30, 2015)  
 Jennifer Schwartz (Webmaster, exp. June 30, 2015)  
 Loretta R. Parham (Board Liaison, exp. June 30, 2015)  
 Megan R. Griffin (Staff Liaison, exp. June 30, 2015)



#### LPSS Committee Chairs:

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 Marta Lange/SAGE-CQ Press Award Committee - Chair: Mary Oberlies, exp. 2015  
 Membership Committee - Chair: Elizabeth Lynn White, exp. 2015  
 Nominating Committee - Chair: Chad Kahl, exp. 2015  
 Review and Planning Committee - Chair: Leroy Jason LaFleur, exp. 2015  
 Vendor/Publisher Liaison & Review Committee - Chair: Annelise Sklar, exp. 2015

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the [American Political Science Association](#) on social media, joining Facebook groups of students studying political science at your institution, or even following government agencies and organizations that are related to our librarian work.

However, this landscape of like-minded social media connections might also be an echo chamber or create a [Filter Bubble](#), shutting out perspectives with which you don't agree or haven't considered. If this concerns you, you might be interested in [Balancer](#), a Chrome Browser plug-in that provides feedback about your online reading habits.

It is also important to remember that while social media can effectively communicate to community members who are engaged online and with their phones, not all community members are empowered to do so. So how can organizations use these communication channels responsibly, maximize their usefulness, and make up for social media's limitations? Certainly not all communications from organizations should come from social media. There still remain essential, more traditional means of communicating that are not owned or controlled by a third party company. Newsletters such as this one, listservs, and less ephemeral traditional publications remain important communication avenues for organizations.

You may have noticed that LPSS itself has a [Facebook page](#) and a [Twitter account](#) (@LPSS\_ACRL). These accounts are meant to serve as community platforms for members of LPSS, where communication and information sharing can come from across the membership, or new discoveries and connections can be made. Of course, these aspirations can only be realized, and the communities made rich, through the participation of the membership. Facebook's algorithm, [EdgeRank](#), more frequently displays "popular" or highly accessed posts over those that get little traffic, essentially shutting down the voices of quieter and smaller communities. With Twitter, too, voices that aren't as loud or frequent may not be heard by followers. One way to lessen the impact of external algorithmic processes is manually check on a feed every so often. In Facebook you can look on the far-right menu (or look for the menu bar icon in mobile versions) and select "Law and Political Science Section (ACRL)" to see the entire feed. You can also click on the little gear icon to change your group settings or make the group one of your favorites, thus pushing it up in the EdgeRank system for your feed. On Twitter, you can do a search for LPSS\_ACRL as an account name to view all tweets and conversations.

You may be thinking, "Why should I post on Facebook rather than sending a query to the LPSS mailing list?" Well, you could, of course - the addition of new modes of communication doesn't mean that old ones aren't useful. You may find, however, that Facebook offers a way to have a different sort of conversation - more casual and fluid, but also with more possibilities for give and take, and for sharing the broad range of experiences and resources that are relevant for law and political science librarianship (with the occasional funny meme thrown in for kicks). It also allows questions to be revisited over time, as posts aren't deleted the way we delete email from our overflowing in-boxes.

With this in mind, as LPSS continues to utilize social media, we ask that members engage to help us boost our content, and get it in front of more eyes. If you have a burning question, post it! If you find some great information, share it! If you like what someone says, hit the "Like" button, or even better, comment and help keep the conversation - and the information - flowing. We think we're a great section, and want others to know it!

*By: Sara Arnold-Garza is LPSS's current Social Media Coordinator (@sarnoldgarza on Twitter); Lorena O'English is LPSS's immediate past Social Media Coordinator (@wsulorena on Twitter); Emily Ford is Chair of the LPSS Communication and Publications Committee (@femilyr on Twitter)*

## ACRL Marta Lange/SAGE-CQ Press Award – Call for Nominations

Do you know an academic or law librarian who through, research, service to the profession, or other creative activity, makes distinguished contributions to bibliography or information service in law or political science? If so, consider nominating him/her for the LPSS Marta Lange/SAGE-CQ Press Award.

Nominees should have achieved distinction in one or more of the following areas:

- Planning and implementation of a model bibliography/information services program in a law or political science library.
- History of contributions to the field through research, publications and other activities displaying active participation in the advancement of law/political science librarianship.
- Service to the profession through ACRL or related regional and national organizations.
- Promotion or development of an education program for law and political science librarianship that has served as a model for other courses and programs.

The award recipient receives \$1,000 and a plaque sponsored by SAGE-CQ Press.

Nominations should include a letter of nomination including the name, address, and phone number of the nominator and the nominee, as well as a narrative supporting the nomination, and a current curriculum vita for the nominee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others.

Nominations are due by **December 5, 2014**.

For more details about the award or to learn about previous recipients, visit <http://www.ala.org/acrl/awards/achievementawards/martalangecq>.

*Mary Oberlies, Chair, Marta Lange/SAGE-CQ Press Award Committee*

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Congratulations once again to Brian E. Coutts, professor and head of the department of library public services at Western Kentucky University, who was awarded the 2014 Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Law and Political Science Section (LPSS) Marta Lange/Sage-CQ Press Award at an ALA Annual Conference luncheon in Las Vegas on Sunday, June 29, 2014. As one award nominator put it, "Like Marta Lange, he's a model of professional service and inspiration to others."

**Vendor/Publisher Liaison & Review Committee: New Databases Review**

When the CIA's Open Source Center discontinued the World News Connection feed at the end of 2013, many librarians wondered if other products on the market could fill the void for international news in English. In continuing with our newly launched review series, the Vendor Publisher/Liaison and Review Committee reviews six databases for international news content. (**Editors' note:** Some links not working as shown, due to publication formatting.)

*Nadine Hoffman, Catherine Morse, and Annalise Sklar (Chair) on behalf of the 2014-2015 LPSS Vendor/Publisher Liaison & Review Committee*

Name	Access World News (Readex)	BBC Monitoring Library	Factiva	LexisNexis Academic	Newspaper Source (EBSCO)	ProQuest International Newsstand
For more info:	<a href="http://www.newsbank.com/libraries/schools/solutions/us-international/access-world-news">http://www.newsbank.com/libraries/schools/solutions/us-international/access-world-news</a>	<a href="http://bbcmonitoringlibrary.com/">http://bbcmonitoringlibrary.com/</a> <a href="http://www.monitorbbc.co.uk/">http://www.monitorbbc.co.uk/</a>	<a href="http://www.proquest.com/products-services/factiva.html">http://www.proquest.com/products-services/factiva.html</a> <a href="http://proquest.libguides.com/factiva-LibGuide">http://proquest.libguides.com/factiva-LibGuide</a>	<a href="http://wiki.lexisnexis.com/academic/index.php/the-main_Page">http://wiki.lexisnexis.com/academic/index.php/the-main_Page</a>	<a href="http://www.elsevier.com/academic/newspaper-source">http://www.elsevier.com/academic/newspaper-source</a> <a href="http://www.elsevier.com/academic/newspaper-source-plus">http://www.elsevier.com/academic/newspaper-source-plus</a>	<a href="http://proquest.libguides.com/internationalnews">http://proquest.libguides.com/internationalnews</a> <a href="http://www.proquest.com/products-services/09_newstand.html">http://www.proquest.com/products-services/09_newstand.html</a>
Topics Covered/ Major Areas of Coverage	Recent international news in English Includes BBC Monitoring International Reports from 1996 to present	Created in 1999 to assess the use being made of radio by the Axis powers during WWII. Funded by the license fee and is part of the BBC World Service Group.	Current news Global perspective on business issues (company/industry information) Includes BBC Monitoring content from 1998 to present.	News Legal Research Business news sources, company reports, SEC filings Includes BBC Monitoring International Reports from 1979 to present	Current news • Newspapers • TV transcripts Radio transcripts Note 2 products with different coverage and pricing	News from around the world Includes BBC Monitoring content from 1998 to present
Geographic coverage (strengths)	139 countries, US local papers	Reports and analysis news from over 100 languages in 150 countries.	200 countries (26 languages)	International and US including BBC Monitoring from 1979 to present Some non-English-language newspapers available in Spanish, French, German, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese and Arabic	U.S. with some international • 40 national/international • 330 regional U.S.	"Access to both regional and local news from countries worldwide enables researchers to compare perspective from news resources closer to where the events originate."
Dates of coverage	Most go back to 2000s. A few sources go back to the 1980s or 1990s	2006-current	1979-present	New York Times full text goes back to 1980	About 1994-present	The Globe and Mail starts with 1977, and a handful of others start in the 1980s. Most full text starts in the 1990s or later.
Update frequency	Daily	Updated hourly - "updated 24 hours per day, every day"	"continuously updated"	Several times a day	Depends on source	Several times a day (major papers by 8:00 a.m. day of publication)
Types of materials indexed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newspaper</li> <li>Newswires</li> <li>TV Transcripts</li> <li>Websites</li> <li>Videos</li> <li>Journals</li> <li>Magazines</li> </ul>	Provides news and information from freely available media sources around the world. Round-the-clock monitoring of TV, radio, press, internet and news agencies	News sources including U.S. and world-wide newspapers, newswires, and multimedia Trade journals, websites and blogs Company information, stock market information, news releases, and company financial data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newspaper</li> <li>Newswires</li> <li>TV Transcripts</li> <li>Websites</li> <li>Videos</li> <li>Journals</li> <li>Magazines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newspapers</li> <li>TV transcripts</li> <li>Radio transcripts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newspapers</li> <li>Newswires</li> <li>Magazines</li> <li>Trade Journals</li> <li>Reports</li> <li>Scholarly Journals</li> <li>Wirefeeds</li> </ul>
Number of titles indexed	2,100	3,000+		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3,000 newspapers</li> <li>2,000+ other sources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>490</li> <li>1,585 in Plus</li> </ul>	800+

Name	Access World News (Readex)	BBC Monitoring Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Factive</b></li> </ul>	LexisNews Academic	Newspaper Source (EBSCO)	ProQuest International Newsstand
Number of titles/full text	2,100	More than 3,000 radio, television, press, internet and news agency sources are monitored	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 35,000 sources</li> <li>• 3,500+ newspapers</li> <li>• 4,200+ journals/magazines</li> <li>• Almost 700 newswires</li> <li>• 14,000+ websites</li> <li>• 7,000+ blogs</li> <li>• 25 million company profiles</li> <li>• 10,000 pictures added weekly</li> <li>• Includes EUR-lex database</li> </ul>	Over 3,000	228, 359 in Plus	700+
Thesaurus	None	No, but searches can be limited to broad categories	None	Large	None	Uses the ProQuest Thesaurus
Yes/No options	Yes					
Search within full text	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Advanced search	One search screen with option to add more rows of search terms	Yes	Yes – called search builder	Yes	Yes. Also allows SmartText searching (a form of natural language searching).	Yes
Limit results by publication dates	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Limit results by document type	Yes	No but does include Sort by publication	Can exclude: republished news, recurring pricing and market data, and Obituaries, sports, calendars...	Yes	Yes, can limit to cover story or full-text. Publication types are newspaper, news wire, transcript, magazine.	Yes
Relevance sorting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, both relevance and date. Source and author also available sort options.	Yes
Save searches	Yes, with registration	Yes	Depends on subscription	No, but users can build durable URLs	Yes. Also email alerts and RSS feeds. Saving searches requires user to create My EBSCOhost account.	Yes
Export citations	Yes. Creates formatted citations in core citation styles as well as direct export to RefWorks, RIS format (e.g. CITAVI, EasyBib, EndNote, ProCite, Reference Manager, Zotero), and .BIB (.BibTex) format	No	No	Yes. Creates formatted citations in core citation styles as well as direct export to RefWorks and RIS format (e.g. CITAVI, EasyBib, EndNote, ProCite, Reference Manager, Zotero)	Yes. Creates formatted citations in core citation styles as well as to export to: RIS Format (e.g. CITAVI, EasyBib, EndNote, ProCite, Reference Manager, Zotero); Generic bibliographic management software; XML format; BibTex format; MARC21 format; RefWorks; EndNote Web.	Yes
Cross-product searching	No	No	No	No	Yes, across the EBSCOhost platform.	Yes, across the ProQuest platform
COUNTER-compliant usage stats	Yes	Yes	Yes. COUNTER 3 compliant.	Yes. COUNTER 3 compliant.	Yes. COUNTER 4 compliant.	Yes

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Overall, all six of these databases include a good selection of international news in English, but only BBC Monitoring provides a translation service similar to that of World News Connection. Happily for libraries that already subscribe to one of these major aggregators, BBC Monitoring content is included in four of the other five databases reviewed: Access World News, Factiva, LexisNexis Academic, and ProQuest International Newsstand. All five of these news aggregator products are more similar to each other than different, and a library's ultimate selection(s) will most likely have less to do with the news content included than it does a general leaning towards one platform and the ability to cross-search across multiple databases.

**Access World News** (Readex) has a straight-forward interface that makes it easy for any level of user to search news reported around the world or from a single country or source. Its only major drawback is the email export feature, which merges multiple articles together into one file, which might not be helpful to users. Users searching for BBC Monitoring content should search the "BBC Selected Wire Articles."

**BBC Monitoring Library** is the native interface for BBC Monitoring, which translates news articles and reports from around the world into English. BBC Monitoring content is also included in Access World News, Factiva, LexisNexis Academic, and ProQuest International Newsstand, but the rep tells us that content provided on the native platform runs deeper, including unique BBC-written reports covering all media sources, including social media, that are not included in the aggregators. Coverage on the BBC Monitoring Library platform starts with 2006.

The Academic version of **Factiva** is available from ProQuest on the same Dow Jones interface sold to corporate clients. It includes more news sources than any other products we review, but the academic version does have some newspaper title restrictions due to licensing rights (either embargo or not available). The interface is also a little tricky for a novice, though it is powerful for a power user.

**LexisNexis Academic** includes more news content than any source but Factiva and provides nice features like proximity searching, "send to cloud" export (which sends articles to Dropbox or Google Drive) and "spreadsheet download" (which allows a user to download search results as a spreadsheet). Many librarians were pleased to learn BBC Monitoring content is included, but pre-2005 BBC Monitoring content was pulled from the "Major World Publications" and the "All News" aggregated source searches. BBC Monitoring content is findable only through the source directory. Because LexisNexis is a complex source with news, legal, and business content, each with separate search interfaces, casual users unaware of the "Search by Content Type" button are sometimes stymied about how to start.

EBSCO sells two versions of **Newspaper Source**; the Plus version offers more titles indexed and more full-text sources. The vast majority of titles covered come from the United States. They are updated continuously throughout the day, but how quickly updates are available depend on license agreements with individual newspapers, news wires, television and radio programs. Coverage also varies widely depending on the source. Fewer full text titles are included than in the other aggregators reviewed, and this is the only of the five aggregators reviewed that does not include BBC Monitoring content.

**ProQuest International Newsstand** is ProQuest's international companion to products like ProQuest Newsstand. It is fully integrated with the other databases on the ProQuest Platform, which is generally straight-forward to use. Of particular note, the ProQuest news interface now includes an obituaries search. Content-wise, International Newsstand doesn't really differentiate itself from its competitors, with more full text titles than EBSCO but less than the other three aggregators. BBC Monitoring content is included starting with 1998.

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**Note from the editors:** The previous table has been formatted for best viewing within the publication. Links may not work as shown. For a more functional copy of the table, please contact one of the committee contributors listed at the beginning of p. 6.

## Recent LPSS Member Publications & News



### Publications -

*Jeremy Darrington (Princeton University) -*

- Darrington, J. (2014). Collecting to the Core—International Relations. *Against the Grain*, 26(3), 76-77.
- Darrington, J. (2014). A Hybrid Approach to Discovery Services: Reflections on Implementing both Primo and Summon. *Reference & User Services Quarterly*, 53(4), 291-295.

*La Loria Konata (Georgia State) -*

- Konata, L. (2014) Review of *The End of the Pipeline: a journey of recognition for African Americans entering the legal profession*, by Dorothy H. Evensen & Carla D. Pratt. *Law and Politics Book Review*, 24(8), 376-380.

### Section news -

- View the [program pathfinder](#) about the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas , NV— “Sharing” Water and Information: Water Policy in the Colorado River Basin with featured speaker, Pat Mulroy.
- The Professional Development Committee is currently evaluating its new charge, and is working on a survey to get feedback from the membership to prioritize issues for the committee to work on in the future. —submitted by Elizabeth L. White.



Lake Mead behind Hoover Dam from Rick S. Tins on Flickr. Retrieved June 9, 2014.

### Retirement: Alberto Herrera Jr.



Alberto, who retired in September, served most recently as Diversity Services/Reference Librarian, Raynor Memorial Libraries, Marquette University. Earlier, he held positions at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the Library of Congress.

Alberto shared this with the editors: “Among the most enjoyable activities of my library career was membership and participation in ACRL’s Law and Political Science Section, where I served on the Membership Committee and helped staff an information table for New Members Night at ACRL Conferences in Philadelphia and Indianapolis. The social events at conferences were great fun and the LPSS list-serve was one of the most useful lists I have belonged to, with many colleagues willing to help with members informational needs. . . . I look forward to retirement but know I will miss LPSS and my colleagues, its friendly and informed members.”

## ➡ Call for Award Nominations ⬅

### Academic/Research Librarian of the Year

\$5,000 and a plaque

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Information for many other award opportunities can be found on the ACRL

web site: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/awards> or by contacting Chase Ollis at (312) 280-2521 or [collis@ala.org](mailto:collis@ala.org)

### Excellence in Academic Libraries Award

\$3,000 and a plaque

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## Connect with other Law and Political Science Librarians -- Join the LPSS Discussion List

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**Note:** The subject line should be empty and the body of the message MUST only contain:

Subscribe lpss-l Firstname Lastname

### Did you know that LPSS-L has a searchable archive?

Archives of LPSS-L are maintained at Kent State University and updated every week. Messages are arranged by date, and searchable by keyword, with archives dating back to August 2007. To access the LPSS-L archives, point your Web browser to <http://listserv.kent.edu/archives/lpss-l.html>.

**The LPSS-L Archives are available only to subscribers to the LPSS-L list.** The first time you access this URL, you will be prompted for your email address (as your account ID) and a password of your choice. You will need to reply to the email to confirm access. Add the LPSS-L archives to your knowledge base. You never know when you might need it!

## Guidelines for Contributors

The deadline for the next edition of the *LPSS News*, subject to decisions by ACRL, will be around mid-October 2014.

Email articles, illustrations, and correspondence to: [merrill.stein@villanova.edu](mailto:merrill.stein@villanova.edu) and [dennis.lambert@villanova.edu](mailto:dennis.lambert@villanova.edu)

Length: suggested maximum 400-600 words.

Write in short paragraphs. Use the most direct, energetic style you can muster. Have a point, and don't be reluctant to have a point of view, too. Write as an analyst or critic, or at least as a journalist, not a booster.

Write to be useful to the membership. The format and publication frequency make features, not old news, the strength of the newsletter. The LPSS listserv is the best place to post, discover, and comment on breaking events. The [LPSS website](#) is the official repository of official reports and meeting minutes.

[Newsletter Archives](#)

## Did You Know?

### Registration Now OPEN for ACRL 2015

Register at <http://conference.acrl.org/> by February 15, 2015 and save more than 20%

ACRL members can view full contact information for all ACRL section committee rosters (<http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/sections>) by logging into the ACRL Web site.



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