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Gale Cengage Murray Wortzel Award, 2001-2015



Marilyn Bromley receives the 2015 Wortzel Award. Credit: Brandy King

The Gale Cengage Murray Wortzel Award was awarded biennially by the Social Science Division at the Special Library Association's annual conference from 2001 to 2015.

The Award was established in 2001 by the Social Science Division in cooperation with Gale Cengage to honor the memory of Murray Wortzel, a long-time member of the Division whose dedication and commitment to both the Division and the Association exemplify the consummate information professional.

The winners were presented with a check for \$1,000 and a citation.

Awardees have demonstrated specific achievements or sustained excellence in one or more of the following areas:

- Notable service to the Division through distinguished continued service or participation in a special project
- Notable service to the Association or the information profession through activities related to the member's standing in the Social Science Division

- Distinction in facilitating communication and cooperation among Division members within the Association, or throughout the profession
- Achievement in mentoring activities
- History of contributions to the profession through research, publications or other activities displaying active participation in the advancement of the information profession.
- Exceptional innovations at the work site

Wortzel Award Winners

2015: [Marilyn Bromley](#), Library Director at Bloomberg BNA, received the eighth Gale Cengage Murray Wortzel Award at the SLA Annual Conference in Boston, MA.

2013: [Vanette Schwartz](#), Social Sciences Librarian at Illinois State University, received the seventh Gale Cengage Murray Wortzel Award at the SLA Annual Conference in San Diego, CA.

2011: [Lyle Minter](#), Manager Library of Congress/ Congressional Research Service Foreign Affairs, Defense & Trade Consulting Section of the Knowledge Services Group, received the sixth Gale Group Murray Wortzel Award at the SLA Annual Conference in Philadelphia.

2009: **Ann Sweeney**, European Commission Delegation, Press & Public Diplomacy, received the fifth Gale Group Murray Wortzel Award at the SLA Annual Conference in Washington DC.

2007: [Nancy Minter](#), Director of Library and Information Resources for the Urban Institute in Washington DC, received the fourth Gale Group Murray Wortzel Award at the SLA Annual Conference in Denver.

2005: [Terry Dean](#), recently retired from the Institute of Governmental Studies at the University of California at Berkeley, received the third Gale Group Murray Wortzel Award at the SLA Annual Conference in Toronto on June 6, 2005.

2003: [Michael Kolakowski](#), Librarian in the Government and Finance Division in the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, received the second annual Gale Group Murray Wortzel Award at the SLA Annual Conference in New York City on Sunday, June 8, 2003.

2001: **Roger Haley**, librarian of the U.S. Senate Library, retired, was the award's first recipient at the SLA Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX.

Marilyn Bromley: 2015 Murray Wortzel Award Winner



Award winner Marilyn Bromley, DSOC Chair Morgan Grimes, and SLA President Jill Strand.
Credit: Brandy King

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This year's award was presented to Marilyn Bromley at the 2015 SLA Annual Conference and INFO-EXPO in Boston, MA.

Marilyn has been a member of SLA for 37 years. She has attended every annual conference since 1984. In 2010 Marilyn served as chair of the Social Science Division. She has also served on other unit boards including DC Chapter President, DC Chapter Treasurer (2 terms), Legal Division Program Planner, and Legal Division Awards & Grants Chair. At the association level, Marilyn has served on the Finance, Bylaws, and Association Governance Committees as well as serving as Director on the SLA Board of Directors in 2012-2014.

In the nomination letter DSOC member Linda S. Richer wrote, "Within the profession, Marilyn coaches other professionals on contracts and licensing issues and is particularly skilled in negotiating with vendors for research sources. Through her many years working for a major information provider, Bloomberg BNA, she has been able to effectively share the point of view of the vendor." Richer and other members praised Marilyn's "positive, thoughtful, and energetic approach to her work and her service to SLA and the Social Science Division."

The Division is thrilled to present this award to Marilyn Bromley, and we are grateful for her many contributions to the Social Science Division and to SLA.

Vanette Schwartz: 2013 Murray Wortzel Award Winner



Award winner Vanette Schwartz and DSOC Chair Elaine Lasda Bergman

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This year's award was presented to Vanette Schwartz at the 2013 SLA Annual Conference and Info-EXPO in San Diego, CA.

Vanette has been an SLA member for 24 years and has attended every SLA annual conference since joining.

She has spent the majority of her career as the Maps Librarian at Illinois State University. In 2003, Vanette facilitated the merger of the Geography and Maps Division with the Social Sciences Division. In the decade since, she has stayed on with us as Chair of the Geography and Maps Section.

Vanette has organized many interesting and popular tours for our Division conference programming. To her credit, SLA members have been able to tour places like the National Geographic Society in DC, the Newberry Library in Chicago, and this year, San Diego's Gaslamp District.

Awards committee member Linda Richer commented "In my years on the Social Science Division board, I have found Ms. Schwartz always fulfills her promises. She has a positive attitude, and a willingness to lead the Geography and Maps section with substantive events at conference, and meaningful contributions to the Division."

The Division presents this award with sincere gratitude for the many meaningful contributions Vanette has made to the Social Science Division, and to the Special Libraries Association.

Lyle Minter: 2011 Murray Wortzel Award Winner



Award winner Lyle Minter and DSOC Chair Tara Murray. © The Photo Group 2011 – all rights reserved.

Lyle Minter received the 2011 Gale Cengage Murray Wortzel Award at the SLA International Reception, June 13, 2011, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia.

The Wortzel Award, presented biennially by the SLA Social Science Division and sponsored by Gale Cengage, honors Murray Wortzel, a long-time member of the Social Science Division and member of the SLA Hall of Fame. Wortzel's commitment and devotion to the library profession are at the heart of this award, which seeks to honor those who exemplify his spirit.

The award honors Lyle's years of service to the division, the association, and the library profession.

Lyle has served the Social Science Division in many capacities, including as its Chair, Membership Chair, Webmaster, and (presently) Program Planner. He has lent his talents and dedication to SLA's Finance, Nominating, Diversity Leadership Development Program, Tellers, Program Planners, and Bylaws Committees. He has also been a leader within the Washington, DC Chapter of SLA, having served as Public Relations Chair and President.

During his distinguished career, Lyle has worked for the U.S. Department of the Army, the Pentagon Library, and the Library of Congress, where he presently manages the Foreign Affairs, Defense & Trade Consulting Section of the Knowledge Services Group within the Congressional Research Service.

Lyle has served with enthusiasm, but also with thought and care, as evidenced by the creative group of programs he has organized for the Social Science Division while keeping costs low. His achievements have already been recognized by DC/SLA, which twice gave him the Board of Directors Award, and by the Association when he was selected as an SLA Fellow in 2004.

Nancy Minter: 2007 Murray Wortzel Award Winner

The Social Science Division of the Special Libraries Association named Nancy Minter the winner of its biennial Thomson Gale™ Murray Wortzel Award for outstanding social science librarianship. Nancy, Director of Library and Information Resources for the Urban Institute in Washington, DC, was selected in honor of her years of service to the Social Science Division and the library profession.

The Awards Committee specifically cited Nancy's "tireless work in promoting the Social Science Division as Chair, Membership Chair, Fundraiser, and Program Planner," noted her "exceptional fundraising skills," and especially praised her mentoring of colleagues in the Division. The Committee also recounted her service on several SLA committees and her advocacy of the profession of special librarianship.

The Thomson Gale™ Murray Wortzel Award is presented biennially by the Social Science Division at the Special Library Association's annual conference. The Award was established by the Social Science Division in cooperation with Thomson Gale™ to honor the memory of Murray Wortzel, a long-time member of the Division whose dedication and commitment to both the Division and the Association exemplify the consummate information professional. The winner is presented with a cash gift sponsored by Thomson Gale™ and a citation.

Terry Dean: 2005 Murray Wortzel Award Winner

Awards Committee Chair Susan Berg wrote the following presentation. It was read at the conference by Awards Committee Member Lyle Minter.

The Social Science Division is pleased to present the Thomson Gale Murray Wortzel Award for the third time at Special Libraries Association's annual conference in Toronto. The Thomson Gale Murray Wortzel Award was established by the Social Science Division in cooperation with Thomson Gale to honor the memory of Murray Wortzel, a long-time member of the Division whose dedication and commitment to both the Division and the Association exemplify the consummate information professional.

Before I tell you more about this year's winner, let me talk about the inspiration for this award: Murray Wortzel. Murray was a leader in the Social Science Division, serving as chair, archivist, and on numerous division committees, as well as being active in the Association. He was inducted into the SLA Hall of Fame in 1989 and received the Education Division's Professional Excellence Award in 1993. He was a Renaissance man, devoted to the profession, a lover of music, theater, and art. Murray was an extraordinary and generous mentor, who died in 1997.

Roger Haley, librarian emeritus for the U.S. Senate, and Michael Kolakowski, information research specialist at the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress were the recipients in 2001 and 2003 respectively.

Nominees for the award should demonstrate either specific achievements or sustained excellence in their profession.

Terry Dean is the 2005 winner of the Thomson Gale Murray Wortzel Award.

Terry has been a colleague and friend in the Social Science Division for more than twenty-five years. Her professionalism, dedication, grace, intelligence, humor, caring, and energy in support of the Special Libraries Association and especially the Social Science Division are a model for any involved, active librarian.

In 1990-1992 she was Chair-Elect and Chair of the Social Science Division, responsible for planning our division's programming for SLA's annual conference in San Francisco in June 1992. In addition to offering ample advice and desperately-needed encouragement for novice roundtable program planners, Terry used her knowledge of Bay Area resources to make contacts and arrangements for those of us who were feeling quite overwhelmed attempting to plan programs from thousands of miles away. Terry always reaches out to help and encourage others.

Terry was co-chair for the Social Science Division's 75th anniversary celebrations, which were held at the SLA annual conference in Indianapolis in June 1998. More than co-chair, in fact, she did far more than her share of the work. Terry took charge of the fund-raising efforts, which were very successful, handled logistical arrangements, and guided a day-long series of events. She worked hard to gain support for our dream program from other divisions across the association and from chapters across the country. Her goal was to make Social Science's anniversary a gift to the entire association, an experience to educate, challenge, and enrich all our members. Our internationally known guest speaker, Doris Kearns Goodwin, drew an audience that filled the convention center's largest ballroom. Ms. Goodwin's inspiring address gave us both laughter and tears with her observations about American government, our Presidents, and issues affecting the Nation. The standing ovation and applause were loud and sustained. For several years afterward, Social Science Division received compliments from attendees on the thought-provoking quality of that day's events.

Terry is a tireless worker with enthusiasm and energy that she uses to ensure success for the Social Science Division. She has served in many other elected and appointed posts for the Special Libraries Association. She has been president and secretary of the San Francisco Bay Region Chapter, member of the association's strategic planning committee, and member and chair of the SLA nominating committee, charged with selecting talented candidates for association-wide leadership.

Add to this list every office and special task that the Social Science Division has developed over the years. Terry has always said yes and pitched right in. She believes in being involved and giving back to her colleagues. To encourage other members to be involved and active, Terry has participated in several Social Science Division panels and programs. Her presentations often describe the University of California at Berkeley's Institute for Governmental Studies Library, its mission, and her role there. The IGS library is noted for its valuable collections, expert service, and warm atmosphere, all due in no small part to Terry's work. When a question is posted to our Social Science Division discussion list or a member needs help to locate an elusive journal article, she is often the first to respond.

And in order that the work of other librarians might be recognized, Terry spent several years developing and securing funding for a biennial award to be presented to a Social Science Division member as a means to salute their contributions to our association and librarianship—this is the Thomson Gale Murray Wortzel Award. Terry works to be sure that others are recognized, rewarded, and inspired by our profession.

Terry Dean displays the best qualities of a professional. She is knowledgeable, thoughtful, outspoken, enthusiastic, generous, untiring, and inspiring. Terry is a worthy recipient of the 2005 Thomson Gale Murray Wortzel Award.

Michael Kolakowski: 2003 Murray Wortzel Award Winner



Award winner Michael Kolakowski

Michael Kolakowski, Librarian in the Government and Finance Division in the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, received the Gale Group Murray Wortzel Award at the International Reception, sponsored by the Social Science Division and the European Chapter, at the Special Libraries Association annual conference in New York City on June 7, 2003.

The Gale Group Murray Wortzel Award honors Murray Wortzel, a long-time leader in the Social Science Division – chair of the Division, archivist, member of numerous committees, and very active in the Association. Murray was inducted into the SLA Hall of Fame in 1989 and received the Education Division's Professional Excellence Award in 1993. He was a Renaissance man, devoted to the profession, a lover of music, theatre and art. He was an extraordinary and generous mentor. Murray died in 1997.

The Award is given to a member of the Social Science Division who embodies the spirit of Murray Wortzel and who has made outstanding contributions through accomplishment and service to the profession and the Division. The Gale Group generously sponsors this biennial award. Roger Haley, Librarian Emeritus of the United States Senate Library, was the first winner of the Award at the San Antonio conference in 2001.

Michael Kolakowski was honored for his many years of service to the Social Science Division and for his dedication and commitment to the profession. He chaired the Social Science Division twice, in 1995 and 1996, served as the Division's representative to the Government Relations Committee, and served on the Division's Nominating and Fund Raising committees. Mike was the inspiration behind the invitation to Doris Kearns Goodwin for the Division's 75th anniversary celebration and was instrumental in the fund raising effort to support the project. Mike was the initiator of the "Meet the Social Science Division" programs at the Association annual conferences, and the creator of many successful Division programs at various conferences. Mike has been a promoter of collaborative efforts with other divisions within the Association which has been a boon to the fiscal and intellectual health of the Social Science Division. He is a founding member of the Gay & Lesbian Issues Caucus.

Mike has also been an active member of the Washington, DC Chapter, and has been instrumental in publishing significant publications in the field of special librarianship. He compiled and edited the successful SLA publication, *Sampler of Forms for Special Libraries* (2nd ed., 1991), and he is currently serving on the editorial committee for the *Washington Area Library Directory* (3rd ed.). In 2000 Mike distributed over 600 free copies of a key CD-ROM for political science and government collections, *The Annenberg/Pew Archive of Presidential Discourse*.

Murray's spirit and dedication live on in Mike Kolakowski. The many letters of nomination attest to his professionalism, high standards, generosity, compassion, diplomacy and scholarship. As one letter put it, "One other qualification for the award that Michael holds in spades is his character ... Michael is the best representative of a special librarian that the profession could have." Amen to that!

Terry Dean, Chair
Gale Group Murray Wortzel Award Committee
June 23, 2003

And Mike's gracious response...

The Social Science Division has greatly honored me by awarding the Gale Group Murray Wortzel Award to me this year. Many thanks are in order.

Thank you to the Gale Group. Their generous support to Social Science Division makes the award possible. We all depend on the Gale Group's publications to help us find the name, phone number, or profile to solve the riddles that cross our desks daily.

Thank you to Murray Wortzel – his spirit is with us – for teaching me about Special Libraries Association. Murray reached out to make sure people felt welcome at SLA. Lately we have been seeking to "brand" the association, but years ago Murray already had the brand we want. His brand was "Welcome, I'm glad to meet you, join in with us." That's the brand I'd like my association to have.

Finally, thank you to Social Science Division for being a wonderful group of talented friends. Every time I work on a division project or read discussion list questions, I'm reminded that Social Science Division has given me friends across town, across the country, and around the world.

Thank you.