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2012-2013 Gerd Muehsam Award Committee:  
Virginia Allison, Sarah Osborne Bender, Philip Dombowsky (Chair), Erin Elliott, Elizabeth Ehrnst, Deborah Kempe (Board Liaison), and Alan R. Michelson

Activities over the past year (April 2012-March 2013):

Toronto Conference, March 29-April 2, 2012:  
The following committee members attended the Gerd Muehsam Award meeting at the Toronto conference on March 31st: Erin Elliot (Chair), Philip Dombowsky, Jennifer Mayer, and Alan R. Michelson. Discussion focused on judging procedures and on criteria for group projects. Jennifer Mayer stepped down from the committee and was thanked for her participation over two years. Philip Dombowsky was appointed Chair for two years beginning 2012-2013. A calendar for 2012-2013 was proposed by Erin Elliott.

July 2012:  
Sarah Osborne Bender, Cataloguing and Technical Services Librarian at the Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C., was appointed to the committee. A schedule for the upcoming year was finalized by Philip Dombowsky, with the assistance of Erin Elliott.

August 2012:  
The committee email list for library-program directors and faculty was updated. Updates regarding the Gerd Muehsam Award were forwarded to Nedda Hassan Ahmed for posting on the ARLIS/NA website.

September 2012:  
An announcement regarding the Gerd Muehsam Award was sent to library program directors and to faculty of ALA-accredited library schools, and posted on ARLIS-L.

October 2012:  
A reminder of the Gerd Muehsam Award was sent to library program directors and to faculty, and posted on ARLIS-L.

November 2012:  
Seventeen submissions, including fourteen essays and three web projects, were received by the November 30th deadline.

December 2012:
Submissions were distributed to committee members using Dropbox. Committee members were instructed to fill out a separate ballot for each submission and to return their ballots to the Chair on or before February 8th.

**February 2013:**
Committee members returned their ballots to the Chair, who tallied the votes. Based on the committee’s ballots, the winner of the award was Amanda Milbourn for her paper “New Literacies = New Models: Using Embedded Librarianship to Proactively Address the Need for Visual Literacy Instruction in Higher Education.” A recent graduate of Los Angeles Graduate School of Education and Information Science, University of California, Amanda accepted the award upon being notified. She subsequently agreed to present her paper at the New Voices session at the upcoming ARLIS/NA conference. The President of ARLIS/NA and the Chair of the Awards Committee were notified of the result and Amanda’s contact information was forwarded to Kim Detterbeck, co-moderator of the New Voices session, and to Judy Dyki, editor of *Art Documentation.*

**March 2013:**
The Chair sent a reminder notice to committee members to properly dispose of submissions and to make suggestions for the upcoming Gerd Muehsam Award committee meeting at the conference in Pasadena (April 25-29, 2013).

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Dombowsky  
Chair (2012-2013), Gerd Muehsam Award Committee

cc.  
Deborah Kempe (Board Liaison)  
Rebecca Cooper (Chair, Awards Committee)