Colorado Library Trio Wins portal Award

Kathryn Lage, Barbara Losoff and Jack Maness, from the University of Colorado Boulder Libraries, have won the 2012 Johns Hopkins University Press Award for the best article in the most recent volume of the journal portal: Libraries and the Academy.

The Journals Division of the Press and portal’s Editorial Board Awards Committee selected the trio’s article “Receptivity to Library Involvement in Scientific Data Curation: A Case Study at the University of Colorado Boulder,” which appeared in Volume 11, Number 4 in October 2011.

“The article provides a new perspective on where copyright really needs reform, and gives the reader a clear treatment of a very complex topic. Smith presented an extensive and creative piece of analysis with recommendations that could have genuine and lasting impact across the worlds of publishing and education were they to be adopted,” says portal editor Sarah M. Pritchard, the Dean of Libraries and the Charles Deering McCormick University Librarian at Northwestern University.

The article offers a new approach for identifying researchers receptive toward library involvement in data curation. By interviewing researchers at the University of Colorado Boulder, the authors created eight design “personas” to target strategic relationships for nascent or emerging data management initiatives.

The winning article is judged on the quality of research methodology, on how well it places library issues in a broader academic or higher education context, whether it makes a significant contribution to the professional literature, its timeliness, and the quality of its writing.

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