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Yale Librarian Emeritus Wins Award for Best Article

Scott Bennett, Yale University Librarian Emeritus, is the winner of the 2010 Johns Hopkins University Press Award for the best article in the most recent volume of the journal portal: Libraries and the Academy.


“The article continues Bennett’s body of work that brings together the scholarship on learning and architecture. Bennett has identified a new paradigm that demands a rethinking and integration of these concepts within the library,” says portal editor Sarah M. Pritchard, the Charles Deering McCormick University Librarian at Northwestern University.

Through the construct of the library as a learning enterprise, Bennett challenges librarians to reconsider how they define and justify their mission, how they build strategic goals, and how they approach and engage students and faculty. Bennett’s article explores concepts of space and place and promises to have an enduring impact over time.

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.

Bennett served in leadership positions at the University of Illinois, Northwestern University, the Johns Hopkins University and Yale, where he served from 1994 until his 2001 retirement. He now lives in Urbana, Ill.

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