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## LIBRARY JOURNAL NAMES STEVEN L. MACCALL AS RECIPIENT OF THE 2010 *LJ* TEACHING AWARD

NEW YORK CITY, November 15, 2010 – An innovative associate professor and distance education coordinator at the School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, whose “creativity not only informs but inspires his teaching,” Steven MacCall is this year’s recipient of the *LJ* Teaching Award.

*Library Journal*’s annual award, sponsored by ProQuest, recognizes excellence in educating the next generation of librarians. MacCall’s creativity in building a unique and effective online learning experience for his students was key to his being named the winner this year.

Nominated by a group of his online students, MacCall was selected by the editors of *Library Journal*, the profession’s leading trade magazine, from an impressive group of nominations from across the United States. About a third of all SLIS students enroll in MacCall’s distance program, an online 36-credit curriculum that is usually completed in six semesters or two calendar years. Most students will take at least two classes from MacCall, whose impressive teaching load includes the basic Organization of Information course as well as others on metadata, health librarianship, and health informatics.

Editor-in-Chief Francine Fialkoff noted the powerful comments from students that earned MacCall his award: “Even in the online environment, MacCall has a huge impact on his students. As they wrote in their letter, ‘He transforms what could be a cold and impersonal experience into one that is filled with enthusiasm, humor, and intellectual rigor, possibly even transcending an on-campus experience.’ ”

“This award is special because it was student driven, which especially touched me because my students are online students from around the United States as well as local students residing in Tuscaloosa,” MacCall said. “This type of teaching has its challenges, so having this type of recognition is especially satisfying.”

The award comes with a \$5000 honorarium from ProQuest and a celebration at the 2011 American Library Association Midwinter meeting in San Diego. Read about MacCall in the November 15<sup>th</sup> issue of *Library Journal* ([www.libraryjournal.com](http://www.libraryjournal.com)).

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