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***LIBRARY JOURNAL* NAMES MARTIN B. WOLSKE
WINNER OF THE 2011 *LJ* TEACHING AWARD**

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New York, NY, November 22, 2011—A community-minded research scientist and adjunct lecturer at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (GSLIS), who is helping his students understand the difficulties of bringing computer technology and resources to marginalized and underserved communities, Martin B. Wolske is this year's recipient of the *LJ* Teaching Award.

Nominated by a group of five students who took his course last spring, Wolske was selected by the editors of *Library Journal*, the profession's leading library trade magazine, from an impressive group of nominations from across the country. *Library Journal's* annual award, sponsored by ProQuest, recognizes excellence in educating the next generation of librarians. Wolske's development of his Introduction to Networked Information Systems class together with his involvement in the University's Community Informatics Initiative (CII), and the overarching "service learning" aspect of his teaching were key to his being named the 2011 winner.

Rumyana Hristova, a second year student at GSLIS who was chosen by her classmates to write their group nomination of Wolske, commented on the unique opportunity the "service learning" experience provided. As the final outcome of their course project, the students built a modern computer laboratory for the community. The project required much more than just refurbishing old computers—the students had to establish and nurture relationships and continually seek resources.

"Dr. Wolske has managed to find an almost perfect formula for connecting the community and his students, for the maximum benefit of both," says Hristova. The award comes with a \$5000 honorarium from ProQuest and a celebration at the 2012 American Library Association Midwinter meeting in Dallas. [Read about Wolske in the November 15 issue of *Library Journal*.](#)

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