

announcements

LEE AND YIRKA WIN AALL ARTICLE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* Committee selected **Sarah Hooke Lee**, assistant dean and director of information and research services at Northeastern University School of Law Library in Boston, as the recipient of the 2009 **Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award**. Her article, "Preserving Our Heritage: Protecting Law Library Core Missions through Updated Library Quality Assessment Standards" 100 *Law Library Journal* 9 (2008), argues that traditional quality criteria for judging law libraries are now inadequate because they no longer capture the vital multiple missions of today's libraries.

The committee also selected **Carl Yirka**, professor and library director

at the Vermont Law School Julien and Virginia Cornell Library to receive the 2009 **AALL Spectrum Article of the Year Award**. His article, "The Yirka Question and Yirka's Answer: What Should Law Libraries Stop Doing in Order to Address Higher Priority Initiatives?," in the July 2008 issue of *AALL Spectrum*, explores how libraries can focus on their core priorities.

Established in 1989, the *Law Library Journal* Article of the Year Award recognizes outstanding achievement in research and scholarship as represented by a published work in *Law Library Journal*.

The *AALL Spectrum* Article of the Year Award was established in 2000

to honor outstanding achievement in writing that contributes to librarianship, law librarianship, and practical applications for library work; to an understanding of legal materials, legal systems, and legal information; or to professional and staff training and development.

Both awards include a cash prize of \$500, donated by Wolters Kluwer Law and Business.

The awards were presented July 27 at the *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* Authors Reception held during the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Washington, D.C.