LHRB-SIS Announces the Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Competition

The AALL Legal History and Rare Books Special Interest Section (LHRB-SIS), in cooperation with Gale Cengage Learning, is delighted to announce the first annual Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Competition.

The new essay competition is named in honor of Morris L. Cohen, professor emeritus of law at Yale Law School. Cohen is one of the leading figures in law librarianship and legal history studies with an impressive body of scholarly writing. His monumental work, the six-volume Bibliography of Early American Law (BEAL) published in 1998, is the result of Cohen’s wide-ranging research undertaken during the course of 35 years.

In recognition of Cohen and his many achievements in law librarianship and legal history, LHRB-SIS and Gale Cengage Learning take great pleasure in establishing the Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Competition. The purpose of the contest is to encourage scholarship in the areas of legal history, rare law books, and legal archives and to expose students to AALL and law librarianship.

Currently enrolled students in accredited graduate programs in library science, law, history, and related disciplines are eligible to enter the competition. Papers must be submitted by April 15, 2009. The winner will receive a $500 prize from Gale Cengage Learning.

For detailed procedures and an application form, please visit www.aallnet.org/sis/lhrb. Please direct questions to Katherine Hedin, of the University of Minnesota Law Library (k-hedi@umn.edu), or Jennie Meade, of The George Washington University Law Library (jmeade@law.gwu.edu).

Want Money? AALL Will Give it to You

Every year AALL awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to law school and library school students and AALL members. The following scholarships are awarded annually:

- Library School Scholarships (for those with and without JDs)
- Law School Scholarships (for those with MLS/MLIS and those seeking dual JD/MLIS)
- Scholarships for Library School Graduates Seeking a Non-Law Degree
- Scholarships for Continuing Education Courses
- LexisNexis John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
- AALL and West George A. Strait Minority Scholarship
- James C. Connolly LexisNexis Academic and Library Solutions Scholarship.

The application deadline is April 1. Visit AALLNET for complete information, instructions, and applications at www.aallnet.org/services/scholarships.asp. Spread the word to anyone who might be eligible.

For further information, contact AALL Scholarships Committee Chair James C. Gernert at 202/616-4431 or Jim.Gernert@usdoj.gov or AALL Headquarters at 312/205-8022 or membership@aall.org.

The Call for Papers has Begun

Have you been thinking of writing an article of interest to law librarians? The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee has just the incentive to get you started. The committee is soliciting articles in three categories:

- **Open Division**: for active and retired AALL members and law librarians with five or more years of professional experience
- **New Members Division**: for recent graduates and AALL members who have been in the profession for less than five years
- **Student Division**: for students in library, information management, or law school. Participants in this division need not be AALL members. To submit in this category, you must have been enrolled in law school, library school, or information management or an equivalent program either in the fall 2008 or spring 2009 semester.

Articles in the Open and New Members Divisions must be submitted by March 2, 2009. Articles in the Student Division must be submitted by April 15, 2009.

The winner in each division receives $750 generously donated by LexisNexis, plus the opportunity to present the winning paper at a program at the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Winning papers are also considered for publication in the Association’s prestigious Law Library Journal.

For more information, a list of previous winners, an application, and instructions on how to submit your article, visit AALLNET at www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee: Chair Jim Heller (heller@wm.edu), James Donovan (jdonovan@uga.edu), or David Hollander (dholland@princeton.edu).