

## MERLOT Awards: Service to MERLOT - Volunteer Awards

**Volunteer of the Year** awards honor the hard work and generous donation of our members' time, energy and enthusiasm directed toward MERLOT. These individuals are not supported by their institution, yet perform at a commendable level in their service to MERLOT. Volunteers are nominated by their respective Editorial Boards and then are selected by the Project Directors Council. Previous recipients of this award include:

**2009**



**Jeanne Sewell** (Georgia College and State University) The MERLOT Director of Academic Partner Services had this to say about Professor Sewell ... *"She has been a great champion of MERLOT and has directed the efforts of more than 41 volunteer Peer Reviewers. She works with our peer reviewers and has worked with directing the Peer Review efforts of the Health Sciences Editorial Board. She is a role model for other Editors and can always be depended upon to take on additional responsibilities and adds a great deal to the camaraderie of the Editorial Board."*



**Bob Sproule** (University of Waterloo) is a Peer Reviewer in the Business discipline. The Associate Editor for Accounting had this to say about Professor Sproule: *"He composes exceptionally thorough reviews that are well written. Many of the modules I've assigned to him are quite lengthy and require a substantial time commitment."*

**2008**



**Scott Cooper** – Co-Editor of Biology (University of Wisconsin – La Crosse). His Co-Editor in Biology had this to say about Scott: *"He completed 37 triages, 16 individual reviews and 9 composite reviews last year. He also added 10 learning materials and 5 assignments. He works with our peer reviewers and has worked with adding learning assignments to the Science Education Resource Center, MERLOT partner. He can always be depended upon to complete his reviews in a timely manner and adds a great deal to the camaraderie of the Editorial Board."*



**Danny Davis** – Associate Editor of Math (Shorter College). His Editor said, *"During the past several years, Danny has consistently been a most productive and most dependable peer reviewer. More than that, the quality of his work is exceptional! His dedication to MERLOT and the peer review process as well as his attendance at several MERLOT International Conferences and has been a source of inspiration to the Math team. I*

can't speak enough about his contributions to the MERLOT Math team."



**Ingrid Ulstad** – Peer Reviewer of Business (University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire). The Associate Editor of Accounting said, *"Ingrid has been a member of MERLOT since March 2003, having attended a MERLOT presentation at the North American Accounting Society in Chicago, IL. As a result of attending that conference, she contributed her Sweet Treats Corporation Simulation and signed on as a peer reviewer. Since that time Ingrid has gone beyond the call of duty in terms of the number of reviews she has completed. Her reviews are always submitted on time and reflect careful*

*though with respect to MERLOT review criteria. She has also participated in 2 paper presentations and 1 panel presentation to build the MERLOT community."*

## 2007



As Associate Editor of Marketing, Michelle Kunz (Morehead State Univ.) is responsible for triaging all of the Marketing collection (which currently numbers 477 Learning Materials). She is responsible for recruiting and supervising all Marketing volunteer Peer Reviewers, a group which currently numbers 22 people. Most of these individuals have committed to completing 5 or more Peer Reviews per year. This means that Michelle has to make close to 100 assignments of reviews, coordinate those reviews, and then consolidate them. This past year, Michelle completed 27 Composite Reviews which were then posted to MERLOT.



Elizabeth Smith (Southwest Virginia Community College) has a unique approach to peer review as she involves her students actively in the examination of each learning object she reviews in French and Spanish. They are then in a better position to judge quality of online learning materials, giving her valuable user perspectives to include in her peer review. Their testing also serves a pedagogical purpose in that they spend more time on task with the materials. Elizabeth Smith has been a solid supporter of MERLOT and a great help to the

World Languages Editorial Board.

## 2006

Volunteers of the Year were nominated by MERLOT editors and selected by the Project Directors' Council. This year's awardees impressed the Project Directors with their dedication to MERLOT and its goals, their unquenchable energy in helping to further the efforts of their respective editorial boards, and their commitment to spreading the word about MERLOT. They are:

Natasha Anthony (World Languages) - Hudson Valley Community College - SUNY

Jackie Miller (Statistics) - Ohio State University

David Wicks (Teacher Education) - Seattle Pacific University

## 2005

The *Volunteer of the Year Award* honors the hard work and generous donation of our members' time, energy and enthusiasm that they direct towards the growth and development of MERLOT. These individuals do not receive any support from our partners for completing these responsibilities. We really rely on our Peer Reviewers to help expand the MERLOT collection and perform the Peer Review process. These individuals are nominated by the Editorial Boards and then selected by our Project Directors.

Susan Moncada (Business) - Indiana State University

Judy Serwatka (Information Technology) - Purdue University North Central

Jane Moore (Teacher Education) - National-Louis University