

2012 Division Awards

2012 Chair's Award Recipient: Jonathan Nabe

The Chair's Recognition Award is presented to worthy DBIO members that have gone above and beyond the call of duty for our division during that particular year.

Jonathan Nabe, 2012 Conference Program Planning Chair and longtime SLA/DBIO member, was given the Chair's Recognition Award for 2012. He was recognized not only for his many contributions to the division over the years, but for his coordination of the innovative and informative programming offered at the Chicago Annual Conference, a location fraught with idiosyncrasies.

Jonathan joined SLA DBIO in 1998. In addition to his current role as leader of the Programming Committee, Jonathan has been Chair of the DBIO Publications Committee (1998-2000), Co-editor of *Biofeedback* (2001-2004), Chair of the DBIO Contributed Papers Committee (2006-2007), and the DBIO Treasurer (2009-2010).

Jonathan is currently the Collections Development Librarian for Science and Technology at Southern Illinois University (SIUC), Carbondale, and is responsible for budget management and selection of all resources. He also oversees patron-driven acquisition of electronic books and is the coordinator of SIUC's institutional repository, OpenSIUC.

2012 Chair's Award Recipient: Monica Kirkwood

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Monica Kirkwood, DBIO Webmaster and Co-Chair of the Home Page Committee, was given the Chair's Recognition Award for 2012. She was recognized for her tireless contributions to the division, taking a leading role in maintaining the DBIO website, and developing the DBIO landing site according to the Operation Vitality template specifications.

Monica joined SLA in 2006. In 2009, she responded to a call for DBIO Home Page Committee volunteers and with the help of then Chair, Carol Lepzelter Berry, Monica began updating the site. She took over as Acting Chair in 2010. In 2011, she became the official DBIO Webmaster and Co-Chair of the Home Page Committee, along with Claudia Lascar, Website Content Manager and Co-Chair.

In response to receiving the award, Monica stated, "Partnering with Claudia and with our web designer, Dave Matthews, of Ink Stain Designs, to transition the website in 2012 has been an exciting experience. The website is DBIO's presence to the world, and I am proud to be a participant in making the site a worthwhile resource for all visitors and a true representation of the hard work and effort of those who volunteer for the division and its members."

Monica is currently the Health and Life Sciences Division Operations Manager at Purdue University Libraries. She is responsible for managing the staff and facilities of the Life Sciences Library, the Pharmacy, Nursing, & Health Sciences Library, and the Veterinary Medical Library.

2012 Distinguished Member Award Recipient: Susan Kendall

The Distinguished Member Award provides an opportunity to recognize a DBIO member for his/her hard work and dedication over the years.

Susan Kendall was named this year's Distinguished Member of the Biomedical & Life Sciences Division of SLA, based on a highly successful career in both science and biomedical librarianship. After majoring in biology at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, she went on to earn a Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology at the University of Michigan and complete a post-doctoral fellowship at Case Western Reserve University, both of the latter funded by competitive NIH training fellowships. During this time she published several scientific papers in the fields of developmental genetics and molecular endocrinology. Susan then attended the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, for her Masters of Science Degree in Library Science where she won the Jenkins Prize for the student showing the most promise for a career in science librarianship. She began her professional library career in 2002 at the Michigan State University Libraries as a health sciences librarian and became actively involved in the Medical Library Association, SLA-DBIO, and local library associations, giving presentations at professional conferences and serving all of these organizations on several committees. She has served on the editorial boards of the *Journal of the Medical Library Association* and *Biomedical Digital Libraries* and published over a dozen articles and book chapters, most recently one in the book, *Greening Libraries*. Promoted to Coordinator of Health Sciences Librarians in 2005 at Michigan State, she now supervises 5 health sciences librarians and is also responsible for liaison and collection development in the biology subject area. She has served DBIO as Chair of the Vendor Relations Committee, as a member of the 75th Anniversary Division Logo task force, and as liaison to both the Fund Development and Program Committees. The DBIO has been particularly gratified by her work as Editor of *Biofeedback* from 2004 to present.

2012 Winifred Sewell Award Recipient: Shelley Arvin

The Winifred Sewell Award is given to a member who has shown leadership and innovation in the development and/or use of advanced technologies in the organization or dissemination of biomedical and life sciences information.

Shelley Arvin, Reference/ Instruction Librarian at Cunningham Memorial Library, Indiana State University, was named the winner of the Winifred Sewell Award for the innovative use of technology in promoting biology and medical information. The award, which has not been given out since 2008, this year was based on an appreciation of the over 100,000 LibGuides that have sprung up worldwide on university and research library websites covering a wide range of academic fields and courses. While LibGuides have many different uses, perhaps the most important to the raising up of the next generation of biologists and health scientists is their use by

librarians to direct students and young researchers to appropriate in-depth subject specialized databases and reference sources and get them past “just guessing and Googling.” The entire roster of DBIO was searched for LibGuide authors, and a preliminary list of the twenty most promising authors and guides was initially drawn up as quarter finalists. From these, five were chosen as semifinalists, and, from those five, a clear winner emerged. While Shelley was the author of several biomedical LibGuides, the judges were particularly impressed with how she creatively combined scientifically solid content with biologically-themed online games in her basic biology information site. They agreed this would probably attract and hold the attention of beginning biologists at the college level and make them more likely to return again and again. See for yourself her award-winner Biology Information LibGuide at:

<http://libguides.indstate.edu/biology>