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## Harvey Gover 2008 ACRL DLS Haworth Press Distance Learning Librarian Conference Scholarship Award Winner

**Harvey Gover**, assistant campus librarian at Washington State University Tri-Cities, has been named the 2008 recipient of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Distance Learning Section (DLS) Haworth Press Distance Learning Librarian Conference Sponsorship Award.

This annual award honors an ACRL member working in the field of, or contributing to the success of, distance learning librarianship or related library service in higher education. "Harvey Gover was selected based on his length of service to the Distance Learning Section, including chairing the section one year, his work nationally and internationally to promote distance library services and his most recent work chairing the Guidelines Committee to convert the DLS guidelines to standards," said Johanna Tuñon, chair of the DLS award committee and director of distance and instructional library services at Nova Southeastern University.

Prior to becoming assistant campus librarian at Washington State University Tri-Cities in 1998, Gover was branch campus librarian from 1991-98. He served as public services librarian at Tarleton State University from 1979-91.

Gover received his B.A. from Baylor University, and earned his M.L.S. from the University of Texas at Austin. He received his M.A. from Tarleton State University.

Haworth Press, Inc., sponsor of the award, will present the \$1,200 award and plaque at the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in Anaheim, Calif., during the DLS membership meeting on Monday, June 30.

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## Message from the Chair

- Bill Denny

Hello again everyone. The last time I wrote, I started out by welcoming everyone to a new academic year. As I write this, I realize the academic year is a few short weeks away from ending. I can not believe how quickly things have gone!

Before discussing DLS related items, I have to let you know that things have not been the same in the Denny house since the publication of the Fall *DLS Newsletter* and the printing of the pictures of my two dogs, Mulligan and Scarlet. Scarlet has her picture hanging in her crate; and every time the mail arrives, Mulligan goes through it, looking to see if his picture appears in other publications. His goal is to appear on the cover of *American Libraries* someday.

A quick recap of happenings in Philadelphia in January. LITA's distance education group had a meeting, and I was able to attend, as were a few other DLS members. The LITA group is very interested in working with DLS. A conference call was held between the LITA group members and DLS members and we have plans to meet in Anaheim.

The DLS Strategic Planning Committee held two open forums in Philadelphia and there are plans to hold a third at the OCLS Conference in Salt Lake City. The DLS Strategic Planning Committee wishes to align the planning process more closely to the ACRL strategic planning method.

Pat Mahoney, DLS Vice Chair, made his rounds at the All-Committees meeting on Sunday morning and talked with everyone about their membership on various committees. If you have any questions about your membership or would like to join a committee, please get in contact with him.

The DLS Social was a huge success. Over 40 people joined us at McGillian's Olde Ale House for great food and company.

Looking ahead to Anaheim, DLS members should have plenty of activities to choose from. On Saturday, June 28, from 1:30 – 3:30, DLS will have a joint conference program with CJCLS and CLS. The program is ***Learning Virtually: Online Professional Development for Library Workers with Tight Budgets and Full Schedules.***

Arrive early to get a good seat!

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*Message from the Chair*  
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Normally at Annual, the DLS Award is presented before the conference program. That will be different this year with the DLS Award being presented Monday, June 30, before the DLS Discussion Group.

The All-Committees meeting and the Executive Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, June 29.

I hope to see everyone in April in Salt Lake City at the OCLS Conference and if not then, in Anaheim in June. ☺



We'll see you  
at the 13<sup>th</sup>  
Off-Campus Library  
Services Conference

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April 23-25  
in  
Salt Lake City, UT



**Now available!!**

**DLS Wiki:**

<http://www.acrl.ala.org/dlswiki/index.php>

Comment on **standards draft** and **strategic plan**  
(more information further on)

## Strategic Planning Process

There will be an open meeting concerning the DLS strategic planning process at the Off-Campus Library Services Conference in April.

Two open meetings were held during ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia. Feedback from these sessions is now available on the DLS wiki -- <http://www.acrl.ala.org/dlswiki/index.php>, under Strategic Planning. We invite DLS members to continue adding feedback up until Annual Conference in Anaheim, where the committee will deliver a report.

To contribute your opinions on the wiki, please go to the link above. You'll have to create an account to get started (link in the top right).

Anne Marie Casey  
Chair, DLS Strategic Planning Committee  
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## Announcing Blog from LITA's Distance Learning Interest Group

LITA's Distance Learning Interest Group has started a blog. You can find it at <http://dlig.wordpress.com/>.

Karen Wetzel and Lauren Pressley (as co-chairs) are posting discussion topics. They have invited us to comment on the posts and get discussion going.

From Lauren: "If you have any suggestions for the blog or ways that we can use it feel free to contact us, or leave a comment to let us know. We want this to be a place that is useful for you. And, we figured of all people, Distance Librarians might like an online place to share information and discuss areas of common interest. Hopefully this is a good step. Hope to see you there!"



## From Guidelines to Standards

Under the very able and experienced guidance of Harvey Gover, the Guidelines Committee has been working on converting the **2004 Guidelines for Distance Learning Library Services** to standards that will be measurable and more outcomes-oriented. The process is nearing the close, and your comments are welcome.

You can visit the **current guidelines** by visiting:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlstandards/guidelinesdistancelearning.cfm>

And you can read the **standards draft** at the DLS Wiki on the ACRL site:

[http://www.acrl.ala.org/dlswiki/index.php?title=Main\\_Page](http://www.acrl.ala.org/dlswiki/index.php?title=Main_Page)

Send comments to: **Harvey Gover**,  
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## DLS Discussion Group at ALA Midwinter: Mobile Devices and Distance Learning

**Discussion began with these questions:**

- 1) What advantages do mobile devices offer to the distance learning environment?
- 2) What best practices have been developed? How have institutions successfully integrated mobile devices into their curricula?
- 3) What are the continued challenges (technical, pedagogical, financial, organizational, etc.) of using mobile devices in distance learning?
- 4) What are the emerging trends? What does the future hold for mobile devices in distance learning?

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# STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR DLS

## Changes to Strategic Planning Process:

**IN THE PAST**, ACRL sections, such as DLS, submitted reports to ACRL on a yearly basis detailing areas where section activities supported the goals of the ACRL strategic plan. Under this system, each of the DLS committees submitted reports to the Strategic Planning Committee after meetings at the conferences. The Chair of this committee synthesized the reports and submitted one report from DLS to ACRL.

**NOW** ACRL adopted a new strategic plan in 2004, Charting our Future: ACRL Strategic Plan 2020, [<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/whatisacrl/acrlstratplan/stratplan.cfm>]. As part of this new strategic plan, ACRL sections, such as DLS, are asked to develop new activities and projects that relate to one or more of the major goals in the ACRL Strategic Plan and report on them regularly to ACRL. As part of this process, ACRL has funding available for sections that undertake new projects in support of the overall strategic plan.

Both the Executive and Strategic Planning Committees of DLS are requesting assistance from the section members to help make some decisions about new projects we may want to undertake as a section in order to support Charting our Future: ACRL Strategic Plan 2020. As members of DLS, we all may have ideas about ways the section can grow to support us in our work and to align DLS with the ACRL strategic planning process. The Open Forums are planned to discuss DLS strategic planning ideas.

Questions to consider:

1. Do the current activities and projects of the Distance Learning Section support you in your work and provide the networking opportunities you need?
2. If not, what do you expect in terms of support from DLS?
3. What new areas would you like to see DLS move into in the near future?
4. Are you interested in helping to lead new projects or activities?
- 5.

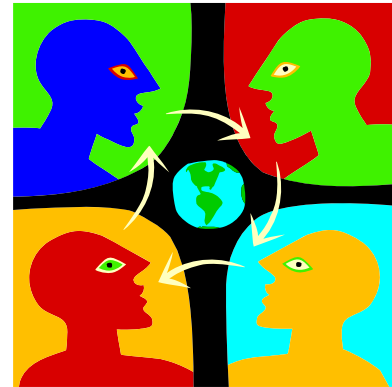
Please visit the DLS Wiki to read more.

[http://www.acrl.ala.org/dlswiki/index.php?title=Main\\_Page](http://www.acrl.ala.org/dlswiki/index.php?title=Main_Page)

You can send comments to: **Anne Marie Casey**,  
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## Distance Learning Section Strategic Planning Open Forum at the Off-Campus Library Services Conference

**Everyone welcome**



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### Interested in working with DLS?

#### Visit the DLS Web site:

<http://caspian.switchinc.org/~distlearn/>

- **See committees**
- **Find one that interests you**
- **Communicate with the Chairs**
- **Find the volunteer form**

We have received a recommended reading list for the topic of using mobile devices in distance learning. It is included here for your benefit. Many thanks to Michele Reid (McDaniel College), [mreid@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:mreid@mcdaniel.edu)

## **Suggested Readings - Using Mobile Devices in Distance Learning**

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### ***Websites***

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FutureLab (News, discussion papers, literature reviews, handbooks, etc.): [www.futurelab.org.uk](http://www.futurelab.org.uk)

Handheld Learning (Largely K-12, but with some news, reports and shared resources applicable to higher education.): [www.handheldlearning.co.uk](http://www.handheldlearning.co.uk)

HSC (Additional landscape and case studies, "TechWatch" reports, conference proceedings, etc.): [www.jisc.au.uk](http://www.jisc.au.uk)

Society for Applied Learning Technology (SALT) (Mainly commercial, but has news, conference information, society journals): [www.salt.org](http://www.salt.org)

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**Watch the Off-Camp listserv  
for meetings of interest at  
ALA in Anaheim  
June 26–July 2, 2008**



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# Learning Virtually:

## Online Professional Development for Library Workers with Tight Budgets and Full Schedules

Saturday, June 28, 2008, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

2008 ALA Annual Conference, Anaheim CA (location TBA)

Poster Session to Follow 4:00-5:30 p.m.

- Planning training and professional development for library staff or for yourself? Have limited funds? How can e-learning be a solution for your library or institution?
- Many innovative technologies are available for delivering flexible and inexpensive on-site programs. This program will feature some current trends in e-learning as addressed by creators, experts, and librarians involved with virtual learning, the role of the e-learner, and the use of virtual space in training and development via e-learning.
- Panelists include:
  - Margo Sutton Cohahan, ACRL E-learning
  - Dan Balzer, The Green Room
  - Jon Finkelstein, LearningTimes
  - Elaine Fabbro, Athabasca University
- A Poster Session featuring the best work of your colleagues who are already working in the field will follow the program. Don't miss it!

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This program is co-presented by the College Libraries Section, Community & Junior College Libraries Section, and the Distance Learning Section. For more information, contact David Wright [wrightd@surry.edu](mailto:wrightd@surry.edu).



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