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**Marni R. Harrington and Elizabeth Marshall are the recipients of the
2015 Robert H. Blackburn Distinguished Paper Award**

(Ottawa, April 21, 2015) The Canadian Library Association / Association canadienne des bibliothèques is pleased to announce that Marni R. Harrington and Elizabeth Marshall are the recipients of the 2015 Robert H. Blackburn Distinguished Paper Award for their 2014 paper entitled, “Analyses of Mentoring Expectations, Activities, and Support in Canadian Academic Libraries” published in *College and Research Libraries; 75(6)* (November 2014). Ms Harrington is Associate Librarian, Faculty of Information & Media Studies, Western University. Ms. Marshall is Director, C.B. “Bud” Johnson Library, Western University.

Summary of paper: The Blackburn Award jury agreed that Harrington and Marshall’s paper adds important and actionable new research to the Canadian academic library landscape. It uncovered significant gaps between the mentorship expectations of new library school graduates and the mentoring practices at post-secondary institutions across the country. The jury felt that the researchers’ findings were based on solid methodology and rigorous analysis of the data. This paper should be of strong interest to college and university librarians who want to facilitate mentoring opportunities for themselves and their colleagues. It should also be of interest to administrators who want to implement or strengthen formal mentorship programs in their institutions.

The Robert H. Blackburn Distinguished Paper Award is named for Dr. Blackburn, the first President of CACUL (1963-64). The award annually recognizes notable research published by Canadian Library Association Members.

The CLA Robert H. Blackburn Distinguished Paper Award will be presented at the opening ceremonies on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the CLA Conference and Trade Show.

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