Oxnam Honored With Outstanding University Achievement Award

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Maliaca Oxnam, associate librarian for University Libraries, is this month's Outstanding University Achievements honoree for her leadership of the Libraries' TRAIL, or Technical Report Archive & Image Library, Project.

The project is a collaborative effort to digitize and provide easy, unrestricted access to federal technical reports issued before 1975 that communicate the progress of scientific and technological research.

While the Internet has made it easier to access recently issued technical reports, historical reports printed on paper and microfiche have remained elusive to researchers, and some copies are disintegrating and unusable. And while most large research libraries across the country have sizable collections of these reports, library catalogs rarely have records for individual reports, making them difficult to locate, according to University Libraries[1] Dean Carla Stoffle, who nominated Oxnam.


Through the TRAIL Project, UA Libraries has collaborated with more than 50 other academic, government and commercial institutions, including Google. Oxnam is the project lead for the ongoing effort to collect and preserve the reports, and make available them online.

Oxnam was nominated for an Outstanding Achievement award in the "service" area of the Special Recognition award category and will be recognized on the Outstanding University Achievements[3] Web site.

The Student Union Advisory Council used to award Outstanding Achievement Awards only for "exceptional achievements" that brought significant recognition to the UA. Last year, specific categories were established in order to recognize a wider range of achievements on campus, according to the council.

Each month, a UA community member is recognized in one of the following three categories:

Exceptional Achievement

Recognizes individuals or units on campus whose achievements are of such extensive prestige that they bring significant recognition to the UA, whose impact affects the whole campus community and whose commitment, dedication and passion rival that of the spirit of the USS Arizona, the Navy battleship that was sunk during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, claiming the lives of 1,177 people. The USS Arizona bell, which is
rung at 12:07 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the each month in memory of those lost lives, also tolls to celebrate these campus community members and their achievements.

Memorial

The USS Arizona bell is rung in memory of nominated deceased UA community members who brought recognition to the University. Their names are posted on the Outstanding University Achievements Web site.

Special Recognition

The USS Arizona Bell does not ring for honorees in this category, but they are, like the other honorees, recognized on the University Achievements Web site. Special Recognition Awards are given in the following three areas:

- **Celebration**: Celebrates a single event or initiative, current or past, that has changed or determined the course of UA history, such as events leading to the opening of the University or a major athletic win that changed UA history.
- **Traditions**: Honors a landmark event that distinguishes the UA from its peers in the PAC 10 or nation and is intended to recognize significant events that the UA celebrates year after year.
- **Lifetime Achievement**: Recognizes current or retired employees or alumni or students who have truly devoted their lives to the UA, who "bleed red and blue" and have demonstrated continued commitment to the University's mission and goals.
- **Service**: Recognizes those who have provided outstanding service to the UA community.

The 18 voting members of the Student Union Advisory Council, composed of students, faculty, staff and Tucson community members, choose each month's honoree.

For more information about the awards, or to nominate someone, go to the Outstanding University Achievements Web site.

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[1] http://www.library.arizona.edu/