A Resolution Honoring Richard C. Fyffe

Whereas the Association of College & Research Libraries and the broader community of academic and research libraries and librarians lost a valued member, mentor, and leader on November 5, 2015, with the death of Richard C. Fyffe, Samuel R. and Marie-Louise Rosenthal Librarian of the College at Grinnell College;

Whereas Richard C. Fyffe provided leadership with distinction for academic libraries in the United States for over 30 years, including Grinnell College, the University of Kansas, the University of Connecticut, the Essex Institute and the American Antiquarian Society;

Whereas, Richard C. Fyffe provided leadership for the Grinnell College Libraries that resulted in their being awarded the Excellence in Academic Libraries Award (College Library Category) by the Association of College and Research Libraries in 2011;

Whereas Richard C. Fyffe made important contributions to the literature of academic librarianship for over 30 years in areas such as archives, collection management, scholarly communications, and library leadership, including receiving the Blackwell Scholarship Award and “Best of LRTS” Award in 2003 for his article “Technological Change and the Scholarly Communications Reform Movement: Reflections on Castells and Giddens,” published in Library Resources and Technical Services, April 2003;

Whereas Richard C. Fyffe served as a valued member of the editorial board of the leading publication in academic librarianship, College and Research Libraries;

Whereas Richard C. Fyffe served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Center for Research Libraries in 2013-14 and a member of the Center for Research Libraries Board of Directors from 2010 until his death, Chair of the ACRL Scholarly Communications Discussion Group (2002-2005), Co-chair of the ACRL Scholarly Communications Committee (2008-2010), Chair of the Coordinating Committee of the Oberlin Group: A Consortium of Liberal Arts College Libraries (2011-12); and

Whereas the ACRL Board of Directors wishes to recognize and honor Richard C. Fyffe’s many significant contributions to the life of the Association, to the enrichment of the scholarly literature of academic librarianship and to scholarly communications reform, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA) and the Association of College & Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, on behalf of their members:

1. joins his family, friends, colleagues, and associates in remembering and celebrating the life and accomplishments of Richard C. Fyffe;

2. commends the contributions and leadership that Richard C. Fyffe provided to the Association and to the profession; and

3. expresses sincere sympathy to Richard C. Fyffe’s wife, Ida Casey, to whom the Association will provide a copy of this resolution, and to his family and friends.
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