

*Name: Allison Marcella*

*Nominated by: William Midgley*

On behalf of all members of the Acquisitions department of the DePaul University Library (Will Midgley, Alec Munhall, Matt Crain and Stacey Reichard), I would like to nominate Allison Marcella for Student Employee of the Year. Throughout the past year, Ally has routinely gone above and beyond to help our department stay afloat during several staff absences, vacancies (including that of her own direct supervisor) and other interruptions in procedure and we have all benefited greatly from her positive attitude, professionalism, initiative and outstanding work ethic as she has done so. She has been a valuable student worker throughout her time in the department, and has played a particularly vital role not only keeping the department running properly this past year, but also in planning for the year ahead in light of these recent changes.

Ally's primary duty is to receive and process the library's vast serials collection of print magazines, newspapers and academic journals, and she has carried out this demanding responsibility during a period in which her direct supervisor was on a leave of absence and then subsequently resigned. During this vacancy, Ally has not only worked hard to make sure that we have stayed caught up on the incoming serials, but she also showed initiative by working smart to identify items and projects that were left unfinished or had an unknown status after these sudden absences. Subsequently, Ally has been able to bring several unfinished projects to completion, helped us gather information needed to restore critical processes and continues to help the department work through a large backlog of materials. Her quality of work is extremely high, as it requires a great attention to detail to not only perform this sort of academic library work properly, but also to proactively learn and improve processes on one's own initiative. She has also helped several people in the department understand complex procedures that we were otherwise unfamiliar with and some of which she put together by observing her supervisor, and her hard work has directly benefited the library and its users by ensuring the prompt availability of these materials. As such, she has been a critical source of "institutional memory" in keeping important processes joined together - a very unique contribution during this time of transition for our department. She has been extremely reliable, keeping in touch with me as I have gathered information I was lacking about serials-related processes and always showing up exactly when expected and/or needed.

Ally has taken on these extra responsibilities with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. She genuinely cares about her work and about the well-being of the Acquisitions department and of the library. She has been instrumental in the success of the department, and this is why we think that she is a very deserving candidate for Student Employee of the Year.

*Sincerely,*

*William Midgley*