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Minnesota Academic Innovators Award 2020

June 18, 2020 – The Minnesota Academic Innovator’s Award is an annual award that recognizes academic librarians or academic project teams who have made an outstanding recent contribution to advance the mission of an academic library in Minnesota through an innovative project, program or service.

This year, ARLD is recognizing the outstanding work by Kelly Kraemer, Adam Konczewski, Ethan Wittrock, and Sarah Gewirtz, the four-person Learning Sequences team at College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University Libraries and their Instructional Technology unit. These four developed a series of “Learning Sequences” documents that help guide collaborations between the two units and classroom instructors. When we were reading their nomination letter, we were excited to learn about how they are integrating information literacy into different courses with these documents, and we believe these are a valuable contribution to the academic library community in Minnesota and provide a model for other librarians to engage students with information literacy through technology.

Kelly Kraemer, Business Librarian and Adam Konczewski, Instructional Technology Specialist; both at the College of Saint Benedict & Saint John’s University, accepted the 2020 Minnesota Academic Innovators Award at the ARLD Day Virtual Keynote on May 1, 2020 on behalf of the Learning Sequences Team.

The award is sponsored by the Academic & Research Libraries Division (ARLD) of the Minnesota Library Association. ARLD is a division of the Minnesota Library Association and is also the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) chapter in Minnesota. ARLD’s purpose is to identify and seek solutions to mutual problems on the academic and research library level of librarianship, to improve services, to encourage development of librarians, and to stimulate cooperation among libraries.

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