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Cal Poly Kennedy Library Staff Member Honored

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Tim Strawn, director of information resources and archives at Cal Poly's Robert E. Kennedy Library, has been named the recipient of the 2012 Esther J. Piercy Award.

The award is bestowed by the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, a division of the American Library Association (ALA). It recognizes librarians with fewer than 10 years of professional experience who have shown outstanding promise for continuing contribution and leadership.

Since joining the Kennedy Library two years ago, Strawn has guided major collection issues including the adoption of new discovery tools and the acquisition of new digital content.

"In the decade since he became an academic librarian, Tim has demonstrated his leadership by stretching and helping to redefine what we think of as library collections," said University Librarian Anna Gold. "Tim models the 'new' technical services – an integral perspective that redefines collections services in terms of user services."

In addition to his role at Kennedy Library, Strawn is a director-at-large for the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services board of directors. He is a member of the Inclusive Excellence Council and participates in several library consortia on access issues. He also serves as chair of the search committee for a new editor-in-chief of Library Resources and Technical Services for ALA.

Strawn will receive the award in June at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, Calif.

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