



## In honor of Gene V. Glass' Contribution to the Open Access Movement

The Association of College and Research Libraries is delighted to join our colleagues in the American Educational Research Association in celebrating Dr. Gene V. Glass' contributions to a more effective system of scholarly communication through the publication of pioneering open access journals.

As the largest organization of academic librarians in North America, ACRL has a long-standing vital interest in the publication of research and in scholarly communications issues. ACRL is committed to working with other library and higher education organizations to encourage reform in the system of scholarly communication. The Association supports a list of principles that we believe will lead to necessary reforms. Among them:

- increased control by scholars and the academy over the system of scholarly publishing
- open access to scholarship
- quality assurance in publishing through peer review
- fair use of copyrighted information for educational and research purposes.

We strive to create a system that is more responsive to the needs of the academy, reflecting the nature of scholarship and research as a public good.

Dr. Glass' activities over the years have shown a similar and very proactive concern. He has been a tireless campaigner for open access issues. He founded two freely available open access journals *Education Policy Analysis Archives* in 1993, and *Education Review* in 1998. With his encouragement several other educational researchers have either founded journals or chosen to devote their energies to supporting open access publications. For more than a decade Dr. Glass has used his prominent position as a past president of AERA to call attention to the opportunities for new publishing paradigms presented by the growing availability of the Internet. Beginning in 1991 with an article entitled "Computer networking for educational researchers on BITNET," he has published repeatedly on scholarly communications issues. Dr. Glass has also drawn attention to the issue via a steady stream of presentations at AERA and other forums. With titles such as "Papyrophiles vs. cybernauts: the future of scholarly publication" and "Scholarly electronic journals: economic and technical issues" he has taken a leadership role in bringing issues of access to information before the educational research community.

On behalf of the nearly 13,000 members of the Association of College and Research Libraries we are pleased to join the American Educational Research Association in congratulating Gene V. Glass for his editorship of *Education Policy Analysis Archives* and his many other contributions to the reform of the scholarly communication system.

Sincerely,

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