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Iris Molotsky Award for Excellence in Coverage of Higher Education

Background

In 1970 the AAUP established a Higher Education Writers Award, which was presented for outstanding interpretive reporting on higher education. The award was presented annually until 1986, when its presentation was suspended. Because of AAUP's strong belief in the importance of providing the public regularly with reliable and informed information about higher education issues, the Association is again offering the award, renamed the Iris Molotsky Award for Excellence in Coverage of Higher Education. Ms Molotsky served as the AAUP's Director of Public Information for 19 years.

Objective

The purpose of the award is to recognize and stimulate coverage of higher education nationally and to encourage thoughtful and comprehensive reporting of higher education issues.

The AAUP Award is given for outstanding coverage of higher education exhibiting analytical and investigative reporting. Entries will be judged on the basis of their relevance to issues confronting higher education.

The winner will be selected by a panel of judges composed of journalists, faculty members, and administrators in journalism and communications. The winner will be recognized at a ceremony at the AAUP's Annual Meeting in June.

Guidelines

Entries for the 2012 AAUP Award must have been published between January 1 and December 31, 2011. **The deadline is April 15, 2012.** Entries may be single articles or a series, but editorials and columns will not be considered for the award.

Submissions may be made by media organizations or employees. Applicants may be self-nominating. Each application must be accompanied by an entry form.

Application forms and information concerning the award may be obtained from Robin Burns, AAUP, 1133 Nineteenth St., NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20036, rburns@aaup.org or by calling 202-737-5900, ext. 113.

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Entry Form

Title of Entry: _____

Name and Address of Organization:

Date(s) of Publication: _____

Name and Address of Applicant:

Names(s) of Author (if different from applicant):

1. Applicants must submit five copies of each entry to be judged.
2. Applicants are asked to provide a short statement explaining the background of the story and its significance from a national perspective. Qualities to be judged include analytical, interpretive, and investigative skills as well as convincing writing.
3. Entries that include unnamed sources must be accompanied by a statement from the supervising editor explaining why the story was written in this manner.

Recipients of the Iris Molotsky Award for Excellence in the Coverage of Higher Education Award

1970	Ronald J. Maselka, <i>Buffalo Evening Times</i>
1971	John Crowl, <i>Chronicle of Higher Education</i>
1972	William Trombley, <i>Los Angeles Times</i>
1973	Edward Weidlein, <i>Chronicle of Higher Education</i>
1974	Philip Semas, <i>Chronicle of Higher Education</i>
1975	Eric Wentworth, <i>Washington Post</i>
1976	William Braden and Andrew Shaw, <i>Chicago Sun- Times</i>
1977	Larry Van Dyne, <i>Chronicle of Higher Education</i>
1978	Edward Fiske & Gene Maeroff, <i>New York Times</i>
1979	Cynthia Parsons, <i>Christian Science Monitor</i>
1980	Rosemary Frawley and Charles Reid, <i>Tampa Tribune</i>
1981	Daniel Patrick Moynihan, <i>Harper's Magazine</i>
1982	Larry Van Dyne, <i>Washington Magazine</i>
1983	William Boly, <i>California Magazine</i>
1984	Bill Barol, <i>Newsweek on Campus</i>
1985 TIE:	Jonathan Harr, <i>New England Monthly</i> and Sally MacDonald and Lee Moriwaki, <i>Seattle Times</i>
1986	Dawn Ruth, <i>New Orleans Times-Picayne States Item</i>
1989	Larry Gordon, <i>Los Angeles Times</i>
1990	Roger Flaherty, <i>Chicago Sun Times</i>
1991 TIE:	Tim Fleck, <i>Houston Press</i> and Pat Meisol, <i>Baltimore Sun</i>
1992	Jennifer Hyman, <i>Democrat and Chronicle</i> (Rochester, NY)
1993	A. L. Starnes, <i>The Purdue Exponent</i>
1994	Tom Philp and Lisa Lapin, <i>The Sacramento Bee</i>
1995	Philip Walzer <i>The Virginia-Pilot</i>
1996	Angie Muhs, <i>Lexington Herald Leader</i>
1997	Alice Dembner, <i>Boston Globe</i>
1998	Ernie Suggs, <i>Herald-Sun</i>
1999	Scott Wright, <i>Community College Weekly</i>
2000	Aaron Bernstein, <i>Business Week</i>
2001	Iris Molotsky, in appreciation for 19 years of service to AAUP
2002	Mark Clayton, <i>Christian Science Monitor</i>
2003	Seth Rosenfeld, <i>San Francisco Chronicle</i>
2004	Karen Rivedal, <i>Wisconsin State Journal</i>
2005	Bernard Wysocki, Jr., <i>Wall Street Journal</i>
2006	Ralph K. M. Haurwitz and Laura Heinauer, <i>Austin American-Statesman</i>
2007	Jodi Upton, Steve Wieberg, Michael McCarthy, Steve Berkowitz, and Kelly Whiteside; <i>USA Today</i>
2008	John Hechinger and Rebecca Buckman, <i>Wall Street Journal</i>
2009	Gadi Dechter, <i>Baltimore Sun</i>
2011	Beryl Lieff Benderly, <i>Miller-McCune</i>