



Empire State Capital Area Chapter  
American Society for Public Administration

**ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON**  
2007 Spring Institute

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## 2007 AWARDS LUNCHEON PROGRAM

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### WELCOME

**Michael N. Christakis, Ph.D.**  
President  
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### AWARDS PRESENTATION

**Michael N. Christakis, Ph.D.**  
Presiding

### ALFRED E. SMITH AWARD

Presenter

**Denise E. O'Donnell**  
NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

Award Recipient

**Theresa E. Salo**  
NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

### CHARLES EVANS HUGHES AWARD

Presenter

**Robert Fleury**  
NYS Office of General Services

Award Recipient

**Franklin Hecht**  
NYS Office of General Services

### FRANK MOORE AWARD

Presenter

**Judith E. Kehoe**  
Town of Bethlehem

Award Recipient

**Jeffrey Dammeyer**  
Town of Bethlehem

### 2007 ESCAC SCHOLARSHIP

Award Recipient

**Vanessa D'Eredita**  
MPA Student, Rockefeller College

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Introduction

**Charlotte Gray**  
Past National President  
*American Society for Public Administration*

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**Harvey L. White, Ph.D.**  
National President  
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## The Empire State Capital Area Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration

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The Empire State Capital Area Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA), the nation's most respected society representing all forums in the public service arena, was organized in 1942 as a discussion group of twenty-five persons to address the lack of professionalism and training in the newly expanded state government. The chapter (known until July 1989 as the Capital District Chapter) was officially chartered on December 5, 1945.

On July 1, 1989, the chapter changed its name to the Empire State Capital Area Chapter in order to distinguish it from other "capital area" chapters and to more accurately define the area it covers.

The chapter was instrumental in creating the Albany Graduate Program in Public Administration in September 1947. The school was originally co-sponsored by Syracuse University and New York University but is now part of the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, University at Albany, SUNY.

During the 1980's, the society's main area of concentration was ethics in government. The chapter does no lobbying; instead, ESCAC-ASPA tries to improve government through the sponsorship of training, seminars, and workshops.

Most recently, the Chapter, in cooperation with the State Academy for Public Administration, has been instrumental in the development of [Essentials of Public Administration in New York State](#), an award winning training program that has, for the last six years, provided a mechanism for leaders and emerging leaders in New York State government to learn about the mechanics of state government; to learn the processes that make policy into implemented program.

As the Chapter completes its 64<sup>th</sup> year, you are invited to reaffirm your commitment to the improvement of public administration in New York State by joining the **American Society for Public Administration**.

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**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
**HARVEY L. WHITE, PH.D.**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT, AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

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We are pleased to welcome **Dr. Harvey White**, ASPA National President, as this year's Annual Awards Luncheon keynote speaker. Dr. White serves as Director of the University of South Alabama's (USA's) Center for Healthy Communities and as an adjunct professor of public health and preventative medicine at USA's College of Medicine. White also acts as special assistant to USA's President Gordon Moulton and to Vice President for Medical Affairs Robert Kreisberg. Additionally, Dr.

White is Associate Professor of Public and International Affairs at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs in Pittsburgh, PA.

White has been a member of the American Society for Public Administration for more than 20 years. He served as program co-chair for ASPA's 2004 conference in Portland, OR and has worked on ASPA's endowment board for several years. He was elected as a fellow to the National Academy of Public Administration in 2000.

White received his bachelor's degree in political science and philosophy from North Carolina Central University in 1972. He went on to earn a master's degree in administrative services from East Carolina University in 1978 before receiving his Ph.D. in political science from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill in 1985.

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**2007 ASPA AWARDS COMMITTEE**

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The difficult task of reviewing, ranking and selecting the recipients of the 2007 ESCAC-ASPA Awards resided with the members of the Awards Committee. Thanks to the members of the 2007 Awards Committee: **Alice Roberson** (Chair), **John D. Bell**, **Mark A. Heller**, **Dr. Robert M. Purtell**, and **William Tyrrell** for their work.

## ALFRED E. SMITH AWARD

The Alfred E. Smith Award is presented in recognition of outstanding service and initiative by an individual which has exemplified superior management and administration within New York State and which has contributed significantly to the resolution of a major government problem, or to the development of a major governmental program, or which has effected major economies and/or efficiencies in the governmental process. The service rendered, **which may consist of a singular accomplishment**, should be far in excess of the normal expectation of the duties of the nominee's position and the level of the position within the organization.

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### THERESA E. SALO 2007 ALFRED E. SMITH AWARD RECIPIENT

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A career civil servant who has held executive positions in three agencies over the last 20 years, Theresa E. Salo was cited for her significant efforts in developing New York State's Crimestat program. Crimestat is a performance management system that measures criminal justice performance, the outcomes of crime reduction efforts and the effectiveness of services provided by criminal justice agencies. It is modeled after New York City's highly successful Compstat system. Since Crimestat was initiated, DNA processing time was reduced from 177 days to 57 days, the processing of Crime Victims Board claims has been reduced from an average of 492 days to 119 days and inmate preparation has been dramatically improved. Three years ago, less than half of the inmates released completed intensive pre-release programming. Today, over 70 percent complete the program. "Terry Salo is the very model for public service," Commissioner O'Donnell said. "She is incredibly hard working, diligent, committed and tireless. She does everything she is asked to do, and much more, and manages to handle late-breaking, knuckle-biting projects efficiently and cheerfully. The citizens of New York State – and their new commissioner of DCJS – are very lucky to have her in Albany." Ms. Salo was nominated for the award by Chauncey G. Parker, former director of criminal justice.

## CHARLES EVANS HUGHES AWARD

The Charles Evans Hughes Award is presented in recognition of outstanding service by an individual which has exemplified superior management and administration within New York State and which has contributed significantly to the resolution of major governmental problems, or to the development of major governmental programs, or which has effected major economies and/or efficiencies in the governmental process **over an extended period of time**. The service rendered should be far in excess of the normal expectations of the duties of the nominee's position and the level of the position within the organization.

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### FRANKLIN HECHT 2007 CHARLES EVANS HUGHES AWARD RECIPIENT

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Franklin Hecht has worked for over 27 years for the New York State Office of General Services, where he presently holds the position of Director of Administration. He is credited with demonstrating that some agency program areas had grown over dependent on contract staff. The result – over 50 new State positions being added to the OGS budget for the following year which enabled the agency to provide a more economical approach to the work being performed. Additionally, in response to the statewide petroleum tank replacement program, Mr. Hecht organized and administrated a coordinated system to replace all underground fuel tanks on time and included a component that permitted agencies to share tanks, which reduced cost to the State. Mr. Hecht is credited with the establishment of an Equipment Maintenance Program (EMP), allowing agencies to convert numerous vendor contracts into one service agreement, saving the State 25% over individual vendor contracts. Saving results of this program have been calculated as being over \$1 million. In addition to his illustrious career, Mr. Hecht is also an active member of the Association of Government Accountants. Daniel Hogan, immediate past Commissioner of OGS, nominated Mr. Hecht.

## FRANK C. MOORE AWARD

The Frank C. Moore Award is presented in recognition of outstanding service by an individual that has exemplified superior management and administration ***within local government***, and which has contributed significantly to the resolution of a major governmental problem, to the development of a major governmental program, or that has affected major economies and/or efficiencies in the governmental process. The service rendered may be recent and singular or may encompass a series of accomplishments over a period of time. Such achievements should be far in excess of the normal expectations of the duties of the nominee's position and the level of the position within the organization.

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### JEFFREY DAMMEYER 2007 FRANK C. MOORE AWARD RECIPIENT

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Jeffrey Dammeyer has forged new pathways for operations in the Town of Bethlehem by eliminating manual processes and implementing new technologies for twelve operating divisions to enable the town to "do more, with less." Mr. Dammeyer has created and maintained the Town's Web site in a format that is both user-friendly and reflects positively on the community. In 2007, Mr. Dammeyer and the staff launched an e-newsletter to subscribers, which has been lauded for its relevant content and its format. He is vigilant about security and protects system integrity against external threats by updating the hardware with the latest security software. He is a leader who can provide formal training for all users on new applications to continuously promote growth of their skills. Mr. Dammeyer, as a key member of the Town's senior management staff, provides invaluable perspectives on operational and technology issues. Immediate past Town Supervisor Theresa Egan nominated Mr. Dammeyer.

## ESCAC ASPA SCHOLARSHIP

The Empire State Capital Area Chapter (ESCAC) of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) seeks to recognize academic excellence and to offer financial assistance for tuition and other educational expenses to students who are formally admitted into a graduate degree-seeking program in Public Administration at a college or university in the Capital Region (greater Albany, NY). The scholarship(s) can be up to \$500 and can be awarded only once to a recipient during their graduate career.

Applicants should demonstrate motivation, academic and leadership potential, and be in good academic standing.

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### VANESSA D'EREDITA 2007 ESCAC ASPA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

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The recipient of the inaugural ESCAC ASPA Scholarship, Vanessa D'Eredita, possesses a superb track record of academic excellence and public service. A graduate student in the MPA program at the University at Albany's Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, Ms. D'Eredita has an impressive 3.5 GPA and is a Fellow with the Center for Women in Government and Civil Society.

As a Fellow, Ms. D'Eredita works with the Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (BRIA). Additionally, she has worked for the College of St. Rose's Community Service and Global Outreach Office, the Albany District Attorney's Community Intervention Initiative, and the Arbor Hill Community Center's After School Program.

Ms. D'Eredita graduated cum laude in 2005 from the College of St. Rose with a BA in history and political science, and is from Pleasant Valley, NY.

# ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

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## GOVERNOR NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER AWARD

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1980	Hon. Arthur Levitt
1981	Dr. T. Norman Hurd
1982	Dr. Howard Miller
1983	Hon. Erastus Corning, II
1984	Hon. Malcolm Wilson
1985	Dr. David Axelrod
1986	James L. Biggane
1987	Hon. Francis P. Bergan
1988	Richard A. Wiebe
1989	William C. Hennessey
1990	Henrik N. Dullea
1991	Peter C. Goldmark
1992	Robert J. Morgado
1993	Thomas M. Whalen, III
1994	John C. Egan
1995	Alton G. Marshall
1996	Warren M. Anderson
1997	H. Carl McCall
1998	Judith S. Kaye
1999	George C. Sinnott
2000	Thomas A. Constantine
2001	Richard P. Mills
2002-2006	No awards given

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## GOVERNOR CHARLES EVANS HUGHES AWARD

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1952	Margaret Barnard, Department of Social Welfare
1953	Stanley M. Remez, Department of Labor
1954	James E. Allen Jr., Education Department
1955	Robert E. Plunkett, Department of Health
1956	William E. Cashin, Department of Corrections
1957	Marie Yogella, Department of Mental Health
1958	Francis E. Griffen, Department of Education
1959	Abraham G. Novick, NYS Training School for Girls
1960	John H. Bourke, Hospital and Planning Commission
1961	Robert C. Hunt, Hudson River State Hospital
1962	James G. Lade, Department of Health
1963	George S. Moore, Roswell Park Memorial Institute
1964	Ellis T. Riker, Department of Motor Vehicles
1965	Paul G. Van Buskirk, City of Cohes
1966	Alton G. Marshall, Executive Chamber

1967	Martin H. Ives, Department of Audit and control
1968	Jean L. Connor, Education Department
1969	Hyman M. Forstenzer, Department of Mental Hygiene
1970	Robert E. Patton, Department of Mental Hygiene
1971	Dr. Charles A. Pearce, Department of Labor
1972	Arthur N. Gordon, Department of Audit and Control
1973	Dr. Henry Brill, Department of Mental Hygiene
1974	J. Jay Farnam, School for the Deaf, Rome
1975	No award given
1976	Edward F. Moylan, Department of Taxation and Finance
1977	Lee O. Thomas, New York State Police
1978	William A. Pearce, Dept. of Environmental Conservation
1979	Richard Stannard, Public Service Commission
1980	Eric Leghton, Public Service Commission
1981	Kearney L. Jones, Department of Health
1982	Patrick J. Bulgaro, Department of Civil Service
1983	Albert. P. Robidoux, Office of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities
1984	Meyer S. Frucher, Battery Park City Authority
1985	James L. Larocca, Department of Transportation
1986	Thomas F. Hartnett, Governor's Office of Employee Relations
1987	Orin Lehman, Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
1988	Lois J. Wilson,, MDI Associates
1989	Joseph A. Matthews, Division of the Budget
1990	Robert S. Herman, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs
1991	Terrence M. Boyle, Department of Taxation and Finance
1992	Paul T. Veillette, Assistant to Director of Operations
1993	John Mladinov, Department of Transportation
1994	John H. Shafer, P.E., Thruway Authority
1995	Emeric M. Levatich, Office of General Services
1996	Richard H. Mattox, Capital Area Consortium on Aging & Disabilities
1997	Allen C. DeMarco, Governor's Office of Employee Relations
1998	Glenn S. Goord, Department of Correctional Services
1999	Arthur A. Markowitz, Division of Budget
2000	Joseph J. Seymour, Office of General Services
2001	Brian J. Wing, Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
2002	Bruce E. Feig, Office of the State Comptroller
2003	David M. Richter, SUNY Central
2004	John F. Cape, NYS Division of Budget
2005	No award given
2006	Sharon Dawes, Center for Technology in Government

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## GOVERNOR ALFRED E. SMITH AWARD

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1952	Rosalind Baldwin Moore, Office of Lieutenant Governor
1953	William R. Thompson, Department of Health
1954	Helen Whipple, Department of Labor

1955	Benjamin J. Hill, Department of Social Welfare
1956	David B. Ast, Dept. of Health
1957	Robert Korns, Dept. of Health
1958	Edward D. Meacham, Dept. of Civil Service
1959	Milton Musicus, Assistant Secretary to the Governor
1960	Katherine E. Flack, Dept. of Mental Health
1961	Solomon E. Senior, Workmen's Compensation Board
1962	Isaac S. Hungerford, State Employee's Retirement System
1963	Donald Axelrod, Division of the Budget
1964	Albert Abrams, Secretary of New York State Senate
1965	William F. Meyers, Div. of Housing & community Renewal
1966	J. Lawrence Murray, State University of New York
1967	Frederick W. Tiemey, Dept. of Taxation & Finance
1968	George W. McAlpin, Dept. of Transportation
1969	Kathryn F. Minnock, Dept. of Audit and Control
1970	Sidney Houben, Dept. of Social Services
1971	Arthur Wasserman, Dept. of Tax & Finance
1972	Dorothy Gordon, Office of General Services
1973	Richard Atkins, Office of Local Government
1974	June Martin, Assembly Central Staff
1975	No award given
1976	Joseph F. Crook, Division of the Budget
1977	Peter C. Goldmark Jr., Division of the Budget
1978	John J. Feeney, Dept. of Audit and Control
1979	Michael J. Cuddy, Dept. of Transportation
1980	Paul D. Moore & Alan G. Billingsley, Assembly Ways and Means Committee
1981	Russell J. Weinlein, Dept. of Social Services
1982	Eugene S. Sunshine, State Energy Office
1983	Thomas A. Coughlin III, Dept. of Correctional Services
1984	Joan M. Rapp, Dept. of Audit and Control
1985	Lee J. Vaughan, Division of the Budget
1986	Barry Schwartzbach, Dept. of Taxation and Finance
1987	Phillip Coombe, Jr., Dept. of Correctional Services
1988	Matthew T. Crosson, Unified Court System
1989	Jeffery L. Carples, Dept. of Social Services
1990	Warren E. Ilchman, State University of New York at Albany
1991	Arthur A. Gross, Dept. of Taxation and Finance
1992	Thomas C. Jorling, Dept. of Environmental Conservation
1993	William G. McMahon, Commission on Correction
1994	Michael J. Dowling, Dept. of Social Services
1995	Patricia B. Adduci, Dept. of Motor Vehicles
1996	Robert J. Freeman, Committee on Open Government
1997	Sanford H. Levine, State University at Albany
1998	Edward F. Jacoby Jr., State Emergency Management Office
1999	James G. Natoli, Executive Chamber
2000	Brigadier General William C. Martin, Division of Military and Naval Affairs
2001	Louis Raffaele, Division of the Budget

2002	Glenn S. Goord, Dept. of Correctional Services
2003	Joseph H. Boardman, Dept. of Transportation
2004	James Gewirtzman, Dominic Lando, and Judith DeBiase, NYS Office of Mental Health
2005	No award given
2006	William F. Howard, Office of the Governor

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### FRANK C. MOORE AWARD

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1979	Edward C. Farrell, City of Cohoes
1980	Arnold Becker, Suffolk County
1981	No award given
1982	No award given
1983	Dr. Clyde O. Eidens, Scotia-Glenville School District
1984	Garry F. Douglas, Village of Waterford
1985	Lorraine A. Frollo, Saratoga County
1986	Daniel Klepak, City of Albany
1987	No award given
1988	John M. Holehan, City of Troy
1989	Jan Susan Medved, Town of Colonie
1990	Ardis Anderson, Saratoga County
1991	John Duchessi Jr., City of Amsterdam
1992	Sally Ann Herrick, City of Saratoga
1993	Robert D. McEvoy, Schenectady County
1994	Patrick DiCaprio, Ed.D, Scotia-Glenville School District
1995	Regina Dubois, Albany County
1996	Patricia Guy, Fulton County
1997	Kathleen Jimino, City of Troy
1998	Donald R. Brining, St. Lawrence County
1999	Clifford R. Donaldson Jr., Essex County
2000	Susan C. Otis, Town of Malta
2001	David A. Wick, Warren County
2002	Sheila Hay-Gillespie, Village of Cobleskill
2003	Marie L. Tollisen, Town of Halfmoon
2004	Kevin King, Town of Malta
2005	No award given
2006	No award given

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### NEW ADMINISTRATOR AWARD

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1967	Peter C. Fort, Dept. of Health
1968	No award given
1969	Donald Davidoff, Dept. of Health
1970	James L. Lawrence, Division of the Budget
1971	Thomas H. Kilcoyne, Office of General Services
1972	John Hudacs, Executive Division
1973	Robert L. Kistler, Dept. of Health

1974	Joseph D. Hilton, Dept. of Audit and Control
1975	No award given
1976	Robert Steves, Dept. of Audit and control
1977	Sharon S. Dawes, Dept. of Social Services
1978	J. Thomas Mullen, Division of Youth
1990	Susan Gordon Ryan, NY State Games for the Physically Challenged
1991	No award givin
1992	M. Kiaran Johnson, Dept. of Taxation & Finance
1993 - 1996	No award given
1997	Michael C. Finnegan Counsel to The Governor
1998	Arthur J. Roth, Dept. to Taxation and Finance
1999	Nancy W. Mulholland, Workers Compensation Board
2000	Robert Doar, Office of Temporary and Disability
2001	Nathan L. Rudgers, Dept. of Agriculture and markets
2002	Shari Noonan, Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
2003	Gary O'Brien, Commission on Quality Care for the Mentally Disabled
2004	No award given
2005	No award given
2006	No award given



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