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2008 ASPA AWARDS COMMITTEE

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: **Brian Cechnicki** (Chair), **Wallace Davis**, **Dr. Robert M. Purtell**, **Barbara Ryan** and **William Tyrrell** for their work.

2008 AWARDS LUNCHEON PROGRAM

WELCOME

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AWARDS PRESENTATION

Brian Cechnicki

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ALFRED E. SMITH AWARD

Presenter

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NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

Award Recipient

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NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES AWARD

Presenter

Kumiki Gibson

NYS Division for Human Rights

Award Recipient

Julia (Day) Lederman

NYS Division for Human Rights

FRANK MOORE AWARD

Presenter

Robert Reilly

NYS Assembly

Award Recipient

Frank A. Leak

Village of Colonie

NEW ADMINISTRATOR AWARD

Presenter

Laura Anglin

NYS Division of the Budget

Award Recipient

David Lara

NYS Division of the Budget

CLOSING REMARKS

Michael N. Christakis, Ph.D.

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.

ANNE ROEST

2008 ALFRED E. SMITH AWARD RECIPIENT

Anne Roest has been a career civil servant since 1986, where she started out at the Department of Taxation and Finance. In her 11 years at the Department, she was promoted to multiple leadership positions, and was responsible for overseeing an information technology staff of over 400 and directed the modernization of the Department's IT infrastructure. In 2005 Ms. Roest came to the Division of Criminal Justice Services, where she is Deputy Commissioner and Chief Information Officer.

"Due to the efforts of Ms. Roest, New York will be able to seamlessly continue the processing of fingerprints in the event of a natural disaster or terrorist attack. The significance of this accomplishment is that it has made New York safer."

– **Denise O'Donnell**, *Commissioner*
NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

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.

JULIA (DAY) LEDERMAN **2008 CHARLES EVANS HUGHES AWARD RECIPIENT**

Julia (Day) Lederman began her career at the Division of Human Rights as an investigator, quickly gaining praise for not only her investigative skills and treatment of people involved in the complaints, but also for her community outreach efforts. As she advanced over the years, her training and mentoring of new investigators was critical to the enforcement of the New York State Human Rights Law—the first anti-discrimination law in the country. In 2005 Ms. Day was appointed Regional Director, where she continues to be an advocate for civil rights, inspiring her workforce, and developing partnerships with community organizations that are vital to the Division of Human Rights' mission.

Ms. Day has “dedicated her entire adult life to protecting and furthering the civil rights of all New Yorkers. This commitment to civil rights and the rights and needs of New Yorkers has contributed greatly to eradicating and preventing discrimination and to improving the lives of New Yorkers, many of whom have been neglected or abused by society at large.”

– **Kumiki Gibson**, Commissioner
NYS Division for Human Rights

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.

FRANK A. LEAK 2008 FRANK C. MOORE AWARD RECIPIENT

Frank A. Leak has provided invaluable service over the years, working towards goals such as improving the Colonie Fire Company facilities; the reconstruction and remodeling of the Central Avenue Family Outreach, a facility that caters to families and teens; and the construction and complete of the Cook Park Amphitheatre, which now bears his name. His latest project was a \$400,000 expansion of the Senior Citizen's Center. In his spare time, Mr. Leak finds time to volunteer for various athletic leagues and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as taking an active role in Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

"Frank's most notable quality-almost unique among elected officials-is his willingness to both labor in the trenches next to his staff and constituents and provide management and leadership."

– **Robert Reilly**, Member
New York State Assembly

NEW ADMINISTRATOR AWARD

The New Administrator Award is presented in recognition of individual service which has exemplified superior management and administration by an administrator within New York State **with less than ten years of public service**, and which has contributed significantly to the resolution of a major governmental problem, to the development of a major governmental program, or that has effected major economies and/or efficiencies in the governmental process. The service rendered should be far in excess of the normal expectation of the duties of the nominee's position and should reflect promise and potential for the nominee to assume future high level positions within government in New York State.

DAVID LARA

2008 NEW ADMINISTRATOR AWARD RECIPIENT

David Lara is a graduate of the University of Washington and the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. In his early career he worked on youth and minority issues, focusing on empowerment of disadvantaged students. Mr. Lara joined the New York State Division of the Budget in 2005 as part of the prestigious Carey Fellow program, and quickly became a key player in health care policy in New York State.

"David has a remarkable knack for visualizing the health care playing field...not only understands the issues, but is able to present complicated material in a comprehensible and accessible manner."

– **Laura Anglin**, *Director of the Budget*
NYS Division of the Budget

ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

GOVERNOR NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER AWARD

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
2002-2007	No awards given

GOVERNOR CHARLES EVANS HUGHES AWARD

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
2007	Franklin Hecht, NYS Office of General Services

GOVERNOR ALFRED E. SMITH AWARD

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
2007	Theresa E. Salo, NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

FRANK C. MOORE AWARD

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
2007	Jeffrey Dammeyer, Town of Bethlehem

NEW ADMINISTRATOR AWARD

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
2007	No award given

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Vanessa D'Eredita, Rockefeller College

The Empire State Capital Area Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration

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 64th 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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