

History & Honors Committee Annual Report, 2021-2022
Submitted by Julienne Rutherford, Chair

1. Introduction

- a. The primary business of the History & Honors Committee centered on three significant association awards: the Charles R. **Darwin** Lifetime Achievement Award, Gabriel W. **Lasker** Service Award, and the AABA and Leakey Foundation Communication & **Outreach** Award in Honor of Camilla Smith.
- b. Using social media, email blasts, the AAPA conference portal, and the AAPA website, we solicited nominations for the Darwin, Lasker, and Outreach Awards.
- c. All nominations were due on October 15, 2021. Per the handbook, nominations from the previous year were held over for consideration this year.
- d. We required that everyone submitting a nomination also submit a “Nominator’s Disclosure Form” asserting that they can attest to the ethical behavior of their nominee.

2. Nominations

- a. Darwin Award
 - i. There were five nominees for the Darwin award.
 1. Two were rolled over from the previous year.
 2. Two candidates received multiple independent nominations.
- b. Lasker Award
 - i. There were two nominees for the Lasker award.
 1. Both were new nominations this year.
- c. Outreach Award
 - i. There were four nominees for the Outreach Award.
 1. One nominee was rolled over from the previous year and received a new nomination this year.

3. Voting Process

- a. Nominations were collated for each award and distributed via Google Drive to all voting members of the Executive Committee on November 2, 2021.
- b. Voting members sent me a ranked list of their top 3 candidates for the Darwin and Outreach awards and their top 2 for the Lasker awards by November 14.
- c. Voting members sent me the next round of rankings for the Darwin and Outreach awards by November 19.
- d. Voting members sent me the next and final round of rankings for the Darwin award by November 30.

4. Awardees

- a. Charles R. **Darwin** Lifetime Achievement Award: **John Mitani**
- b. Gabriel W. **Lasker** Service Award: **Leslea Hlusko**

- c. AABA and Leakey Foundation Communication & **Outreach** Award in Honor of Camilla Smith: **Katie Hinde**.

5. Looking ahead

- a. Nominations received in October 2021 will roll over and be considered next year.
- b. New nominations will be due October 15, 2022.
- c. Karen Rosenberg and Jon Marks would like to launch an AABA Oral History Project, requesting AABA support via a statement of approval and digital archiving of the videos and transcripts.