



## Annual Report 2006 ARLIS/NA Travel Awards Committee

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### **Members:**

The 2006/2007 Travel Awards Committee consisted of K.C. Elhard, Paula Epstein, Jennifer Friedman, Louise Green, Michele Laing, and Aprille Nace. The Chair of the Travel Committee was Daniel Starr and the Executive Board Liaison was Carole Ann Fabian. All members except K.C. Elhard will serve on the 2007/2008 committee and Jennifer Parker will remain as Chair.

### **Activities:**

The Travel Awards Committee met with incoming and outgoing members at the 2006 conference in Banff. Former Co-chair Kitty Chibnik led the meeting and brought the new members of the committee up-to-date on the activities and issues faced by the committee in the previous year.

The Committee set dates and deadlines for applications via email and worked with Nedda Ahmed to ensure that the online application form was working properly and that the awards were posted to ARLIS/NA website. Changes were required for the online application form due to a problem noticed by the previous year's committee.

The Development Committee secured the following corporate sponsored travel awards:

- Andrew Cahan Photography Award (\$1,000)
- AskART Conference Travel Award (\$1,000)
- Howard and Beverly Joy Karno Award (\$1,000)
- Puvill Libros European Travel Award (\$1,000)

ARLIS/NA funded four awards:

- Conference Travel Award (2 at \$750/person)
- Judith A. Hoffberg Student Award for Conference Attendance (\$750)
- Student Diversity Award for Conference Attendance (\$750)

All awards were based on the previous year's awards as dictated by the board. Once the Atlanta Conference website contained a preliminary list of conference activities the awards were announced on ARLIS-L. The student awards were also announced via several institutions. Members of the Travel Award Committee updated the list of institutions to announce the student awards to. The international awards were posted to several European listservs. Members of the Travel Awards Committee also updated this list.

The original application deadline was January 31, 2007. Shortly before the deadline it was noticed that no applications had been received. It was discovered that the ARLIS/NA website had been moved to a different server causing the online

application form to not work. The Committee worked with Headquarters, the board liaison, and Ann Whiteside to resolve the problem. The application deadline was then extended to February 28, 2007 and the announcement re-sent to the appropriate listservs.

After February 28<sup>th</sup> the Committee reviewed 35 applications and sent announcements to the following recipients:

Conference Attendance Awards (2 at \$750.00):  
Laura Schwartz, University of Texas at Austin  
Elizabeth Berenz, Roger Williams University

Andrew Cahan Photography Award (\$1000.00):  
Karen Rinaldo, Princeton University

AskART Conference Attendance Award (\$1,000):  
Christine Hennessey, Smithsonian American Art Museum

Student Diversity Award for Conference Attendance (\$750.00):  
Tang Li, University of Maryland College Park

Judith A. Hoffberg Student Award for Conference Attendance (\$750.00):  
Sarah Carter, Indiana University

There were no initial applicants for the Howard and Beverly Joy Karno Award or the Puvill Libros Award. The Chair of the Committee worked with the Chair of the Travel Committee, the Executive Board Liaison, the Development Committee, and representatives from Karno Books and Puvill Libros to identify possible applicants to invite to apply.

After receiving applications the following awards were announced:

Howard and Beverly Joy Karno Award (2 at \$500.00):  
Christine Sala, Columbia University  
Paula Gabbard, Columbia University

Puvill Libros Award (2 at \$500.00):  
Anna Maria Poma-Swank, PoloMuseale Fiorentino  
Michel Nijhoff, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam

**Issues noted by committee members and corporate sponsors:**

- There were fewer applicants than in recent years. Possibly due to problems with the online application.
- Awards need to be announced with enough time for foreign applicants to obtain visas. In order to do so preliminary programs need to be made available. The application currently includes a question asking the applicants to state their sessions and workshops of interest. Should that question be removed from the Karno and Puvill Libros award so that they can be announced earlier?

**Issues for the Executive Board:**

- The application specifically asks which sessions are of interest to the applicants. In order for the applicants to answer that section the preliminary

program for the conference must be available. In order to encourage more applications, especially for the foreign awards, the program should be made available with enough time for foreign applicants to obtain visas.

- Should previous award winners be eligible to apply for the same award the following year?