

# The Louis Schmidt Award

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| 1948 – Leo C. Massopust, FBPA          | 1979 – Donald H. Fritts, RBP, FBPA   |
| 1949 – Anne Shiras, FBPA               | 1980 – Fritz Goro, RBP, FBPA         |
| 1950 – Stella Zimmer, FBPA             | 1981 – I. Lloyd Matlovsky, RBP, FBPA |
| 1951 – Ralph P. Creer, FBPA            | 1982 – Leslie Bowcock, MD, AIMBI     |
| 1952 – Leonard A. Julin, RBP, FBPA     | 1983 – H. Paul Newman, RBP, FBPA     |
| 1953 – Oscar W. Richards, PhD, FBPA    | 1984 – Percy Brooks, RBP, FBPA       |
| 1954 – Ferdinand R. Harding, RBP, FBPA | 1985 – Leon J. LeBeau, FBPA          |
| 1955 – C. Graham Eddy, FBPA            | 1986 – Nile Root, RBP, FBPA          |
| 1956 – Mervin W. LaRue, Sr., FBPA      | 1987 – Martin L. Scott, FBPA         |
| 1957 – Lloyd E. Varden, RBP, FBPA      | 1988 – Ralph J. Marshall, PhD        |
| 1958 – Albert Levin, RBP, FBPA         | 1989 – Thomas P. Hurtgen, FBPA       |
| 1959 – Paul H. Holinger, MD, FBPA      | 1990 – Raymond E. Lund, RBP, FBPA    |
| 1960 – H. Lou Gibson, RBP, FBPA        | 1991 – Robert F. Sisson, RBP, FBPA   |
| 1961 – Warren Sturgis, RBP, FBPA       | 1992 – Nicholas M. Graver, RBP, FBPA |
| 1962 – Stanley J. McComb, RBP, FBPA    | 1993 – A. Robin Williams, FBPA       |
| 1963 – Marie E. Ikenberg, RBP, FBPA    | 1994 – Will E. Renner, RBP, FBPA     |
| 1964 – Peter Hansell, MD, RBP, FBPA    | 1995 – Dan Patton, RBP, FBPA         |
| 1965 – Howard E. Tribe, RBP, FBPA      | 1996 – Kenneth V. Michaels, FBPA     |
| 1966 – John V. Butterfield, FBPA       | 1997 – Ronald F. Irvine, RBP, FBPA   |
| 1967 – not awarded                     | 1998 – Heather Angel, FRPS, FBIPP    |
| 1968 – Chester F. Reather, RBP, FBPA   | 1999 – Richard M. Williams, FBPA     |
| 1969 – Laurence B. Brown, RBP, FBPA    | 2000 – Herbert R. Smith, Jr., FBPA   |
| 1970 – Verlin Y. Yamamoto, RBP, FBPA   | 2001 – William J. Stenstrom, FBPA    |
| 1971 – Stephen P. Dittman, RBP, FBPA   | 2002 – W. David Tredinnick, FBPA     |
| 1972 – Clifford L. Freehe, RBP, FBPA   | 2003 – Joseph Ogradnick, FBPA        |
| 1973 – Stanley Klosevych, RBP, FBPA    | 2004 – Robert C. Turner, RBP, FBPA   |
| 1974 – Roger P. Loveland, FBPA         | 2005 – Samuel Giannavola, RBP, FBPA  |
| 1975 – E. Lynn Baldwin, RBP, FBPA      | 2006 – Gigi Williams, FBPA           |
| 1976 – Charles P. Hodge, RBP, FBPA     | 2007 – Michael R. Peres, RBP, FBPA   |
| 1977 – Lardner A. Coffey, RBP, FBPA    | 2008 – Norman J. Barker, RBP, FBPA   |
| 1978 – John P. Vetter, RBP, FBPA       | 2009 – Steven J. Harrison, FBPA      |

## The 2009 Louis Schmidt Laureate



*Steven J. Harrison, PhD, CMI, FBPA*

# The Louis Schmidt Award

**T**his Award – the highest given in the BCA – is named for our second President. It is awarded annually for “outstanding contributions to the progress of biological communications.” The selection of the recipient each year is made by a committee composed of the nine most recent winners. This selection is subject to the approval of the Board of Governors.

Mr. Schmidt was in charge of photography at the Rockefeller Institute in New York City and was a founding member of the BPA in 1931. He had an abiding interest in sharing his photographic knowledge with his students and in promoting the highest technical standards in our association.

In 1943, on the occasion of his death, the BPA Journal commented, “In many ways, the BPA is a monument to Louis Schmidt.”

To give special distinction to the Award, those who receive it are known as “Louis Schmidt Laureates.”

The BioCommunications Association, Inc. is grateful to Mrs. Mary Lappan Vetter, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the generous gift of a 100-year-old, gold-headed cane. It was received August 4, 1990, in Phoenix, Arizona. The cane is part of the BCA Louis Schmidt Award and was presented the first time to Robert F. Sisson on August 3, 1991, in Tampa, Florida.

The gold head is composed of heavy inlaid gold on a copper base. The principal value of the cane is due to the goldsmith’s ability to create and fashion a design of elegant beauty. The cane’s original owner was Dr. Goebel who received it in a presentation of unknown designation in 1902. It came into Mrs. Mary Lappan Vetter’s possession upon the death of her uncle, Father Thomas T. Lappan.

Many universities, colleges and hospitals in Great Britain and America have adopted the practice of awarding a gold-headed cane as the highest honor that can be bestowed on one of their staff members. The BioCommunications Association, through the generous gift of Mary Vetter, is pleased to present this special cane as its highest honor.

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*Steven J. Harrison, PhD, CMI, FBPA*

Steven J. Harrison’s biocommunications career has spanned four decades. Having attained both a B.S. and M.S. in Medical Illustration at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, he recently completed a PhD in Art Education at the University of Georgia, Athens. He currently serves as Chairman and Associate Professor in the Department of Medical Illustration and School of Allied Health Sciences at the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta.

He has contributed countless articles and illustrations to refereed journals. In 1983 Steve served as technical advisor for “The Operation,” a joint project with the Arizona Heart Institute featuring the first live broadcast of an open heart procedure. TV Guide recognized “The Operation” as one of the Best of Shows of the Year.

Steve has been an active member of both the BioCommunications Association and The Association of Medical Illustrators. He served on many committees and participated in programs and activities, receiving twenty-five awards of excellence for contributions including photography, motion pictures/video productions and illustrations. He received a Fellowship in 1997 from the BioCommunications Association and The Brodel Award for Excellence in Education from the Association of Medical Illustrators in 2006.

We are proud to recognize Steven J. Harrison as the 2009 Louis Schmidt Laureate.

