Michael Robinson Award

Purpose Established by the Public Works Historical Society, the Michael Robinson Award recognizes the single best article published in the field of public works history. This award is intended to provide encouragement and recognition to historians and practitioners whose research and publications have made outstanding contributions to the history of public works.

Eligibility Articles published in the prior calendar year covering one or more public works topics are eligible. Public works is defined as the physical structures and facilities that are developed, owned, and operated by public agencies to house governmental functions and provide water, power, waste disposal, transportation, and similar public services. Articles must be a minimum of 500 words in length and published by a widely known journal or periodical. Articles published by APWA, its chapters, or the Society are not eligible.

Selection The selection committee is comprised of professional historians and public works practitioners appointed by the Public Works Historical Society.

Criteria The criteria used in the selection process include:

- Academic significance to the historical community
- Practical application to the public works profession
- Dissemination of information not available by other means
- Unique or innovative presentation of topic

Nomination Process Individual authors or their publishers may submit an article for consideration. Nomination submittals must include six copies of the publication and any supporting documentation, along with the nomination form. Materials should be sent to APWA National. Materials submitted in support of nomination will not be returned.

Deadline March 1, 2010

Presentation The award is presented to the author at the Society's annual luncheon held in conjunction with the APWA International Public Works Congress & Exposition.

Former Recipients

2009 "The Interstates and the Cities: The U.S. Department of Transportation and the Freeway Revolt 1966-1973," *Journal of Policy History 2008*; 20; 2

2008 "Revolt Against Sprawl: Transportation and the Origins of the Marin County Growth-Control Regime," *Journal of Urban History 34 (November 2007)*, by Louise Nelson Dyble, Ph.D.

2006 "Before the Big Dig: Boston's Central Artery as a Construct of Mid-Century Modernity" by Amy D. Finstein

2005 "The Nature of Water: Reform and the Antebellum Crusade for Municipal Water in Boston" by Michael J. Rawson

2003 "Court Culture and Street Lighting in Seventeeth-Century Europe" by Craig Koslofsky

2002 "Getting Out from Under" by Dave Pasley

2001 "Environmental Therapy for Soil and Social Erosion: Landscape Architecture and Depression-Era Highway Construction in Texas" by Gregory T. Cushman