

2004 Award Recipients

The Benton H. Box Award - David W. Tonkyn

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The Benton H. Box Award

The Award is named in appreciation of Dr. Box's distinguished career as an educator/administrator, especially as Dean of the College of Forest and Recreation Resources at Clemson University, which he led to national and international recognition for academic excellence and for leadership in fostering private innovation in resource management. The Award recognizes the teacher who by precept and example inspires in students the quest for knowledge; or the administrator who fosters a learning environment and encourages curriculum innovation to inculcate an "environmental ethic" as the rule of conduct involving resource management, development and utilization; or the private practitioner whose management over a sustained period demonstrates leadership in preserving, enhancing, renewing and restoring a livable environment.

The Benton H. Box Award is awarded to David W. Tonkyn for recognition as a teacher who by precept and example inspires in students the quest for knowledge and encourages curriculum innovation to inculcate an "environmental ethic" as a the rule of conduct.

Dr. David Tonkyn is the faculty advisor for Tigers for Tigers Initiative at Clemson University. Since its origin, Tigers for Tigers has worked to save tigers in the wild by helping manage two wild tiger reserves in India and educating local communities about the conservation of tiger habitats.

Tonkyn has developed a course that incorporates conservation with a trip to India to study the tiger parks and Indian culture. The student organization also sponsors conservation speakers at Clemson University.

Dr. Tonkyn graduated from Princeton University in 1976 with an A.B. in Biology, in 1978 with an A.M. in Biology, and in 1985 with a Ph. D. in Biology. He now serves as an associate professor at Clemson University in the Department of Biological Sciences. He teaches undergraduate courses in Ecology, Biogeography, and Field Ecology of the Northern Rockies in Yellowstone National Park. He also teaches graduate courses in Conservation Biology, Population Dynamics, and Community Ecology.

Dr. Tonkyn's research interests use field and theoretical methods to study population and community ecology in conservation applications. He focuses on finding new applications of mathematics to ecological problems, which has led to new models in captive breeding and reintroduction programs and nature reserve designs. He currently leads studies in the Southern Appalachians on invertebrate populations. Dr. Tonkyn is developing collaborative programs with Russian biologists on conservation in Siberia.

Dr. Tonkyn worked as a research associate at the University of Minnesota in the Department of Ecology and Behavioral Biology, and as a visiting research scholar at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia in the Department of Biological Sciences and Key Centre for Biodiversity and Bioresources. He is also the faculty advisor for the Students for Environmental Awareness at Clemson University.

The William C. Everhart Award

The Award is named in appreciation of the distinguished career of Bill Everhart as field interpreter, researcher, administrator, author, and creator of the National Park Service's Harpers Ferry Center for creative design and communication, which has received national and international recognition for excellence. The Award recognizes sustained achievements during a career

or in a specific episode that illuminate, provide creative insights to, and that foster an appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage.

The William C. Everhart Award was presented to James Mičulká for sustained achievements in interpretation that have illuminated, created insights to, and fostered an appreciation of our cultural and historic heritage.

James Mičulká has served as the national coordinator for the Amtrak/National Park Service Partnership Program since 2000. He helped develop this program to encourage non-traditional visitors to support National Park areas as well as other federal, state, and local historic sites by traveling with volunteer-guided Amtrak train rides. The program began with trips traveling from New Orleans, LA to southeastern destinations and now includes historic rides all over the country with the help of over 500 volunteers.

Mr. Mičulká worked for the National Park Service since 1974 when he began as a park guide at the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Texas. He then served as park historian and helped establish Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site in North Dakota. Mr. Mičulká also worked in War in the Pacific National Historic Park in Guam as an interpretive specialist. During this time, he served as the Pacific Area Dive Officer in underwater archeology. He then became Chief of Interpretation and Resource Management for the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in New Orleans serving until his present position.

James Mičulká is a native of San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas with a B.S. degree in American History and Paleontology. He received a M.S. degree in International Park Management from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He received the Southeast Regional Freeman Tilden Award in 1998.

The Dwight A. Holder Award

The Award is named in honor of Mr. Holder's illustrious career as an entrepreneur and public servant. As Chairman of the South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission he led South Carolina's parks into a new era of service to the people of South Carolina and the nation. The Award recognizes outstanding work by doctoral candidates in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management; a member of the Department faculty for original research, scholarly writing, and innovative and inspired teaching; the faculty adviser and graduate student as a team, for initiatives that foster understanding of and provide new insights into the promotion, management, wise use and enjoyment of South Carolina's natural and cultural heritage in perpetuity; and distinguished academic leadership by a member of the Department faculty. (Mr. Holder passed away in Spring 2006).

The Dwight A. Holder Award is awarded for outstanding work as a doctoral student in PRTM and sustained achievement after graduation, management, wise use, and conservation of natural and cultural resources.

This was not awarded this year.

The Walter T. Cox Award

The Award is so named in appreciation of Dr. Cox's distinguished career in education and public service, especially his tenure as President of Clemson University and as the Director of the Santee-Cooper Authority. The Award recognizes sustained achievement in public service on the firing line, where the public interest meets the private interest in public policy formulation and administration; distinguished leadership and support of innovation in conflict resolution of policy initiatives that enhance the quality of life; personal achievements during a career or in a specific episode that provides inspiration and leadership to others in serving the above purposes.

The Walter T. Cox Award was presented to Robert M. Utley and William

E. Brown for sustained achievement in public service providing leadership in administration of public lands and for policy formation affecting our natural and cultural resources.

Robert M. Utley served for 25 years in various capacities with the National Park Service and other federal agencies. Since his retirement from the federal government in 1980, he has devoted himself full time to historical research and writing. His specialty is the history of the American West. Ten of his books have been selections of the History Book Club, eight were selected by the Book of the Month Club.

In 1988 Utley was awarded the Western History Association Prize for distinguished published writings and in 1994 the same organization's Caughey Prize for *The Lance and the Shield* as the best western book of 1993. In 1988, 1989, and 2003, he received the Wrangler Award of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum (for *High Noon in Lincoln*, *Cavalier in Buckskin*, and "Tales of the Texas Rangers" in *American Heritage*). In 1994 he received the Spur Award of the Western Writers of America (for *The Lance and the Shield*) and also the Owen Wister Award for distinguished lifetime achievement. In 1997 the Society for Military History honored him with the Samuel Elliot Morison Prize.

Utley began his career in history at Custer Battlefield National Monument, Montana, and served for six summers during his college years, 1947-52. From 1954 to 1957 he was a historian with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense, both as an army officer and as a civilian. He then returned to the National Park Service to serve, successively, as Regional Historian of the Southwest Region in Santa Fe, New Mexico, 1957-64; as Chief Historian in Washington, D.C., 1964-72; as Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, 1972-73; and as Assistant Director of the National Park Service for Park Historic Preservation, 1973-76. From 1977 to 1980 he was Deputy Executive Director of the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

One of the founders of the Western History Association, Utey served on its governing council 1962-74 and as its president 1967-68. He was a member of the editorial board of The American West Magazine 1964-80. The Western Historical Quarterly was launched during his presidency, and he served on its editorial board 1968-73. He was a founder of the Potomac Corral of the Westerners in 1955 and its sheriff in 1973. He was Chairman of the Board of Directors of Eastern National Park and Monument Association 1985-87 and 1989-92. He has appeared frequently on television productions relating to the history of the West.

Born in Arkansas (October 31, 1929) and reared in Indiana, he was educated at Purdue University (B.S. 1951) and Indiana University (M.A. 1952). He holds Honorary Doctor of Letters degrees from Purdue (1974), the University of New Mexico (1976), and Indiana University (1983). He received the Department of the Interior's Distinguished Service Award in 1971.

He served in the U.S. Army 1952-56, attaining the rank of captain.

Utey is married to Melody Webb, also a National Park Service veteran and also a historian.

William E. Brown was a National Park Service historian serving under George Hartzog in the 1960s and 1970s. He served as the historian for the Southwest Region and later for the Alaska Region. Brown's National Park Service career began in 1957 in Washington, DC where he worked with appointees of Steven Mather and Horace Albright.

The work during this time period created a foundation for many future decisions and improvements. During this period, district park rangers made most of the critical decisions regarding their areas, establishing a personal connection between the National Park Service and the land it manages. This

attitude, under the direction of George Hartzog, inspired future expansion ideas such as the Alaska Lands Act of 1980, especially since Hartzog saw Alaska as a major opportunity to add conservation units to National public lands.

William Brown's Alaska career began in 1975 as a member of the National Park Service task force preparing legislative support data with which the Congress could judge the various park proposals. He served as historian for the task force, responsible for historic resources, studies in all the park proposals, and as a key person for the Yukon-Charley Rivers proposal.

After the establishment of the 1980 Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Brown served as Chief of Cultural Resources and Regional Historian for the newly designated Alaska Region. He also served as Park Historian at Gates of the Arctic National Park and Denali National Park. Brown then served as Southwest Regional Coordinator for the Columbus Quincentennial, which sought to use the observance as an opportunity to balance interpretive programs with cultural inclusivity and full-bodied history, before retiring in 1991.

Brown has written several books and published research projects that have been recognized nationally including *Islands of Hope, Parks and Recreation in Environmental Crisis* (1972). He resides in Gustavus, Alaska near the entrance to Glacier Bay National Park with his wife Carolyn Elder.

The Fran P. Mainella Award

The Award is named in appreciation of the dynamic career of Fran Mainella as the first woman Director of the National Park Service. As Director, she focused some of her many efforts on creating systems of connected parks and developing innovative partnerships to expand services. Director Mainella was previously the Director of the Florida State Park Service and the Executive Director of the Florida Recreation and Park Association. The Award recognized sustained and innovative achievement by a woman in the

management of North America's natural, historic or cultural heritage.

The Fran P. Mainella Award is awarded for sustained and innovative achievement by a woman in the management of North America's natural, historical, or cultural heritage.

This was not awarded this year.

The Robert G. Stanton Award

The Award is named in appreciation of the remarkable career of Robert Stanton as the first African-American Director of the National Park Service. Among the many accomplishments of Director Stanton was expansion of the interpretation of diverse cultural meanings inherent in National Parks and increased participation by racial and ethnic minorities as both visitors and employees. The Award recognized sustained and innovative achievement by a member of a racial or ethnic minority in the management of North America's natural, historic and cultural heritage.

The Bob Stanton Award is awarded to Charles R. Jordan for sustained and innovative achievement in management of North America's natural, historic and cultural heritage.

Charles R. Jordan has devoted more than three decades to the relationship between conservation and quality of life. As Director of The Conservation Fund, America's national land trust, he has helped the Fund and its partners to protect more than 3.6 million acres of wildlife habitat, historic sites, green lands, wetlands and open space. He has also encouraged The Fund's board to challenge the environmental movement in broadening its agenda to be relevant to a wide-ranging and diverse spectrum of people and communities.

Having served as Director of Parks and Recreation in Austin, Texas from 1984-1989 and in Portland, Oregon from 1989-2003, he is nationally recognized for his work and life long dedication to ensuring that all of us

understand that regardless of racial or economic backgrounds, safe outdoor playgrounds are something that every child deserves. An articulate and inspiring speaker, he has been a leading advocate for a national movement to create more 'close to home' outdoor recreation opportunities.

Mr. Jordan also served as the Co-chair of the National Park Service committees on the Use of National Parks Funding for National, State, and Local parks, Presidential appointee to the advisory Committee of American Heritage Rivers, and Founder and President of the Institute of Human Ecology.

Mr. Jordan graduated from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington with a degree in Sociology and Philosophy with a summer study at Oxford University in Oxford, England. He was awarded Honorary Doctor of Law from the University of Vermont in May 2000. Although he is not a minister, Charles was elected President of the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, an organization of Ministers from throughout the state of Oregon. Charles resides in Portland, Oregon with his wife, Esther, of 35 years. They have two children, one grandson and two granddaughters

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