

EVENT SUMMARY: June 8, 2011

Georgetown University Press Title Awarded “Best of Show” at 2011 Book Design Ceremony

A History of Georgetown University, published by Georgetown University Press, received Best of Show at Washington Book Publishers’ 2011 Book Design and Effectiveness Competition ceremony on June 8. Debra Naylor designed the three-volume work, Richard Brown was the editor, Deborah Weiner was the art director, and R.R. Donnelley was the printer. The book also received first place in the category of illustrated text for large nonprofit publishers.

Forty-five Washington-area publishers entered books in this year’s design competition, with a total of 171 entries spread across five categories: illustrated text, technical text, typographic text, typographic cover, and illustrated cover. Fifty-three certificates for first place, second place, third place, or honorable mention were presented to the winners, whose entries represented either commercial, large nonprofit, or small- to medium-size nonprofit publishers.

This year’s judges were Gerard Cataldo, Chestertown Old Book Company & Charles River Press; Richard Muringer, American Pharmacists Association; Christopher O’Brien, CQ Press; and Claire Reinburg, National Science Teachers Association.

Approximately 85 members and guests were able to view all entries both before and after the 2011 ceremony. Among WBP’s special guests was Elissa Miller, Director of Collections for the DC Public Library. As in past years, WBP donated to the DC library all books entered in the competition.

During the lead-up to the award presentations, incoming 2011–12 WBP president Jack Bruggeman received the ceremonial corkscrew from Julian Graubart, outgoing 2010–11 president.

—Julian I. Graubart