

Massachusetts Citizens Against the Death Penalty Award Recipients

Herbert and Sara Ehrmann Award

in Memory of the Wrongful Execution of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti

- 1985 Senator John Kerry, Awarded for his support while MA Lt. Governor
- 1986 Michael Ventresca, Activist and Community Organizer
- 1988 Team Defense Project (Georgia)
- 1989 Governor Michael Dukakis
- 1990 Senator Edward M. Kennedy
- 1991 Henry Schwarzschild, Director the ACLU Capital Punishment Project
- 1993 Sr. Helen Prejean, author of **Dead Man Walking**
- 1995 Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun
- 1996 Former MA Supreme Judicial Court Chief
Justices Edward Hennessey and Paul Liacos
- 1998 Cardinal Bernard Law
Special recognition --
For Political leadership: State Senator Robert Antonioni
For Exceptional Political Courage: State Rep John Slattery
- 1999 Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation, Renny Cushing, Director
Special recognition--
For Leadership: MA House Speaker Tom Finneran and Majority Leader Wm. Nagle
For Distinguished Achievement:
The MA Latino-American Caucus - Rep. Jose Santiago and Rep. Jarrett Barrios
Manny Weiner/Victor Guez Reid Award:
Scott Harshbarger, Former AG, Pres and CEO of Common Cause
- 2001 Congressman William D. Delahunt
& Suffolk County District Attorney Ralph C. Martin, II
- 2003 U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy, Sponsor of the Innocence Protection Act
- 2004 Joshua Rubenstein, Northeast Regional Director of Amnesty International
- 2006 Scott Turow, attorney, and author of six best-selling novels and
Ultimate Punishment, on his service on the Ryan Commission
- 2007 Former Massachusetts Senate President, Robert Travaglini, & Speaker of the House, Sal DiMasi
- 2008 Attorney General Martha Coakley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Special recognition--
MCADP Chapters: Hampden County, Worcester County, Boston North
Former Executive Director, Ronnie Friedman-Barone
- 2009 The Law Firm of Dwyer and Collora

Hugo A. Bedau Award

For Significant Contribution to the Field of Death Penalty Scholarship

- 2002 Professor Hugo Adam Bedau, Ph.D., Emeritus Fletcher Professor of Philosophy. Tufts University
- 2003 Professor William Bowers, Principal Research Scientist, College of Criminal Justice,
Northeastern University
- 2004 Richard Moran, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology Mount Holyoke College
- 2006 Professor Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., Jesse Climenko Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and
Founding and Executive Director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice
- 2007 James Alan Fox, Ph.D., Lipman Family Professor or Criminal Justice, Northeastern University
- 2008 Carol Steiker, Howard J. and Katherine W. Aibel Professor of Law, Harvard Law School
- 2009 Austin Sarat, Ph.D, The William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Jurisprudence & Political Science,
Amherst College