

**Massachusetts Citizens Against the Death Penalty  
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 Lt. Governor of Massachusetts
- 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 Travaligni, & 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
- 2010 The Dead Man Walking School Theater Project

**Hugo A. Bedau Award**

**For Significant Contribution to the Field of Death Penalty Scholarship**

- 2001 Hugo A. Bedau, Austin B. Fletcher Professor of Philosophy, Emeritus, at 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 Fox, Lipman Family Professor of Criminal Justice, Northeastern University
- 2008 Carol Steiker, The Howard and Kathy Aibel Professor of Law, Harvard Law School
- 2009 Austin Sarat, The William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Jurisprudence & Political Science, Amherst College
- 2010 Professor Michael Meltsner of Northeastern University School of Law