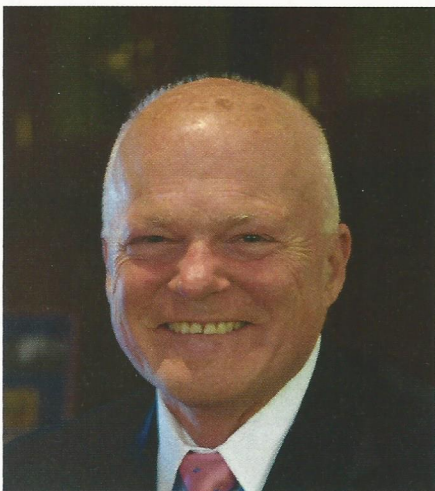
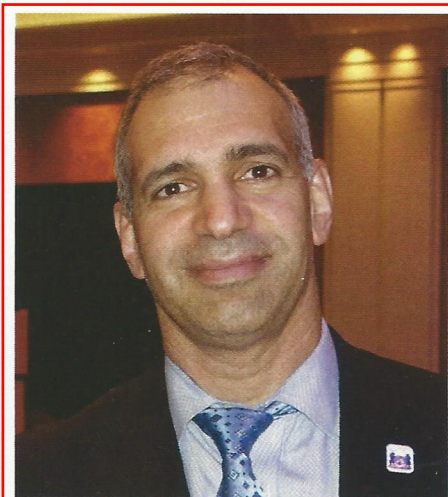


# 2020 AWARDS AND HONORS

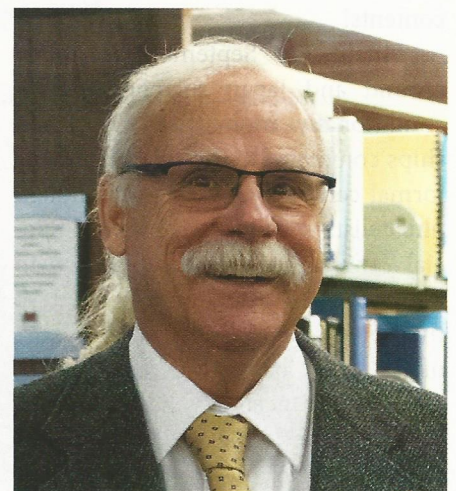
## The American Philatelic Society Luff Awards



James Peter Gough



Yamil H. Kouri, Jr.



Kenneth Grant

Since 1940, the Luff Award has been the most prestigious award that the American Philatelic Society bestows upon living philatelists. The Luff Award was established in memory of John N. Luff, APS president from 1907 to 1909, who was considered the most prominent American philatelist of his era. The award is now in its 80th year.

The APS Luff Awards are available annually for:

- Distinguished Philatelic Research
- Exceptional Contributions to Philately
- Outstanding Service to the American Philatelic Society

The Luff Awards are presented annually during the American Philatelic Society's convention and exhibition. Recipients sign the Luff Award Scroll and are presented with engraved rings. The 2020 Luff Award winners will join a distinguished company of 173 prominent philatelists.

### For Distinguished Philatelic Research — James Peter Gough

James Peter Gough (also known as Jamie to his friends in the philatelic world) has been a major contributor to philatelic research for nearly 30 years, especially in support

of his groundbreaking exhibits. His work has resulted in a number of public presentations, series of scholarly articles in prestigious journals, and most recently a multi-volume study on the Universal Postal Union.

Jamie first started stamp collecting 60 years ago (1960) and never stopped. As a young man, he found a home in his local stamp club (Annapolis, MD), where he was mentored by a few of the hobby's leading collectors of the time. Early on, his mentors encouraged him to do research for his exhibits and for articles. Jamie was recruited into the APS by Col. James T. DeVoss after winning the National Youth Championship with his exhibit of Irish postal history. That same year (1973), Jamie published his first article in *Linn's Stamp News*. Since then, he has continued to write extensively, including a few of the following noteworthy articles:

- *The American Philatelist* (April 1995): "Pay Now or

Pay Later: The Evolution of Postage Due Worldwide, 1789-1954,” which won the 1995 Apfelbaum Best Article of the Year Award published in *The American Philatelist*.

- *The Collectors Club Philatelist* (2010): “The Changing Formulas of the GPU/UPU for Postage Due,” [Parts I-IV] which won the Robert P. Odenweller Best Article of the Year Award published in the *Collectors Club Philatelist*.
- Royal Philatelic Society London (2020): Crawford Medal for Best Book.
- United Postal Stationery Society (2020): Lewandowski Medal for Best Postal Stationery Publication.

Knowledge and research are key parts of exhibit creation and evaluation. Jamie’s exhibits have been notable for illuminating broad swathes of postal history on a scale never before attempted. The degree of success is attested to by the awards received, the most prestigious of which include:

- *The Evolution and Use of Adhesives for Postage Due, 1790-1954* was awarded the APS Champion of Champions 1992; the FIP Grand Prix d’Honneur (PhilexFrance 1999); and FIP Felicitations for Research.
- *Universal Postal Union and its Impact on Global Postal Service* was awarded the APS Champion of Champions 2013; the Grand Prix d’Exposition (Americas 2008); the Grand Prix d’Exposition (Europhilex 2015); and FIP Felicitations for Research.

Both exhibits have also been awarded the APS Research medal numerous times; his other exhibits have been recognized with other special awards for research.

While the Luff Award recognizes achievements in philatelic research, it must be noted that Jamie has also been active in national (WSP/APS) and international (FIP) philatelic judging. He was an early and prolific writer and presenter of philatelic exhibiting techniques, most notably at Pacific’97 and at three international Philatelic Summits in Europe, for which he wrote two extensive monographs on the evolution of exhibiting and its techniques. His public presentations and articles on the national and international judging processes have cemented his reputation as a leading authority and guide on the development of judging practice.

Largely due to his pioneering research as presented in articles and exhibits, Jamie was elected to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 2012 and to the *Académie de Philatélie* (France) in 2000.

Currently, the Royal Philatelic Society London is in the process of publishing the next volumes of Jamie’s landmark series, titled *The Postal History of the Universal Postal Union*. The first two volumes, subtitled *The Postal Card (Worldwide) 1869-1974*, were published in January 2020. The next volume, *Rules, Regulations and Rates, 1874-1974* is underway.

## For Exceptional Contributions to Philately – Yamil H. Kouri, Jr.

Yamil H. Kouri, Jr. is a nationally and internationally acclaimed philatelic judge, also known for his leadership in countless organizations and institutions, his award-winning exhibits, books, monographs and articles, and his commitment to original philatelic research.

Yamil started collecting stamps as a child, peeling the stamps off the envelopes he received from his family in Cuba. He became interested in postal history in the late 1970s and published his first article on postal history in 1982. Since then, he has written close to 180 articles, most of them consisting of original research. His work has covered a wide variety of subjects, but primarily focuses on the maritime and military mail of Spain, former Spanish colonies, Cuba, the United States and several European countries. His articles have appeared in nearly twenty different philatelic journals.

Yamil’s first book, *The Postal History of Spanish New Orleans*, appeared in 2004. Subsequently he co-authored three other books on maritime and colonial postal history and wrote and presented six specialized monographs. His latest book, *Under Three Flags, The Postal History of the Spanish-Cuban/American War*, was published in early 2020.

Yamil’s interest in exhibiting began when he was a teenager. He has received several large gold medals with four different exhibits at FIP-sponsored international exhibitions. In addition, he is a chief judge in the United States and an accredited international judge in postal history at the FIP level.

Yamil is a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, a numbered member of the Real Academia Hispánica de Filatelia e Historia Postal, and a member of the European Academy of Philately and the International Postal History Fellowship; he belongs to more than twenty philatelic organizations in the United States, Latin America, and Europe. He is the president of the Postal History Society (United States), a member of the board of the American Philatelic Congress, and chairman of the board of the Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History. He is the former president of the Cuban Philatelic Society and past editor of its journal, *The Cuban Philatelist*.

He has served as vice-president of the American Philatelic Society and is currently the vice-president of the Federación Interamericana de Filatelia (FIAF).

Yamil organizes the annual Spellman Museum Postal History Symposium, now on its seventh year, and is vice-president of the Boston 2026 World Stamp Expo.

Yamil’s notable philatelic recognitions, awarded for exhibiting and writing, include the following: the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society’s Ashbrook Cup (2004 and 2019); USPCS Distinguished Philatelist (2019); APS Champion of Champions (2019); and the American Philatelic Congress-Walter R. McCoy Award (2013).

He has five children, ranging in age between 30 and 19

years, all of them still furthering their education along the east coast. His wife Suzanne patiently supports, and tolerates, his philatelic obsession. When he is not engaged in philately or family activities, he works as an oncologist and hematologist in the Boston area.

### **For Outstanding Service to the APS – Kenneth Grant**

Kenneth Grant has made a lifelong, sustained and dedicated contribution to the organizational backbone of philately. From his lifetime leadership of the local club in Baraboo, Wisconsin, to his steady and thoughtful leadership at various levels of the APS and APRL, Ken is nothing if not reliable. One of the best examples is Ken's recent willingness to step into leadership for the American Philatelic Research Library to fill the vacancy created by a sudden resignation, which he did without hesitation. His leadership of the APRL allowed the library to continue its mission to philatelists without interruption.

Besides this significant support of the APS and APRL, Ken has served on the APRL Board of Trustees faithfully since 1999, with only a brief gap from this responsibility from 2012-2016, when he served as the APS Board Secretary. He has sat on multiple APS and APRL committees, including the USSS-Mueller Award committee, the Charles Peterson Award committee, Strategic Planning Committees, and more. Ken has demonstrated tremendous dedication to the APS and its missions.

One of Ken's best accomplishments involves the American Philatelic Center. He was one of the leaders who signed the initial paperwork to purchase the Match Factory and was a part of the decision-making process for every phase of construction up to its completion in 2016.

Ken is also a proud supporter of the Campaign for Philately from its inception to present and has served on the committee consistently, with only a gap of two years. The Campaign for Philately, in its goals of serving the needs of current members, supporting new and future collectors, and promoting the hobby, is well-served by Ken's efforts towards the future of philately.

When Ken is not working on behalf of the APS, he is highly dedicated to his local stamp clubs, and currently edits the Cinderella Stamp Club's publication, *The Cinderella Philatelist*.

### **The Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Awards**

The Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Awards honor the outstanding efforts of APS volunteers at the national, regional and local level, and also recognize our younger members whose contributions and abundant talents are crucial to our future.

### **For National Service**

#### **Deane Briggs**

Deane Briggs has been active in Florida and national

philately for over 40 years. In 1992, he helped reestablish the Florida Postal History Society (Affiliate 227) and was elected president. Over the past 27 years he has held every officer position for the society and is currently its treasurer. From 1994 to 2008 he served as editor of the *Florida Postal History Journal* and has written over 225 articles for the journal. His writing credits also include several dozen articles for the *Confederate Philatelist* and *LaPosta*.

Deane was one of the editors of the first edition of *Florida Stampless Postal History 1763-1861*, as well as a co-editor of the second revised and extended edition, *Florida Postal History 1763-1861*, published December 2018.

Deane has been an active member of the Confederate Stamp Alliance (Affiliate 73), serving as a trustee, Vice-President, and most recently President from 2016-2020. The CSA published Deane's award-winning book, *Florida Postal History During the Civil War*, which included a census listing of all recorded covers from Florida towns during the Civil War.

Deane was also an organizer of the Civil War Exhibition and Symposium held at the American Philatelic Center from October 24-26, 2019. The highly successful symposium showcased 125 frames of the finest Union and Confederate exhibits ever assembled.

#### **Jack Andre Denys**

Jack André Denys, a topical stamp leader and exhibitor, was president of the American Topical Association (ATA) for an unprecedented eight years, 2008-2016. During that tenure, Jack oversaw the hiring of its outstanding staff – Executive Director Vera Felts and Editor Wayne Youngblood – and led the association in visioning, fundraising, innovations, communications and its only net membership gain since the 1970s. He created the "Buck the Trend Fund" to which members have contributed almost \$500,000 in 12 years. He promoted the inclusion of "Beyond the Catalog" items in ATA checklists, initiated the "Because You Belong" regular email messages sent to members, and created the ATA motto "About The Adventure." In 2014 Jack received the ATA's Distinguished Topical Philatelist award, its highest honor.

As a member of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE), Jack wrote four articles for its journal *The Philatelic Exhibitor*, receiving the Randy L. Neil Award

