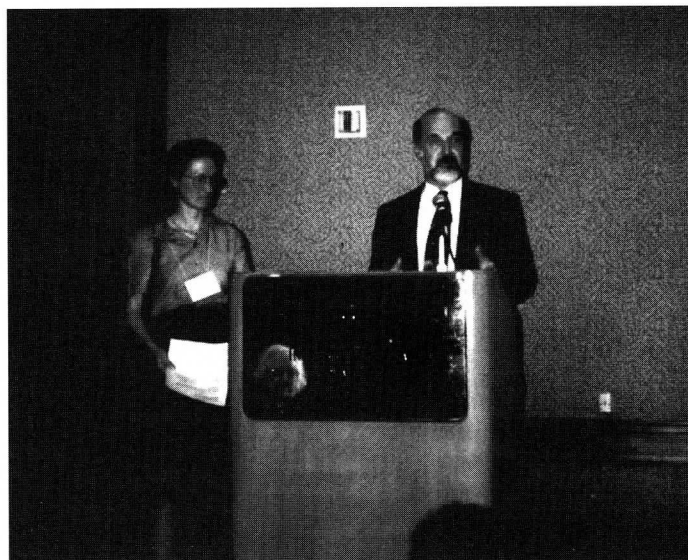


feel that I have given back only a fraction of what I gained from my association with all of you!

I very much enjoy my current position in graduate student services. It combines my interests and experience in education, counseling, and in working with students in a variety of ways. I miss my contacts with colleagues such as you, though. I am happy to have VRA friends with whom I keep in close contact because I will always be interested in the visual resources profession and what you all are up to! It is a time of very significant changes in visual resources management, but I am confident that the VRA will continue to provide excellent leadership and direction. As the organization continues to change and grow, please do not forget to keep that big-hearted approach in supporting each other!

My thanks and very best wishes to you all.

Becky Hoort
Ann Arbor, Michigan



VRA President Jenni Rodda and Past President Joe Romano at the 1999 Distinguished Service Award presentation. Photo: J. Taormina.

1999 VRA Annual Conference 1999 Travel Awards

The Visual Resources Association granted seven \$500 travel awards to provide assistance for members to attend and participate in the 17th Annual Conference held in Los Angeles, February 9–13, 1999. Five of these awards were provided by the Luraine Tansey Travel Award Fund and the remaining two awards were granted on behalf of corporate sponsors. All of the award winners clearly and effectively articulated their financial need, their level of participation at the conference, and their expected benefits of attending the annual conference. The Travel Awards Committee Chair, Christina Updike, and VRA Treasurer, Karin Whalen, presented the awards during the Association's Annual Business Meeting held Wednesday, February 10, in the Harold M. Williams Auditorium at the Getty Center, Los Angeles, California.

The 1999 Archivision Corporate Travel Award was presented to Maria Mamalinga, Athens School of Fine Arts, Greece, and the recipient of the 1999 Reindeer Company Corporate Travel Award was Francesca Zanella, Università di Parma, Italy. The VRA is pleased to continue the travel award program, which began in 1993 with the establishment of the Luraine Tansey Travel Award Fund. Receiving the Luraine Tansey Travel Awards for 1999 were Judith A. Berzinsky, John Carroll University, Shaker Heights, Ohio; Devin A. Colman, Macalester College, Saint Paul, Minnesota; Paula Hardin, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Jeannine N. Keefer, University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi; and Randi Millman-Brown, Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York.

Since 1993, the VRA has awarded twenty-eight Luraine Tansey Travel Awards and eight Corporate Awards. Luraine Tansey continues her generous financial support of the fund she inaugurated and the VRA is most grateful to her. In addition to the contributions received from individual VRA members, donations to the travel award fund were received from Art on File, Archivision/Scott Gilchrist, Horizon Tape Products, Image Innovations/SlideScribe, Media for the Arts, Oliver Radford/Architecture Slides, The Reindeer Company/Douglas Reiner, Saskia Ltd. Cultural Documentation, University Products, Inc., and Wess Plastic, Inc. The regional chapters of Greater New York, Northern California, Pacific Rim, and Southern California made special donations this year in memory of Richard Tansey.

The 1999 award recipients have sent the following statements regarding their conference experience:

Judith Berzinsky writes:

As a first-time attendee, I had no idea what to expect from a conference. It sounded like it could be useful. Since I am still new to my current position as a slide curator, I knew I needed an education on various topics.