2009



Centennial Medalists

SVETLANA ALPERS AB '57, PhD '65, fine arts

DAVID BRION DAVIS
PhD '56, history of American civilization

THOMAS C. SCHELLING PhD '51, economics

JOSEPH HOOTON TAYLOR, JR. PhD '68, astronomy

1989

THOMAS EISNER
AB '51, PhD '56, biology
JESSE GREENSTEIN
AB '29, PhD '37, astronomy
ROBERT MOTHERWELL
GSA '38, philosophy
DAVID WOODLEY PACKARD
PhD '67, the classics
REGINALD H. PHELPS
AB '30, PhD '47, history
JAMES TOBIN
AB '39, PhD '47, economics
MARGARET D. WILSON
PhD '65, philosophy

1990

MARGARET ATWOOD AM '62, English SAMUEL H. BEER PhD '43, government LEO P. KADANOFF AB '57, PhD '60, physics

1991

ELEANOR LANSING DULLES
PhD '26, economics
CARYL P. HASKINS
PhD '35, biology
WESLEY W. POSVAR
PhD '64, government
SUSAN SONTAG
AM '57, philosophy

1992

EDWARD BERNSTEIN
PhD '31, economics
SAUL COHEN
AB '37, PhD '40, chemistry
STANLEY KUNITZ
AB '26, AM '27, English and
American literature and language
ALICE RIVLIN
PhD '58, economics

1993

REN'EE C. FOX PhD'54, sociology MARILYN FRENCH PhD'72, English and American literature and language ROLF LANDAUER SB'47, PhD'50, physics

1994

HANNA GRAY PhD '57, history ROALD HOFFMANN PhD '62, chemical physics ROSALIND KRAUSS PhD '69, fine arts

1995

PHILIP ANDERSON SB '44, PhD '49, physics ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI PhD '53, government

1996

LEON BOTSTEIN
PhD '85, history
VICTOR K. FUNG
PhD '71, applied mathematics
PAUL GUYER
AB '69, PhD '74, philosophy
MAXINE KUMIN
AB '46, AM '48, comparative literature

1997

RICHARD KARP
AB '55, PhD '59, applied mathematics
STUART RICE
PhD '55, chemistry
HENRY ROSOVSKY
PhD '59, economics
RUTH SIMMONS
PhD '73, Romance languages and literatures

1998

SISSELA BOK PhD '70, philosophy I. BERNARD COHEN SB '37, PhD '47, history of science RICHARD ZARE AB '61, PhD '64, chemistry

1999

FRANCES DALY FERGUSSON
PhD '73, fine arts
NGUYEN XUAN OANH
PhD '54, economics
CARL EMIL SCHORSKE
PhD '50, history
EDWARD OSBORNE WILSON
PhD '55, biology

2000

HAROLD AMOS PhD '52, medical sciences STANLEY CAVELL PhD '61, philosophy JILL KER CONWAY PhD '69, history

2001

BERNARD BAILYN
PhD '53, history

CAROLINE WALKER BYNUM
PhD '69, history

ELLIOTT CARTER
AB '30, AM '32, music

WALTER KOHN
AB '30, PhD '48, physics

2002

LEWIS BRANSCOMB
PhD '50, physics
MADHAV GADGIL
PhD '69, biology
JOANNE MARTIN
PhD '77, psychology and social relations
ALLEN PUCKETT
SB '39, SM '41, applied sciences

2003

AGNES GUND
AM '80, fine arts
AMY GUTMANN
AB '71, PhD '76, government
LEON RICHARD KASS
PhD '67, biochemistry and molecular biology
WILLIAM SCHNEIDER
PhD '72, government

2004

JOHN COOLIDGE ADAMS
AB '69, AM '72, music
SUSAN TUFTS FISKE
AB '73, PhD '78, social psychology
RICHARD M. HUNT
PhD '60, history
GEORGE RUPP
PhD '72, study of religion

2005

MICHAEL ARTIN
PhD '60, mathematics
H. ROBERT HORVITZ
PhD '74, molecular biology
ELAINE H. PAGELS
PhD '70, study of religion
A. MICHAEL SPENCE
PhD '72, economics

2006

DANIEL CALLAHAN
PhD '65, philosophy

SANDRA MOORE FABER
PhD '72, astronomy

ROBERT M. SOLOW
PhD '51, economics

KEVIN STARR
PhD '69, English and American
literature and language

2007

FREDERICK PHILLIPS BROOKS, JR.
PhD '56, mathematics
SARA BLAFFER HRDY
AB '68, PhD '75, anthropology
NEIL L. RUDENSTINE
PhD '64, English and American
literature and language
JEFFERY DAVID SACHS
AB '76, PhD '80, economics

2008

SUSAN LINDQUIST
PhD '77, cellular and developmental biology
EARL A. POWELL III
PhD '74, fine arts
FRANK H. SHU
PhD '68, astronomy
EZRA F. VOGEL
PhD '58, sociology

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