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2009 AASLH Leadership in History Awards Committee
Award of Merit Nomination for Individual Achievement
Dr. Noel J. Stowe

Dear Awards Committee:

Dr. Noel J. Stowe has been a guiding force promoting public history, teaching and mentoring generations of students, expanding the advanced degree program in history and establishing the Public History Program at Arizona State University, as well as contributing to scholarly research/publications in numerous facets of United States history for over four decades. Dr. Stowe was a highly regarded member of the Arizona Historic Advisory Commission, the Coordinating Committee for the History of Arizona, and the Arizona Centennial Commission. His contributions were not only limited to the state of Arizona or even the American Southwest, however, but extended nationally and involved researchers and students in some two dozen projects directed by him for the National Parks Service and the National Endowment for the Humanities. He served on AASLH committees, the National Council on Public History, committees of the American Historical Association and Oral History Association.

Dr. Stowe's contributions to the discipline of history are clear from the dozens of peer-reviewed articles he produced for a variety of scholarly journals and the five important books he authored including such far-ranging subjects as political and social unrest in 17th century Mexico City, curriculum development in the field of public history, and change and adaptation of state governments.

While his individual accomplishments are many and varied, his ability to inspire students as a mentor and role model will have a lasting impact. His generosity to students and colleagues alike with time, resources, and wise counsel sets him apart. The Leadership in History Award defines Dr. Stowe and I am pleased to recommend his nomination.

Sincerely,

Anne I. Woosley, Ph. D.
Executive Director