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## 2010 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP

*Jerald Podair*

JERRY PODAIR, your scholarly contributions to Lawrence have been outstanding. You have published two books while at Lawrence. “The Strike That Changed New York: Blacks, Whites, and the Ocean Hill-Brownsville Crisis” tells the story of a bitter racial controversy in New York City. Your second book, “Bayard Rustin: American Dreamer,” is a widely praised biography of an important civil rights leader. Recent projects are an essay on Rudolph Giuliani and New York’s racial politics, and an introduction to a new edition of the classic book about the Titanic, “A Night to Remember.” You are working on no less than three other books. One examines the cultural implications of the move of the Brooklyn Dodgers to Los Angeles, a second, “American Conversations,” looks at the

United States from 1877 to the present and the third is a collection of essays about how Americans have sought to define the concept of equality. Your work has been published in several important journals and has led to many awards and honors, among them election to the New York Academic of History and appointment by Governor Doyle to the Wisconsin Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. If there is something more that you might be expected to do right now, I have no idea what that could be.

I am extremely pleased to present you with the 2010 award for Excellence in Scholarship.

June 13, 2010