2004 ACM SIGGRAPH Awards

Outstanding Service Award

Judith R. Brown
Steve Cunningham

Judith R. Brown and Steve Cunningham are the recipients of this year’s SIGGRAPH Outstanding Service Award.

While Brown and Cunningham are being honored separately, we acknowledge that they have also frequently collaborated in their SIGGRAPH activities. They are recognized for the length and breadth of their contributions, with particular note of how each helped and contributed to the other’s goals and visions for SIGGRAPH. Often, it was difficult to tell who was responsible for a particular activity, but it was always clear that their goal was SIGGRAPH’s success and their teamwork magnified their individual efforts for SIGGRAPH. We appreciate this opportunity to publicly thank them for their outstanding service to SIGGRAPH.

Judith R. Brown

Judy joined SIGGRAPH in 1979, began her volunteer activities as a charter member of SIGGRAPH’s Education Committee in 1982, and was a principal in its growth and development. She was active in chronicling “Careers in Computer Graphics” with papers, talks and workshops for SIGGRAPH. She also gave presentations at ACM, SIGGRAPH, and other related national and international computer graphics events.

She participated in SIGGRAPH’s Fundamentals Seminars, served on and chaired the Special Projects, Public Policy, and Nominations Committees, chaired SIGGRAPH’s 30th Year Celebration, and served on ACM’s Nomination Committee and SIG Board. She was elected a Eurographics Fellow for her work in building collaborations between SIGGRAPH and Eurographics.

She helped develop SIGGRAPH’s Strategic Plan, which highlights research, education, and globalization. She has been active in international collaborations through work with other professional societies and participation in SIGGRAPH’s outreach activities to Southern Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. She has served on many SIGGRAPH committees, participated in conferences, and served on the SIGGRAPH Executive Committee as Vice Chair, Director for Education, President, and Past President.

When asked what SIGGRAPH activities she was most proud of, Judy noted the opportunity to contribute to SIGGRAPH and the computer graphics community, especially in building the Education Committee, in developing collaborative ties with other national and international computer graphics societies, and developing a strategic plan for SIGGRAPH. Most of all, she values the friendships she has developed throughout the world over the past twenty-five years.

With a background in mathematics, Judy began as a scientific computer programmer at Rockwell Collins Company and for physicist James Van Allen in the 1960s. She became a consultant and developer of educational software for The University of Iowa in 1977, and in the 1980s, she taught computer graphics in the Instructional Design and Technology division of the Department of Education. She managed Advanced Research Computing Services at The University of Iowa, which included high performance computing, visualization and virtual reality applications for research and education. Since retirement in 2000, she has taken drawing and Chinese lessons and earned a green belt in Tai Chi. During June 2004, she is co-chairing a track on Visual Learning at the Computer Graphics Education workshop in China and is co-chair of the SIGGRAPH VRCAI2004 conference in Singapore.

Judy studied at l’Alliance Française in Paris, has a B.A. in Mathematics and Education from the University of Iowa, and a M.S. in Mathematics from the University of Iowa.