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2015 | J. Michael Crane, University of Arkansas-Fort Smith
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2006 | Tracy K'Meyer, University of Louisville
2005 | John David Smith, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
2004 | Andrew Lee Feight, Shawnee State University, and Richard Taylor, Kentucky State University (tie)
2003 | Melanie Beals Goan, University of Kentucky
2002 | Richard E. Holl, Hazard Community College, and Robert M. Ireland, University of Kentucky (tie)
2001 | Berry Craig, Paducah Community College
2000 | Anne E. Marshall, University of Georgia
1999 | Hugh Ridenour, independent scholar
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1997 | Harry Liver, University of Kentucky
1996 | Chad Berry, Maryville College
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1994 | Ellen Eslinger, DePaul University
1993 | Marion B. Lucas, Western Kentucky University
1992 | A. Gwynn Henderson, University of Kentucky
1991 | Peter B. Knupfer, Arizona State University
1990 | Robert M. Ireland, University of Kentucky
1989 | John M. Glen, Ball State University
1988 | John David Smith, North Carolina State University
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1982 | James B. Murphy, Southern Illinois University
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1980 | George C. Wright, University of Kentucky
1979 | Dale Royalty, East Tennessee University
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