

2012 ASLI'S CHOICE AWARD WINNERS

At January's AMS Annual Meeting in Austin, Atmospheric Science Librarians International (ASLI) announced the 2012 ASLI's Choice winners for the best books in the fields of meteorology, climatology, and atmospheric sciences.

This year, ASLI gave awards in four categories: science, history, reference, and popular. Selections were based on nine criteria: uniqueness, comprehensiveness, usefulness, quality, authoritativeness, organization, illustrations/diagrams, competition, and references.

The winning book in the science category was *The Future of the World's Climate (Second Edition)*, edited by Ann Henderson-Sellers and Kendal McGuffie, published by Elsevier. ASLI praised the book for "the broad scientific context that it provides for current efforts to model and predict climate change."

In the history category, the winning book was *Hawai'i's Mauna Loa Observatory: Fifty Years of Monitoring the Atmosphere*, by Forrest M. Mims III, published by the University of Hawai'i Press, which ASLI lauded for "its engaging perspective on the scientists, discoveries, and ground-breaking atmospheric measurements done at Mauna Loa Observatory."

In the reference category, the award went to *The Atmospheric Chemist's Companion: Numerical Data for Use in the Atmospheric Sciences*, by Peter Warneck and Jonathan Williams, published by Springer, for "its well-organized assembly of frequently needed numerical data and measurement techniques."

The award in the popular category went not to one book but to a series: *Princeton Primers in Climate*, edited by Alison Kalett, published by Princeton University Press. This series was recognized by ASLI "for brief, readable books on key topics in climate science that provide essential knowledge and point to further investigation."

Honorable mentions were awarded to the following books: Science—*Atmospheric Physics: Background-Methods-Trends*, edited by Ulrich Schumann and published by Springer; History—*Lake Effect: Tales of Large Lakes, Arctic Winds, and Recurrent Snows*, by Mark Monmonier, published by Syracuse University Press; *History of the Meteorological Office*, by Malcolm Walker, published by Cambridge University Press; and *The Discovery of Weather: Stephen Saxby, the Tumultuous Birth of Weather Forecasting, and Saxby's Gale of 1869*, by Jerry Lockett, published by Formac Publishing; Reference—*Kinikmi Sigum Qanuq Iliitaavut—Wales Inupiaq Sea Ice Dictionary*, compiled by Winton Weyapuk Jr. and Igor Krupnik, edited by Igor Krupnik, Herbert Anungazuk, and Matthew Druckemiller, published by the Smithsonian Institution.

ASLI is a professional organization devoted to communicating and disseminating information among libraries and educational institutions involved in atmospheric science research and scholarship. ASLI is now seeking nominations for the 2013 ASLI's Choice awards; the deadline for nominations is November 1. For more information, go to <http://aslionline.org/wp/asli-choice/>.

ASLI and AMS congratulate all of the 2012 winners!

