


THIS prestigious award was launched in the mid-sixties by the Walter Bagehot Research Council. The annual award is now presented by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) to a deserving scholar whose intellectual achievement—as made manifest in the form of a book published in the previous year—embodies the spirit, range, and scholarly rigor of the award’s namesakes. The amount of the award is \$5,000.

Henry Paolucci and Walter Bagehot



The Walter Bagehot Research Council on National Sovereignty was established in the mid-sixties by Henry Paolucci. It was named after the distinguished British political economist and man of letters **WALTER BAGEHOT** (1826–1877), founder and long-time editor of the *Economist*, one of the most important journals of his time. Bagehot possessed a broad mastery of political thought as well as a keen sense of the influence of the past on present political and economic realities.

The same could be said of his disciple, **HENRY PAOLUCCI** (1921–1999). Under the aegis of the Bagehot Council, Paolucci edited for over 25 years the *State of the Nation*, a widely circulated monthly political newsletter.

A polymath scholar, Paolucci’s interests ranged among subjects as diverse as astronomy, mathematics, literary theory, political philosophy,

Greek and Roman history, Christian doctrine and history, the legacy and history of the Jews, and American history. He taught English literature at Iona College, Roman history at City College and Brooklyn College (CUNY), government and politics at St. John’s University, and Dante and medieval culture at Columbia University. He lectured in Rome as a Fulbright Scholar and in Florence as Eleanora Duse Travelling Fellow from Columbia University.

In 1964, Paolucci was chosen by the insurgent Conservative Party of New York State to run for the U.S. Senate against Robert Kennedy. His vigorous and articulate campaign brought the newly formed party into prominence and earned him the tag of “The Scholarly Candidate” from the *New York Times*.


Among Paolucci’s many books are *Public Image, Private Interest: Kissinger’s Foreign Policy Strategies in Vietnam; War, Peace, and the Presidency*; and *A Brief History of Political Thought and Statecraft*. As chief researcher and feature writer for *Review of National Literatures* (founded by his wife, Anne Paolucci) he edited, for that series, three volumes on the age of European expansion and early American exploration.

The Award

The ISI Henry Paolucci/Walter Bagehot Book Award will recognize and advance the scholarly and journalistic achievements of Henry Paolucci and Walter Bagehot by honoring each

“The reason why so few good books are written is that so few people who can write know anything.”

WALTER BAGEHOT



year one book that embodies the humane and liberal spirit of these two men of letters. Their achievements will long be remembered by those who had the privilege of hearing them lecture or who have had the opportunity to read one of their many books, articles, or speeches. Through their scholarly work, their tireless pursuit of academic, literary, and journalist excellence, and their political and moral commitments, Paolucci and Bagehot exemplify ISI’s ideal of the public intellectual. This award recalls and proclaims their example to all who aspire to the intellectual life.

Selection Process

Nominations from individuals and publishing houses are hereby solicited for this year’s Paolucci/Bagehot Book Award. Books from a range of humanistic disciplines—including but not limited to American foreign policy, political science (especially political philosophy), higher education in the United States, English literature and comparative literature (nonfiction only), intellectual history, the fu-

ture of the humanities, history, philosophy, and the history of science—are eligible for selection. Nominated books should display a cross- or interdisciplinary approach to their subjects. They should also bring first principles to bear on important academic, political, or cultural concerns. The book deemed to have made the most significant contribution to the advancement of a true partnership between the mind and soul, or to the explication of the essential unity between man's rational and spiritual natures, will be honored. (For more details on the nomination process, please see the rules section in this brochure.)

The selection committee will include two members of the Walter Bagehot Research Council on National Sovereignty; Frank D. Grande, president of Griffon House publications; Anne Paolucci; two senior members of ISI's staff; and an at-large ISI faculty member.

Five award finalists will be determined on or around June 15. The winner of the Paolucci/Bagehot Award will be announced on or around July 15.

Awardee's Lecture and Reception

The winner will be asked to give a public lecture at ISI's F. M. Kirby Campus in Wilmington, Delaware, in the fall. The lecture and award ceremony will be followed by a reception, on a mutually acceptable date.

Rules

ELIGIBILITY: Only single-authored, nonfiction books first published in English in the previous year, including translations, are eligible for selection. New editions of previously published works are ineligible (including new translations of previously translated works). Books published by ISI Books or authored by ISI staff are not eligible for the award. Self-nominations will not be accepted.



TO NOMINATE A BOOK: Please send two new copies, together with any promotional materials sent out by the publisher (including an author photograph) by May 15 to:

THE PAOLUCCI/BAGEHOT BOOK AWARD
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If you would like to help advance the legacy of Henry Paolucci and Walter Bagehot, please consider making an endowment gift to the Paolucci/Bagehot Fund. Contact ISI's director of institutional advancement at 800-526-7022 for more information.



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