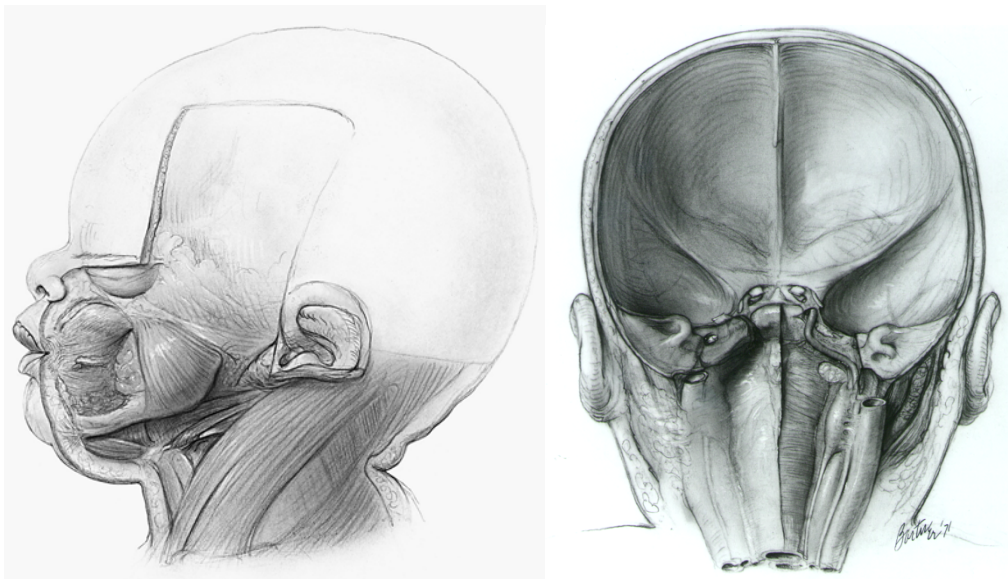


# Howard Barner Receives AMI Award for Teaching Excellence

Mr. Howard Bartner, an adjunct part-time Associate Professor in the Department of Art as Applied to Medicine was honored at the 2011 Association of Medical Illustrators (AMI) annual meeting in Baltimore with the Max Brödel Award for Excellence in Education.

Before coming to Hopkins, Howard received both a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Elkins Tyler School of Fine Art as well as a Bachelor of Science Degree from Temple University. Howard graduated from the Hopkins Program with a certificate in 1958. Back in 1959, under Ranice Crosby's directorship, the Hopkins program approved a Master of Arts degree. And rumor had it during the Department's 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration, that Howard may have influenced Ranice to lobby administration for the degree. Unfortunately for him, this came too late, so in 1969, he fulfilled the additional requirement for the MA degree. After graduating from Hopkins, Howard went on to dedicate his entire professional career to the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland and devoted over 50 years of teaching excellence at Hopkins.

While at NIH, Howard mentored many a young medical illustrator in their first employment. Among this list includes Herb Smith, Barry Baker, Trudy Nicholson, Patricia Kenny, and most recently Donald Bliss, to name a few. Early in his career Howard was recognized by his peers as a very talented artist. As Brent Bauer, a former student and faculty member at Hopkins nicely put it, "He was a quintessential artist above all." His AMI awards included the Award of Excellence for his work on the Anatomy of the Infant Head.



One cannot speak of Howard's work without including examples of his beautiful ophthalmological illustrations. The techniques used to create a such a piece such clearly mirror those taught by his teacher at Hopkins, noted ophthalmological illustrator, Annette Burgess. Most of Howard's artwork is characterized by an accomplished confident loose rendering style.

In 1962, following Annette's retirement from Hopkins, Ranice would give Howard the privilege to join the Hopkins faculty as a part time instructor. It is since then that Howard began teaching Ophthalmological Illustration to every graduate of our program.



In 1997 Howard received the National Eye Institute Director's Award for recognition and appreciation for his special achievements. During the 2000 Hopkins Medical School Graduation Ceremony, Howard received the Ranice W. Crosby Distinguished Achievement Award for his teaching role in our program as well as his numerous scholarly contributions as a medial illustrator.

It is said that: "Teachers who inspire know that teaching is like cultivating a garden, and those who would have nothing to do with thorns must never attempt to gather flowers." We truly believe teachers like Howard continue to inspire others by his example. Most of us would not have blossomed as well had it not been for master gardeners like Howard. So for this we want to thank and congratulate Howard.

"In all respects Howard has been a gifted artist with a wonderful personality, a kind and passionate teacher with whom students always seem to connect." -Gary Lees



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