

2008 AATP LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

American Association of Teachers of Persian (AATP) has set out, since 2008, to recognize those remarkable individuals who have dedicated their lives to the promotion and instruction of Persian language, culture and literature in the United States of America.



Manouchehr Kasheff (Columbia University) was the first recipient of the AATP award. Ostad Kasheff taught at Columbia University since 1974, (and currently teaches at NYU) and has been a senior editor of *Encyclopaedia Iranica* at Columbia's Iran Center. He is one of the early founders of the American Association of Teachers of Persian and served as its first secretary-treasurer. He is author of a number of articles for the *Encyclopaedia Iranica* and the *Encyclopaedia of Asian Studies* and has translated into Persian books by A.J. Arberry and S. Runciman and articles by distinguished authors including T.S. Eliot, George Santayana, and others.

At the 42nd Annual Middle East Studies Association (MESA) conference, held in Washington DC in November 2008, Professor Kasheff was honored for his over five decades of services in the field of Persian language and literature.