

2016 Kennedy Achievement Award Winner - Ronald Langley of the University of Kentucky's Survey Research Center

Ronald Langley, Director of the University of Kentucky's Survey Research Center, has been named the 2016 recipient of the John M. Kennedy Achievement Award given by the Association of Academic Survey Research Associations (AASRO) for his service and leadership to academic survey research.

Langley has successfully led the Kentucky Survey Research Center for several decades and has served as Director there since 1998. At Kentucky, he has been principal investigator for over 100 survey projects. His professional accomplishments additionally include a variety of peer-reviewed academic papers and book chapters that investigate the relationship between public opinion and public policy, particularly macroeconomic and health policy.

As a leader in the field of research ethics, Langley serves on the University of Kentucky's nonmedical Institutional Review Board, tasked with overseeing the ethical conduct of research at the institution. He was elected and currently serves as the Standards Chair of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR), where he has worked to raise member's awareness of the importance of respect for the rights of research subjects and its importance to the integrity and reputation of the profession. Langley is also a leader in the Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research (MAPOR), where he currently serves on the Executive Council.

As a founding member of AASRO, Langley has been involved since its initial meeting, serving the organization in many capacities. He was part of the steering committee that drafted AASRO's bylaws and served as first vice president in 2008, following as president of the organization in 2009, and past president in 2010. "Ron has been attentive to the wider policy environment that affects University-based survey researchers. While President, he wrote a memo to OMB related to the Paperwork Reduction Act, and quickly responded to errors in a Prim&R (Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research) training for IRB committee members that suggested multiple recruitment attempts of respondents were not allowed," said Martha Van Hartsma, Co-Director of the University of Chicago Survey Lab. "He has been our organizational representative at national Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) most years, traveling on his own time and reporting back."