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## **American Translators Association Awards Its Highest Honor to Holly Mikkelson**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA** — The American Translators Association is honored to recognize Holly Mikkelson as the recipient of the 2011 Alexander Gode Medal—ATA’s most prestigious award which is presented to an individual or institution for outstanding service to the translating and interpreting professions. Mikkelson was nominated for the award because of her outstanding commitment to interpreting and translating.

“Holly represents the highest ideals, consistently sharing her experience and expertise,” said Dorothee Racette, ATA president. “By her known professionalism and great leadership, she imparts strength and dignity to the profession.”

Mikkelson is an assistant professor of Spanish translation and interpreting at the Monterey Institute of International Studies Graduate School of Translation, Interpretation and Language Education. Her publications include numerous court and community interpreting and translation works and she is a consultant to court interpreter regulatory and training entities such as the California Judicial Council and the National Center for State Courts. She is the author of the Acebo training manuals and of a textbook, *Introduction to Court Interpreting*, and is a co-author of *Fundamentals of Court Interpretation: Theory, Policy and Practice*. Mikkelson is a federally certified court interpreter and an ATA-certified English to Spanish translator. She has been a long-time supporter of ATA and has spoken at many ATA Annual Conferences.

The Alexander Gode Medal is named for ATA’s founder and first recipient of the award. Award-recipients include translators and interpreters, lexicographers, theorists, association leaders and institutions.

Founded in 1959, the American Translators Association’s primary goals include fostering and supporting the professional development of translators and interpreters and promoting the translation and interpreting professions. ATA, based in Alexandria, Virginia, currently has more than 11,000 members worldwide. For more information on ATA, please visit [www.atanet.org](http://www.atanet.org).

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