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### Robert Ariail Wins Prestigious U.N. Political Cartoon Award

NEW YORK, December 15 – Newspaper Enterprise Association editorial cartoonist Robert Ariail has won this year's Ranan Lurie United Nations Political Cartoon Award. Ariail becomes the first American cartoonist to win first prize in the award's 10-year history. There were about 1,500 entries from all corners of the world and they were judged by an impressive panel of leaders and dignitaries including Nobel Laureate Dr. Elie Wiesel; the Foreign Minister of Egypt, Ahmed Aboul Gheit; and the Japanese and Nepalese ambassadors to the U.N.

For his achievement, Ariail will receive \$10,000 and a plaque, to be awarded in the presence of the Secretary General of the United Nations, The Honorable Ban Ki-moon.

The U.N. Correspondents Association and the U.N. Society of Writers & Artists present this annual award in their desire to promote the highest standard of excellence in political cartoons depicting the spirit and principles of the U.N. It is named after internationally syndicated political cartoonist Ranan Lurie.

Ariail's winning cartoon and more information on the award can be found at [http://www.lurieunaward.com/2009winners\\_wl.html](http://www.lurieunaward.com/2009winners_wl.html)

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