

David B. Sherwin
J.N. Andrews Medallion Recipient



This morning the recipient of the John Nevins Andrews Medallion is David B. Sherwin, a man whose mentoring of students and professional excellence in the field of photography have distinguished him among his colleagues.

Sherwin completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts in photography at Andrews University in 1982. In 2005, he studied under Michael Grecco, an American photographer, film director and author, and received a Contemporary B&W Portraits certificate. Between 2007 and 2010, he earned four more certificates in lighting techniques. Sherwin also completed Portraiture Masterclass and Editorial Portrait workshops.

Before coming to Andrews, Sherwin worked for six years at the Review and Herald Publishing Co. in Hagerstown, Maryland, as their head photographer. He joined the faculty at Andrews University in 1987 and worked full-time until 1991 as an instructor of photography where he taught studio lighting classes, advanced photography, color photography, history of photography and portfolio classes.

From 1990–2000, Sherwin founded and operated First Light Studios, a commercial photographic studio. Clients included Whirlpool, Sears, Upjohn, Lakeland Corporation, several regional colleges, Focus on the Family, and many others. He continued to teach a studio class at Andrews until 2000, when he returned to teach full-time as assistant professor of photography.

As the child of missionary parents, Sherwin has a passion to provide his students with a broader worldview, showing them how they can be of service, as well as exploring other cultures visually. He has taken his photography students on several international study tours and trips to Egypt, Jordan and India, as well as various national parks and locations in the U.S. Sherwin has also participated in a number of mission trips to the Philippines, Peru and Venezuela.

The world church recognized Sherwin's professional and leadership ability by inviting him to manage the team of ten Adventist Review photographers who documented the 2015 General Conference Session.

He has accumulated more than 15 awards. Most recently, Sherwin received the Society of Adventist Communicators "Best in Class" Award for Envision Magazine (2016), and American Graphic Design & Advertising "Best of Category" Award for Photography (2012).

He is a devoted husband to Jane Anne Hartman Sherwin and father of two adult children, Brent and Brittany.

For his passion for making a difference in students' lives through the art and craft of photography and his professional contribution to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the faculty of Andrews University is proud to present David B. Sherwin with the John Nevins Andrews Medallion.

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