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Melosi recently has received the Esther Farfel Award, the highest honor accorded to a University of Houston faculty member. The Farfel Award, a symbol of career excellence, is based on three criteria: the significance and international impact of the candidate's research; his or her outstanding teaching ability; and his or her exemplary service to the University, the profession, and the community.

Dr. Melosi is the general editor for the History of the Urban Environments Series of the University of Pittsburgh Press (with Joel A. Tarr), served on the Scientific Committee for Postgraduate Studies on Urbanism at the University of Geneva, and has been president of the American Society for Environmental History, the National Council on Public History, and the Public Works Historical Society. He was recently elected President-elect of the Urban History Association. In the Department of History, he has been the director of graduate studies and has served on the executive and graduate committee. In 2005-06, he served as chair of the University Research Council.

Dr. Melosi teaches a variety of research classes in the field of environmental history, public history, and American urban history. Melosi has directed numerous theses and dissertations. He has written or edited fifteen books, and written more than seventy articles and book chapters. His areas of research interest include urban environmental history, city services and urban technology, environmental racism, environmental politics, and energy history. His published work covers these areas as well as topics in American diplomatic history, public history, and the history of technology. For example, the multiple-award-winning *The Sanitary City* (Johns Hopkins, 2000) traced the development of water supplies, wastewater, and solid waste systems in the United States from colonial times to the present. He is currently doing research on a book tentatively titled "Atomic Age America."