



Press Release

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For Immediate Release

Indianapolis, IN, February 12, 2015 — Please join us in congratulating this year's award winners for outstanding achievement in a variety of public history formats. Full details about the recipients and their projects will be released in conjunction with the NCPH Annual Meeting in Baltimore this March. We hope you will help us celebrate at the Awards Breakfast on Saturday, March 19, at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel, 8:00 am – 10:00 am. For more detailed information on our award winners visit <http://bit.ly/ncphawards2016>.

NCPH Founders Award

The NCPH Council of Past Presidents developed the Founders Award in 2015 to recognize those individuals who were present at the creation of NCPH and who played critical roles in the organization's success.

Award Winners

Philip L. Cantelon, History Associates, Inc.

Arnita A. Jones, Retired, American Historical Association

Robert Kelley Memorial Award

Named to honor the legacy and memory of a founder of the modern public history movement, NCPH's Robert Kelley Award is given for distinguished service to the field of public history.

Award Winner

Donald A. Ritchie, Retired, U.S. Senate Historical Office

Outstanding Public History Project Award

This award is presented for work completed within the previous two calendar years that contributes to a broader public reflection and appreciation of the past or that serves as a model of professional public history practice. NCPH acknowledges the generous support of Stevie and Ted Wolf for this award.

Award Winner

The Philadelphia Public History Truck, Erin Bernard and Temple University Center for Public History

NCPH Book Award

For the best new book about or growing out of public history theory, study, or practice.

Award Winner

Susan Ferentinos, Independent Scholar, *Interpreting LGBT History at Museums and Historic Sites* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2014)

Honorable Mention

Jessie Swigger, Western Carolina University, *"History is Bunk": Assembling the Past at Henry Ford's Greenfield Village* (University of Massachusetts Press, 2014)

Excellence in Consulting Award

The NCPH Excellence in Consulting Award recognizes outstanding contribution to the field of public history through consulting or contract work by recognizing professionals whose primary engagement with public history in the past five years is through consulting.

Group Award Winner

Eric John Abrahamson and Lois Facer, Vantage Point Historical Services, Inc., *Rockefeller Foundation Centennial Book Series*

Individual Award Winner

Morgen Young, Alder, LLC, "Uprooted: Japanese American Farm Labor Camps During WWII"

G. Wesley Johnson Award

Named in honor of the founding editor of *The Public Historian*, this award recognizes the most outstanding article appearing in the NCPH journal during the previous volume year.

Award Winner

Patrick Grossi, Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, for "'Plan or Be Planned For': Temple Contemporary's Funeral for a Home and the Politics of Engagement," *The Public Historian* Vol 37, No 2

Honorable Mention

Lara Rutherford-Morrison, Concordia University, for "Playing Victorian: Heritage, Authenticity, and Make-Believe in Blists Hill Victorian Town, the Ironbridge Gorge," *The Public Historian* Vol 37, No 3

Student Project Award

This award recognizes the contributions of student work to the field of public history and provides assistance for conference travel costs.

Award Winner

Wearing Gay History, Eric Nolan Gonzaba, George Mason University

Honorable Mention

Black at Bryn Mawr, Emma Kioko and Grace Pusey, Bryn Mawr College

New Professional Travel Awards

These travel awards assist individuals who are new to the field and practice of public history in attending the conference, helping them become more connected with other members of the profession early in their careers.

Historical Research Associates, Inc. (HRA) New Professional Travel Award
Erendina A. Delgadillo, LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes

NCPH New Professional Travel Award
William F. Stoutamire, The Frank House, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Honorable Mention
Angela Sirna, Middle Tennessee State University

Graduate Student Travel Awards

The Graduate Student Travel Award provides assistance for conference travel costs for five graduate students who will present a session or poster or will participate in a working group at the annual meeting. Congratulations this year go to:

Pamela Y. Curtin, West Virginia University
Hannah Givens, University of West Georgia
Julie Peterson, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Kristen Rund, Arizona State University
Cane West, University of Carolina-Columbia

Public or “applied” history happens when historians and their various audiences collaborate in trying to make the past useful. It is the conceptualization and practice of historical activities with one’s public audience foremost in mind, and it generally takes place in settings beyond the traditional classroom.

The National Council on Public History (NCPH) is a nonprofit membership association that inspires public engagement with the past and serves the needs of practitioners in putting history to work in the world. NCPH builds community among historians, expands professional skills and tools, fosters critical reflection on historical practice, and publicly advocates for history and historians. Members of the organization include historical consultants, museum professionals, government historians, professors & students, archivists, teachers, cultural resource managers, curators, film & media producers, historical interpreters, policy advisors, and many others. Members confer at the annual meeting each spring and share their expertise in a scholarly journal (*The Public Historian*), in a quarterly newsletter, and in multiple online formats, such as the NCPH blog, *History@Work*. Learn more at <http://www.ncph.org>

NCPH relies on its endowment to support the awards program and a variety of other programs and projects that fulfill the organization’s mission. We are especially grateful for major assistance from the History Channel and a National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant. (Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.)