



Press Release

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For Immediate Release

Indianapolis, IN, February 21, 2018 — 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 Las Vegas this April. We hope you will help us celebrate at the Awards Breakfast on Saturday, April 21, at the Renaissance Las Vegas, 8:00 am – 10:00 am. For more detailed information on our award winners visit <http://bit.ly/ncphawards2018>.

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.

Suellen M. Hoy
Joel A. Tarr, Carnegie Mellon University

Board of Directors Award for Extraordinary Service

Awarded for the first time this year, the Board of Directors Award for Extraordinary Service is given when the NCPH Board seeks to recognize publicly an individual who has, through long-term and substantive effort, made transformational contributions to the work of NCPH.

Cathy Stanton, Tufts University

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 that makes this award possible.

Award Winner

The Mere Distinction of Colour, Elizabeth Chew and Christian J. Cotz, James Madison's Montpelier; Chris Danemayer, Proun Design LLC; and Molly O'Brien, Northern Light Productions

Honorable Mention

Confinement in the Land of Enchantment: Japanese Americans in New Mexico during World War II, Sarah R. Payne, Colorado State University Public Lands History Center; Andrew Russell, Central New Mexico Community College; and Victor Yamada, New Mexico Japanese American Citizens League

NCPH Book Award

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

Award Winner

Andrew G. Kirk, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, *Doom Towns: The People and Landscapes of Atomic Testing, A Graphic History* (Oxford University Press, 2017)

Honorable Mention

Ronald Rudin, Concordia University, *Kouchibouguac: Removal, Resistance, and Remembrance at a Canadian National Park* (University of Toronto Press, 2016)

Excellence in Consulting Award

This award recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of public history through consulting or contract work.

Individual Award

Delia Hagen, Hagen Historical Consulting, *African-American Heritage Resources in Helena, Montana*

Honorable Mention

Ryan Shackleton, Know History, *Métis Nation of Ontario*

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

Natasha Erlank, University of Johannesburg, for "From Main Reef to Albertina Sisulu Road: The Signposted Heroine and the Politics of Memory," *The Public Historian* Vol 39, No 2

Honorable Mention

Gregory Rosenthal, Roanoke College, for "Make Roanoke Queer Again: Community History and Urban Change in a Southern City," *The Public Historian* Vol 39, No 1

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

Making History: Kansas City and the Rise of Gay Rights, Taylor C. Bye, Kathryn B. Carpenter, Samantha Hollingsworth, Leah Palmer, Kevin Ploth, and Jennifer Tufts, University of Missouri-Kansas City

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
Kimber J. Heinz, Bull City 150, Duke University

NCPH New Professional Travel Award
Shakti Castro, BOOM!Health

Graduate Student Travel Awards

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

Melissa Barthelemy, University of California, Santa Barbara
Aaron Hollis, West Virginia University
Nora Kassner, University of California, Santa Barbara
Hope Shannon, Loyola University Chicago
GVGK Tang, Temple University

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 and students, archivists, teachers, cultural resource managers, curators, film and 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*), quarterly newsletter, and 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 History™ 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.)