



**Press Release**

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For Immediate Release

Indianapolis, IN, February 24, 2021 — Please join us in congratulating this year's award winners for outstanding achievement in a variety of public history formats. We hope you will help us celebrate at the NCPH Awards Ceremony on Saturday, March 27 during the 2021 Virtual NCPH Annual Meeting. For more detailed information on our award winners visit <http://bit.ly/2021NCPHAwards>.

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.

**Loyola University Public History Program**

Board of Directors Award for Extraordinary Service

Awarded for the first time in 2018, 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.

**Bill Bryans**, Oklahoma State University

Robert Kelley Memorial Award

This award honors distinguished achievements by individuals, institutions, or nonprofit or corporate entities for making history relevant to individuals outside of academia.

**Elizabeth Clark-Lewis**, Howard University

Outstanding Public History Project Award

This award is presented for work that contributes to 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

***Mapping Prejudice***

**Kirsten Delegard**, **Ryan Mattke**, **Kevin Ehrman-Solberg**, University of Minnesota; and **Penny Petersen**, Co-Founder and Volunteer

HONORABLE MENTION

***Rapid City Indian Boarding School Lands Project***

**Eric Zimmer** and **Heather Dawn Thompson**, on behalf of the Project Team

NCPH Book Award

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

AWARD WINNER

***Digital Community Engagement: Partnering Communities with the Academy***

(University of Cincinnati Press, 2020)

**Rebecca S. Wingo**, University of Cincinnati; **Jason A. Heppler**, University of Nebraska at Omaha; and **Paul Schadewald**, Macalester College

HONORABLE MENTION

***Standing with Standing Rock - Voices from the #NODAPL Movement***

(University of Minnesota Press, 2019)

**Nick Estes**, University of New Mexico, and **Jaskiran Dhillon**, The New School

HONORABLE MENTION

***Call My Name, Clemson: Documenting the Black Experience in an American University***

(University of Iowa Press, 2020)

**Rhondda Robinson Thomas**, Clemson University

Excellence in Consulting Awards

These awards recognize outstanding contributions to the field of public history through consulting or contract work.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNER

***Expert Witness Reports and Testimony re: Native American Land and Water Rights***

**Ian Smith**, Historical Research Associates, Inc.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD HONORABLE MENTION

***Crafting Herstory and Dismantle Preservation***

**Sarah Marsom**, Heritage Resource Consultant

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

***"Ancestry.com and the Evolving Nature of Historical Information Companies,"***

*The Public Historian* Vol 42, No 1

**Jerome de Groot**, University of Manchester

HONORABLE MENTION

**“Scaling Invisible Walls: Reasserting Indigenous Persistence in Mission-Era California,”**

*The Public Historian* Vol 42, No 4

**Tsim D. Schneider**, University of California, Santa Cruz; **Khal Schneider**, California State University, Sacramento; and **Lee M. Panich**, Santa Clara University

Student Project Award

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

AWARD WINNER

***Integration: Women in the Canadian Air Force***

**Camas Clowater-Eriksson**, Carleton University

HONORABLE MENTION

***Reading Frederick Douglass Together* and *Rage, Fragility, & Antiracism***

**Keidrick Roy**, Harvard University

New Professional Travel Awards

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

HISTORICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, INC. (HRA) AWARD

**Cheryl Dong**, University of Northern Iowa

NCPH AWARD

**Jacqueline Hudson**, Bowling Green 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 poster or will participate in a session or working group at the NCPH annual meeting. Congratulations this year go to:

**Lydia Biallas**, Appalachian State University

**Sarah Anne Maske**, University of North Carolina Greensboro

**Aubrey Parke**, Duquesne University

**Stephanie Townrow**, University of Delaware

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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.) A primary goal of our *2020 Vision Endowment Campaign* is to "expand travel grants and award offerings to increase diversity and inclusion in the organization and field." To help grow our future award and travel grant offerings, please consider giving or pledging to the campaign: <http://ncph.org/giving/endowment>.