Indiana Historical Society Awards

Honorary Member (1990-2003)
To recognize achievement in historical and literary pursuits and contribution to the work of the IHS

1990  Hubert Hawkins
1991  Dorothy Riker
1992  Herbert Korra
1993  Dodie Baker
1994  Shirley S. McCord
1996  Doris B. Leistner
1997  Sally Reahard
1998  Mary O’Brien Gibson
1999  Ruth Dorrel
2000  Ruth Wimer
2001  Edward E. Breen
2002  Dwight Mikkelson
2003  Jane Sarles

Dorothy Riker Hoosier Historian Award
To recognize distinguished contributions to the world of historical scholarship or the affairs and activities of the IHS

2005  Judith Vale Newton; Carol Ann Weiss
2006  Linda Black
2007  Virginia Reeves
2010  James Cooper
2011  Paula Corpuz; Donald E. Pitzer
2012  James B. Lane; Carl Edward Kramer
2013  Beth Ann Bassett
2014  Ronald Vaughan Morris; Stanley Warren
2015  Doria Lynch; Michael A. Peake
2016  Eunice Brewer-Trotter; Kenneth J. Schoon
2017  Charles Edward Grogan; Rachel Berenson Perry
2018  Randy K. Mills
2019  Amber D. Gowan
2020  Anita Morgan; Paul R. Mullins
2021  Jill Weiss Simins

Hoosier Historian (1990-2003)
To recognize distinguished contributions to the world of historical scholarship or the affairs and activities of the IHS

1990  Harvey Carter
1991  Donald Carmony
1992  Emma Lou Thornbrough
1993  James H. Madison
1994  Lorna Lutes Sylvester
1995  Harry Smith
1996  Richard S. Simons; Richard S. Skidmore
1997  Gilbert R. Tredway
1998  Ray E. Boomhower
1999  George T. Blakey
2000  William F. Munn; Wiley W. Spurgeon
2002  Darrel Bigham
2003  Robert G. Barrows; William E. Bartelt
Emma Lou and Gayle Thornbrough Award
(1993-2015)
For best article in the
Indiana Magazine of History

1993  Rodney O. Davis
1994  George T. Blakey
1995  Lana Ruegamer
1996  Joseph L. Peyser
1997  Thomas E. Rodgers
1998  Kathleen A. Murphey
1999  Peter S. Onuf
2000  Thomas D. Hamm; Margaret Marconi;
       Gretchen Kleinhken Salinas; Benjamin Whitman
2001  Ellen D. Swain
2002  Charles H. Martin
2003  Ray M. Shortridge
2004  Allen Safianow
2005  Sarah Igo
2006  Nancy Nakano
2007  Alexandra Minna Stern
2008  David Jones
2009  Erika Doss
2010  Stephen Towne
2011  John Eicher
2012  Katherine Turk
2013  Tamsen Anderson
2014  Stephen E. Towne
2015  S. Chandler Lighty

Jacob Piatt Dunn Jr. Award
For best article in
Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History

1996  Harriet G. Warkel
1997  Clayton W. Henderson
1998  Evan Finch
1999  Gerald Waite
2000  Ruth Padget Albright
2001  Caroline Nellis
2002  Graeme Reid; Edward K. Spann
2003  Elizabeth Brand Monroe;
       Andrew R. Seager; Perry R. Secrest
2004  Stephen J. Jay
2005  Theodore Slutz
2006  George Blakey
2007  Douglas Wissing
2008  Ann Allen
2009  Douglas Wissing
2010  Nelson Price
2011  Jennifer Harrison
2012  Frank A. Cassell
2013  Allen Safianow
2014  Rachel Berenson Perry
2015  Jane E. Harlan-Simmons
2016  Zak Keefer
2017  J. Gregory Redding
2018  Dan Carpenter
2019  Tiffany Costley
2020  Anita Morgan
2021  Rebecca R. Bibbs
Eli Lilly Lifetime Achievement Award
To recognize extraordinary contribution, over an extended period of time, to the field of history and/or the affairs of the IHS

1999  Alan T. Nolan
2000  Nancy Niblack Baxter
2001  Peter T. Harstad
2002  Bernard W. Sheehan
2003  Richard O. Ristine
2004  Ervin Beck
2005  Thomas K. Krasean
2006  H. Roll McLaughlin
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2009  Tom Castaldi; John J. Newman
2010  Ralph D. Gray
2011  Pamela J. Bennett; Maxine F. Brown
2012  Rev. Cyprian Davis, O.S.B.
2013  Phyllis White Geeslin
2014  James J. Barnes; Timothy Crumrin; James A. Glass
2015  (no award given)
2016  Rita Kohn
2017  Wilma Gibbs Moore; Shirley Willard
2018  Robert G. Barrows
2019  Dianne Johnson Cartmel; Alan January; Curt B. Witcher
2020  Connie Weinzapfel
2021  (no award given)

Hubert Hawkins History Award
To recognize distinguished service and career in local history

2002  William E. Hall; Fern Eddy Schultz; Ron Sharp; Bruce Woods
2003  Karen Zach; Vivian Zollinger
2004  Richard Oral Eastridge; Frances Egner; Leon Warner
2005  Monisa Wisener
2006  Martha Pickrell
2007  Sylvia Henricks; David Barksdale
2008  Jean Gernand
2009  Jeanne Burke; Donald Dunaway; Richard C. Schmal
2010  Marvin Allen; Michael McCormick
2011  Jane Walsh-Brown
2012  Brigette Cook Jones; Stephen T. Jackson; Patty Sue Trotman
2013  Elin Christianson
2014  Dharathula "Dolly" H. Millender
2015  Martha Bladen; Pete Jones; Joe Skvarenina
2016  Carolyn I. Schmidt; Pat and Denis Schrank
2017  Brian Spangle
2018  Barbara Johnson; Elizabeth Mitchell
2019  Alan Hague; Helen Parks; Thomas Howard Ridley
2020  Libby Cierzniak; Barbara Brown Meyer Young
2021  Dr. James MacLeod

Dorothy Riker Award for Innovation in the Field of History (2000-2004)
To recognize the practice of innovative methods in the field of history including presentation, use of materials, and preservation

2000  Ronald Woodward
2001  Shirley Willard
2002  Delora Douglas; Kristopher Ligget; Larry Ligget
2004  Marylee Hagan; Sherri Wright

Indiana Historical Society Award of Distinction
To recognize extraordinary efforts on behalf of Indiana history

2007  Senator James Merritt

Award of Merit for Youth Leadership in History
To recognize young historians for exceptional history projects

2013  Cole M. Thompson
History Teacher of the Year (2003-2004)
To recognize significant contribution to the understanding of American or Indiana history for students in grades one through twelve

2003   Mary Lou Waters
2004   John H. Fannin

Caleb Mills Indiana History Teacher of the Year

2005   Kathryn Lerch
2006   (no award given)
2007   Jon D. Carl
2008   Dan Smith
2010   Rebekah F. Boyle
2011   Mary Anthrop
2012   Peggy Eckerty
2013   Ashley M. Greeley
2014   Michael Hutchison
2015   John W. Pratt
2016   Andrea Neal; Michael Potts
2017   Susan Tomlinson
2018   Merrill M. Punke
2019   April Tuason
2020   Mariah Pol; Kristin E. Rentschler
2021   Troy Hammon

Outstanding Historical Organization Award
To recognize remarkable public services to and programs in the community

2007   Switzerland County Historical Society
2008   Howard County Historical Society
2009   North Manchester Historical Society
2010   Dubois County Museum; Lyles Station Historic Preservation Corporation
2011   La Porte County Historical Society Museum; Center for History operated by the Northern Indiana Historical Society
2012   Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site; Knox County Public Library
2013   Carroll County Wabash & Erie Canal Association
2014   Marshall County Historical Society
2015   Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County
2016   Madison County Historical Society, Inc.; Porter County Museum
2017   Historical Society of Ogden Dunes
2019   Daviess County Historical Society & Museum
2020   Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library
2021   (no award given)

Willard C. Heiss Family History and Genealogy Award
To recognize distinguished service and career in Indiana family history including presentation, use of materials, and preservation

2006   Betty Warren
2007   B. Joan Keefer
2008   Phyllis J. Moore
2009   Elizabeth Knapp
2010   Chris McHenry; Evelyn Jackson
2011   Russell Wilhoit
2012   Darlene Rigg; Julie A. Schlesselman
2013   Larry M. Burmeister; Max and Judy Wiesenauer
2014   Diane Weimer Sharp; Lynne C. Morris Keasling
2015   Louise K. Clamme
2016   Lee Bilderback
2017   (no award given)
2018   Carol Faenzi
2019   Mary Blair Immel; Linda Kelly Talley
2020   Dixie Kline Richardson
2021   (no award given)
Indiana History Outstanding Event or Project Award
To recognize organizations for exceptional educational events or history projects

2009  Ball State University Department of History; Wabash County Historical Museum; Indiana Supreme Court
2010  Eckhart Public Library Centennial Celebration Committee; The Greensburg/St. Mary’s Chapter of Little Hoosiers
2011  Ball State University College of Sciences and Humanities
2012  Howard County Historical Society, Oral History Committee
2013  Greensburg Community High School; North Manchester Historical Society; Porter County Museum of History; South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority
2014  Bartholomew County Historical Society; Historical Society of Harrison County
2015  The Whiting Robertsdale Historical Society
2016  History Center of Fort Wayne; Indiana Women's Prison History Project
2017  Buffalo Trace Working Group
2019  Delaware County Historical Society
2020  Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution; Gudaitis Production; Indiana Council for the Social Studies; Ted Green Films and WFYI Public Media
2021  Lawrence County (Illinois) Historical Society; Marshall County Historical Society

Outstanding Collaborative Project Award
To recognize an exceptional project by a historical or heritage organization with one or more partners

2018  Holland Events Committee – Town of Holland
2019  Monroe County History Center and Alzheimer’s Resources Services for IU Health
2020  Courthouse Clocktower Restoration Committee and the Montgomery County Historical Society; Colored Cemetery Restoration and Preservation Project/Reece Thompson; Wonder Five Centennial Marker Project
2021  Bartholomew County Historical Society and the Bartholomew County Public Library; Leadership Johnson County at Franklin College

Outstanding Bicentennial Collaborative Project Award
To recognize a Bicentennial-related event or history project for exceptional involvement of multiple organizations

2015  Indiana State Library's Hoosier State Chronicles: Indiana's Digital Historic Newspaper Program
2016  Indiana Barn Foundation's Bicentennial Barn Quilt
2017  Central Middle School; Indiana Office of Tourism Development; Richmond Art Museum/Rick Wilson; WFYI Public Media/Indiana Humanities