

# 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

## 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

## Dorothy Riker Hoosier Historian Award

*To recognize distinguished contributions to the world of historical scholarship and/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  
2022 Susan Chavers  
2023 Thomas Hamm  
Tom and Marty Davis  
2024 Stephen T. Jackson

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## 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 Kleinhenn 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 Padgett 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  
2022 Jodi Perras  
2023 Peter J. De Kever  
2024 Emiliano Aguilar  
Roxanne Mills

# Indiana Historical Society Awards

## **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  
2007 Doris Byrd Leistner  
2008 Joe Heaton Burgess;  
Daniel McCain  
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)  
2022 (no award given)  
2023 Barbara Wood  
Michael Mavis

## **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

# Indiana Historical Society Awards

## 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
- 2022 Candi Pastor Harrison
- 2023 Ed Fujawa  
Frank Vargo

## 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

*To recognize a fourth through twelfth-grade teacher who is currently teaching American or Indiana history and is recognized by colleagues as making a significant contribution to the understanding of these two fields by his or her students*

- 2005 Kathryn Lerch
- 2006 (no award given)
- 2007 Jon D. Carl
- 2008 Dan Smith
- 2010 Rebecah 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
- 2022 Steve Reeder
- 2023 Jeff Swisher
- 2024 Mark Olesh

# Indiana Historical Society Awards

## **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)  
2022 (no award given)  
2023 Sheila Kell  
2024 Andrew Olson

## **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)  
2022 Morgan County History Center and Museum  
2023 Evansville Wartime Museum  
Irvington Historical Society  
2024 The Society of Indiana Pioneers

# Indiana Historical Society Awards

## 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
- 2022 Monroe County History Center;  
Daughters of the American Revolution,  
Wa-Pe-Ke-Way Chapter
- 2023 SullivanMunce Cultural Center
- 2024 Cedar Lake Historical Association's  
The Museum at Lassen's Resort  
Marshall County Historical Society &  
Museum

## Outstanding Bicentennial Collaborative Project Award (2015-2016)

*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

## 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
- 2022 Cedar Lake Historical Association and  
Hesston Steam Museum
- 2023 Delaware County Historical Society and  
Muncie
- 2024 Hamilton East Public Library