

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 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

Emma Lou and Gayle Thornbrough Award*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 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
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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

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

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

2013	Cole M. Thompson
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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 Brigitte 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

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 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

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 (not awarded in 2017)
- 2018 Carol Faenzi

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

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

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

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