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The Wisconsin Historical Society Announces Board of Curators Awards for 2019

Madison, Wis. – Each year, the Wisconsin Historical Society's governing Board of Curators recognizes individuals and organizations for meritorious work in areas relating to the Society's mission. The Board of Curators is made up of thirty-seven elected and appointed members from across the state.

"The Award recipients for the 2019 Board of Curator Awards continue to make outstanding contributions to the history field," said Christian Overland, the Ruth and Hartley Barker Director for the Wisconsin Historical Society. "These awards are given out each year and recognize architects, archivists, authors, librarians, museum professionals and organizations who each play a crucial role in shaping and documenting our state's rich history."

The Board of Curators unanimously approved the following awards:

- **Genealogy Book Award of Merit** (in association with the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society) - Philip Hasheider for his book, "The Christoph Zick Family 1769-2018."
- **Book Award of Merit** – Patrick Jung for his book, "The Misunderstood Mission of Jean Nicolet."
- **Governor's Archives Award for Archival Advocacy** (in association with the Wisconsin Historical Records Advisory Board) – LGBTQ Archives for Recognizing the work of both staff and volunteers in identifying, acquiring, preserving, cataloging documentation about civil rights in Madison, Dane County, and beyond.
- **Governor's Award for Archival Achievement** – Northwestern Mutual Corporate Archives for its vision in using corporate archives and company history across a variety of business endeavors.
- **Governor's Award for Archival Innovation** – Manitowoc County Historical Society for the development and launch of a major online photo collection, highlighting the work of local photographer Daryl Cornick.
- **Public Program Award** – Portage County Historical Society for "Over There: Portage County in the Great War."

- **Historic Restoration Award** – JP Williamson (Octagon Finance LLC), Thomas Conran (Greenwood Hospitality Group) and Ben Ganther (Ganther Construction) for the Hotel Northland in Green Bay.
- **Museum Exhibit Award (>\$50K)** – There were two winners this year, Mount Horeb Area Historical Society for the exhibit, "Life and Change at the Edge of the Driftless" and the Neville Public Museum for their exhibit, "Delay of Game: Experiences of African American Football Players in Tiletown."
- **Reuben Gold Thwaites Award**– Manitowoc County Historical Society

For information on award criteria, nominations and deadlines please visit www.wisconsinhistory.org.

About Wisconsin Historical Society

The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. As both a state agency and a private membership organization, its mission is to help people connect to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing stories. The Wisconsin Historical Society serves millions of people every year through a wide range of sites, programs and services. For more information, visit www.wisconsinhistory.org.

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