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Kentucky Historical Society honoring 14 individuals and organizations at annual History Awards

Frankfort, Ky. (Oct. 9, 2020) – The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) is recognizing fourteen individuals and/or organizations in various categories for their contributions to the field of history at the annual Kentucky History Awards celebration on November 6, 2020.

Winners are from across the state, and categories include a range of disciplines from education to publication, along with special awards named after some of the Commonwealth’s greatest historians. These include the Frank Levstik Award, the James C. Klotter Lifetime Dedication to Kentucky History, and the Thomas D. Clark Award of Excellence.

“The annual Kentucky History Awards program not only recognizes outstanding achievements in Kentucky history, it demonstrates vibrant connections across the state - with our members, colleagues, and communities,” says KHS Executive Director Scott Alvey. *“By celebrating their great work, we elevate the fundamental role Kentucky history plays in all corners of the Commonwealth. History surrounds us in all that we do, and we continue to be inspired by the award winner’s quality contributions.”*

The 2020 History Award winners are:

- Thomas D. Clark Award of Excellence – Traces, Enslaved at Ashland
- Klotter Lifetime Achievement Award – Sandy Staebell, WKU Archives
- Levstik Award for Professional Service – Tommy Hines, South Union Shaker Village
- Award of Distinction – Tim Tomes, Archdiocese of Louisville
- Gilder Lehrman History Teacher of the Year Award – Jami McCoy Allen, Eastern High School
- Community Impact Award – Clay County Historical Society
- Volunteer Group Award – William Whitley House Volunteers, Lincoln County Historical Society
- Programming Award – “Journey to the Vote,” Western Kentucky University & community partners
- Multimedia Award – Podcast: “Compelling History of an American Other,” Rebekah Brummett, South Union Shaker Village
- Special Project Award – Podcast: “Murder, Memory, and Martyrdom: The Assassination of Governor William Goebel,” Jonathon L. Earle, Centre College
- Collins Award – Dr. Crystal N. Feimster, Yale University
- Private Press Award – Mel Hankla, Hitchens KY
- Pamphlet/other Printed Material – *Journal of the Jackson Purchase Historical Society*
- Publication – *Katherine Jackson French: Kentucky’s Forgotten Ballad Collector*, Elizabeth DiSavino, University Press

The awards will be presented at the Kentucky Historical Society's Annual Meeting and History Awards celebration on Friday, Nov. 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm. This virtual program will stream live on the KHS YouTube channel, featuring both live and pre-recorded segments, and will be posted on all KHS media outlets after the event.

For more information about the Kentucky Historical Society, the full list of winners and their respective categories, and the 2020 History Awards, see www.history.ky.gov.

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The Kentucky History Center & Museums (100 W. Broadway, Frankfort, KY 40601) is operated by the staff and volunteers of the Kentucky Historical Society (KHS), an agency in Kentucky's Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet. KHC&M comprises three sites in historic downtown Frankfort: the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History, housing KHS's headquarters, signature museum and exhibits, a research facility, museum store, classrooms, collections and archival storage, and public events spaces; the Old State Capitol; and the State Arsenal, home of the Kentucky Military History Museum. Learn more at history.ky.gov or by calling 502-564-1792.

