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GHRAC AWARDS PRESENTED

Morrow, GA, October 19, 2019 – Christopher Davidson, State Archivist and Assistant Vice Chancellor and the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council (GHRAC) presented 36 awards during the seventeenth annual GHRAC Archives Awards ceremony at the Georgia Archives on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. The GHRAC awards recognize outstanding efforts in archives and records work in Georgia.

2019 GHRAC Award Winners

Award for Advocacy

Paul S. Sutter, Ph.D., (Director Emeritus, Ossabaw Island Education Alliance) & Paul M. Pressly, Ph.D. (series editor, Weyerhaeuser Environmental Books), for Coastal Nature, Coastal Culture: Environmental Histories of the Georgia Coast

Award for Local History Advocacy

Robert K. “Bob” Batchelor, Ph.D., Tom Kohler, and Susan Earl (Georgia Southern University), for “The Waddie Welcome Archive-Savannah Signs Project”

Kennesaw State University Public History Program, for the exhibition, A Quintessential, Southern Small Town: A History of Adairsville, at the Adairsville Depot Museum

Alice Reeves (Fayetteville), for significant and diverse accomplishments as the President of the Fayette County Historical Society

Katherine Fisher & Marian Liou (Georgia State University/We Love BuHi) for “In Whose Hearts is a Highway: The Buford Highway Oral History Project”

Award for Excellence in Archival Program Development by a Local Government Repository

Tina Monaco (Augusta-Richmond County Public Library) for efforts to digitize the Augusta Chinese American Oral History Project

Award for Excellence in Archival Program Development by a Local Historical Repository

Congregation Mickve Israel (Savannah) for the exhibition Representations of Jews in Irish Literature and related programming

Award for Excellence in Archival Program Development by a State Agency
Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia and the Georgia Superior Court Clerks’ Cooperative Authority (Atlanta) for the MyVault online archive

**Award for Excellence in Documenting Georgia’s History**

Virginia Causey, Ph.D. (Professor emeritus of history at Columbus State University) for the book, *Red Clay, White Water, and Blues: A History of Columbus, Georgia*


Sarah J. Boykin and Susan M. Hunter (Atlanta), for the book *Southern Homes & Plan Books: The Architectural History of Leila Ross Wilburn*

**Award for Excellence in Research Using the Holdings of Archives**

Earl J. Hess, Ph.D. (Lincoln Memorial University, TN), for the book *Fighting for Atlanta, Tactics, Terrain, and Trenches in the Civil War*

Michelle A. Purdy, Ph.D. (Washington University, St. Louis), for the book *Transforming the Elite: Black Students and the Desegregation of Private Schools*

Ansley L. Quiros, Ph.D. (University of North Alabama), for the book *God with Us: Lived Theology and the Freedom Struggle in Americus, Georgia, 1942-1976*

John D. Duncan and Sandra L. Underwood (Savannah), for the book “*The Showy Town of Savannah*”: The Story of the Architect William Jay

**Award for Excellence in the Educational Use of Historical Records**

Jill Anderson, Ph.D., and Kevin Fleming (Georgia State University Library), for the workshop series Teaching with Primary Sources

Todd M. Michney, Ph.D. (Georgia Institute of Technology), for the Mayor Ivan Allen Digital Archive

James Friedrich (Kennesaw State University, Public History student) for the Frank O'Driscoll Hunter section brief for the *Voices from the Great War* exhibit

**Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records, Undergraduate Level**

Tyler Holman (University of North Georgia), for the paper “‘Drunken, Desperate Men:’ The Klans of Gwinnett County, Georgia, 1868-1872”

**Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records, Grades 9-12**

Thomas Bordeaux (Herschel V. Jenkins High School, Savannah), for the paper “The Ebenezer Creek Incident: ‘A Scene Disgraceful to American History’”
Eleanor McCoy (Columbus High School), for the National History Day documentary, “Consequences of the Color Blue”
William Mason and Lawson Stewart (Impact Academy, Henry County), for the National History Day website “Power to the People: The Triumph of the REA Amid the Tragedy of the Great Depression”

**Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records, Grades 6-8**

Clary Dunaway and Izzy Spiegelman (Midtown International School Atlanta), for the National History Day exhibit “Rise from the Ashes: The Cocoanut Grove Nightclub Fire and its Impact”

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

The Honorable Jimmy Carter (Plains), for enthusiastic support of the State Records Management program and the Georgia Archives

Steven Engerrand, Ph.D. (Georgia Archives, ret.), for dedication and contributions to the mission of the Georgia Archives and to the dissemination of Georgia’s history

Joel Walker (NARA at Atlanta, ret.) for significant contributions in supporting Georgia researchers of all ages as Education Specialist at the National Archives at Atlanta

Jamil Zainaldin, Ph.D. (Georgia Humanities Council, ret.), for significant accomplishments in developing innovative programs as President of Georgia Humanities

GHRAC works to promote the educational use of Georgia’s documentary heritage and to support efforts to improve the condition of records statewide. The Board is charged with advising the Chancellor and the Georgia Archives on records and policy issues. For more information, please visit www.GeorgiaArchives.org and click on Partners, then click on Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council (GHRAC).

Nominations for the 2020 Awards will be accepted beginning February 1, 2020, and they must be postmarked by June 1, 2020. More information is available from the Georgia Archives website https://www.georgiaarchives.org/ghrac/awards_program

The Georgia Archives is a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and identifies, collects, manages, preserves, and publicizes records and information of Georgia and its people and assists state and local government agencies with their records management. This work is done within the framework of the USG’s mission to create a more highly educated Georgia.

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