HSNM Award Winners

The Historical Society of New Mexico is honored to award the following individuals, publications and societies for their important contributions to the preservation and dissemination of the history and cultural heritage of our state during 2020. Congratulations!

Book Award Winners

Gaspar Pérez de Villagrá Award – for an outstanding publication in New Mexico or Southwest Borderlands history
David C. Beyreis – Blood in the Borderlands: Conflict, Kinship and the Bent Family, 1821-1920
University of Nebraska Press

A significant contribution to the scholarship of New Mexico and Western history, providing deep coverage of one of the region’s most significant families. A well-researched and meticulously documented narrative, noted for its balanced perspective on an epoch marked by extreme inter-cultural complexity.

Fray Francisco Atanasio Dominguez Award – for an outstanding publication or significant contribution to historic survey and research in New Mexico or Southwest Borderlands history
Dirk Van Hart – Camps and Campsites of the Civilian Conservation Corps in New Mexico, 1933-1942
Sunstone Press

A comprehensive survey of Civilian Conservation Corps camps in New Mexico, which will serve as a standard reference source on the subject. It is also an excellent guide for those who want to get out and explore these historic sites located throughout New Mexico.

Lansing B. Bloom Award – for an outstanding publication in New Mexico or Southwest Borderlands history by an institution affiliated with the Historical Society of New Mexico
East Mountain Historical Society – Timelines of the East Mountains
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Provides extensive research on the history and culture of the East Mountain area, east of Albuquerque.

Pablita Velarde Award – for an outstanding children’s publication related to New Mexico or Southwest Borderlands history
Dr. Maria Alma Gonzalez Perez – ¡Todos al Rodeo! A Vaquero Alphabet Book
A delightful bi-lingual introduction to the important influence of the Spanish language on American, and in particular cowboy, culture.
Ralph Emerson Twitchell Award – for an outstanding publication or significant contribution by individuals or organizations to the creative arts, as related to New Mexico history
Patrick Frank – Sharing Code: Art1, Frederick Hammersley, and the Dawn of Computer Art
Museum of New Mexico Press
An exploration of the little-known history of computer art and the important developments in this genre made by artists in New Mexico and at UNM during the 1960s and 1970s.

Fabiola Cabeza de Baca Award - for an outstanding publication or exhibit relating to domestic life in New Mexico
Lucy Lippard – Pueblo Chico: Land and Lives in Galisteo since 1814
Museum of New Mexico Press
Presents the history, cultural heritage and domestic life of Galisteo, New Mexico, during the past two centuries.

Service Award Winners

L. Bradford Prince Award – to recognize significant work in the field of historic preservation in New Mexico
(co-winners)
Susan Drake-Green Schwartz – For her many years of work to document and record information about burials in the historic Fairview Cemetery in Albuquerque.
Doña Ana County Historical Society – For work to preserve the physical site and document the cultural history of the Picacho Cemetery in Doña Ana County.

Dorothy Woodward Award – to recognize significant work in the advancement of education in New Mexico history
The Albuquerque Museum – For the virtual exhibition “Seven Generations of Red Power in New Mexico.” The exhibition very successfully presented a history of Indigenous resistance and activism in New Mexico that all New Mexicans should know and understand.

Paul A.F. Walter Award – in recognition of outstanding service to the Historical Society of New Mexico
Dawn M. Santiago – For the enormous amount of work undertaken for HSNM during the past several years coordinating, editing, producing and distributing publications, preparing annual conference programs, transitioning the society’s website, managing social media, handling email inquiries, and other service.

Edgar Lee Hewett Award – to recognize outstanding service to the people of New Mexico, as related to New Mexico history
Hillsboro Historical Society – for work to preserve the history and cultural heritage of Hillsboro, Kingston and the surrounding Black Range region, including the preservation of historic structures, such as the Sierra County courthouse, establishing and operating the Black Range Museum, and publishing an informative newsletter Guajolotes, Zopilotes y Paisanos.