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Dear 2021 Best of Illinois History award recipient:

On behalf of the officers, directors, advisers and staff of the Illinois State Historical Society, I write to offer our congratulations and to thank you for your participation in the 2021 “Best of Illinois History” awards program. Your accomplishments in 2020 give us cause to celebrate, and even though we cannot be together in a common space to recognize your achievement, we will do our best to make our virtual award presentation memorable.

This past year was challenging on multiple levels, not just because of the pandemic but due to the stress our museums, historical societies, and other educational communities have endured to keep our doors open (even when closed), and to give our staffs and volunteers meaningful tasks and goals to achieve. How empowering to know that even in an international crisis and lockdown we still can enrich other lives by sharing our Illinois history. Our “Best of Illinois History” celebration takes place over Zoom beginning at 4 p.m., on Friday, April 23. The link to join the celebration is:

<https://zoom.us/j/95663034908?pwd=WkJLdlhUeVYyQW55S096RDZUc0dRUT09>

Meeting ID: 956 6303 4908

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If you are unfamiliar with the Zoom platform, it is relatively easy to download the application, or you can simply dial the one-tap mobile number and enter the meeting ID, followed by the passcode. The “Best of Illinois History” awards presentation will be preceded by a brief (10 minutes) ISHS Annual Meeting, wherein we will elect the new officers, directors, and advisers for 2021-2022. You are welcome to sit in on this meeting, but only ISHS members will be asked to vote.

Again, congratulations for your achievement. We look forward to seeing you (virtually) on April 23!

Very best wishes,
William Furry
Executive Director