



**ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2023 BEST OF ILLINOIS HISTORY AWARDS**

Lifetime Achievement Awards

Glennette Tilley Turner, Wheaton
Gregory J. Koos, Bloomington 1

Russell P. Strange Memorial Book of the Year Award

Avenues of Transformation: Illinois's Path from Territory to State
James A. Edstrom

Olive Foster Teacher of the Year Award

Amanda Becker, Rockford Auburn High School, Rockford

Russell L. Lewis Jr. Young Museum Professional Award

Jojo Galva Mora

Verna Ross Orndorff Scholarship Award

Ryan Allen, Cornerstone Christian Academy, Bloomington, for his essay, "The Light of Lincoln."

Harry E. Pratt Award

Cate LiaBraaten, for her article, "Slide Rules: Adults and Children on Chicago Playgrounds,

ISHS Volunteer of the Year Award

Miranda Bailey-Peetz, Springfield

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Books: Scholarly

Latinos in Chicago: Quest for Political Voice
Wilfredo Cruz
Certificate of Excellence

A Worthy Piece of Work: The Untold Story of Madeline Morgan and the Fight for Black History in Chicago

Michael Hines

Certificate of Excellence

Dawn's Light Woman & Nicolas Franchomme: Marriage and Law in the Illinois Country

Carl J. Ekberg and Sharon K. Person

Superior Achievement

Mary Lincoln Demystified: Frequently Asked Questions about Abraham's Wife

Donna D. McCreary

Superior Achievement

Forgetting and the Forgotten: A Thousand Years of Contested Histories in the Heartland

Michael C. Batinski

Superior Achievement

A House for the Struggle: The Black Press & the Built Environment in Chicago

E. James West

Superior Achievement

A Brick and a Bible: Black Women's Radical Activism in the Midwest during the Great Depression

Melissa Ford

Certificate of Excellence

Making Mexican Chicago: From Postwar Settlement to the Age of Gentrification

Mike Amezcua

Certificate of Excellence

Books: Other

The Hidden Story of Annie Turnbo Malone: The First Black Female Millionaire

James (Agbara) Bryson

Certificate of Merit

Every Goddamn Day: A Highly Selective, Definitely Opinionated, and Alternatingly Humorous and Heartbreaking Historical Tour of Chicago

Neil Steinberg

Superior Achievement

Bears vs. Cardinals: The NFL's Oldest Rivalry

Joe Ziemba

Certificate of Excellence

A Gold Medal Man: Biography of Kenneth “Tug” Wilson

Vanessa E. Curry
Certificate of Excellence

Illinois Trails and Traces: Portraits and Stories along the State’s Historic Routes

Gary Marx and Daniel Overturf
Superior Achievement

Geigerbuch: Connecting Germany and Switzerland to Illinois, and Back

Morgan Sue Gray
Certificate of Excellence

Special Projects

“Making Our History: Artists Render Lincoln’s Legacies” (Arts Residency Program)

Graham Peck and Brytton Bjorngaard
Superior Achievement

David Adler: Great House Architect (4-part Docuseries)

Kristin N. Smith
Superior Achievement

“Recognizing Tazewell County’s Underground Railroad Conductors” (Series of Public Relations Events)

John Ackerman, Susan Ryerson, and Reverend Marvin Hightower
Superior Achievement

Non-Book Materials

On-going Periodicals

Three Columns from the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*

“Lyman Trumbull—A principled Illinois lawyer who was true to his convictions”

“Workers’ Rights Amendment: How it could play out now, later”

“The 10 days of filibuster--a modern approach to an old Senate practice.”

Ann M. Lousin
Certificate of Merit

Exhibits

Refraction: Finding Identity

The Batavia Depot Museum
Superior Achievement

Collection Preservation

“Complete Digitization and New Public Website for Tazewell County Military

Discharge Records

Tazewell County Clerk & Recorder of Deeds Office in partnership with ArcaSearch of Cold Spring, Minnesota

Certificate of Excellence