

# Newsletter

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## Hubba Hubba! The Arkansas History Hub Launches

What does a cat in a space suit have to do with Arkansas History? That was the graphic Josh Jenkins of the Department of Arkansas Heritage used to launch the new Arkansas History Hub at a press conference held at the Historic Arkansas Museum on July 15, 2011.

The Hub is a joint project of the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies at the Central Arkansas Library System and the Department of Arkansas Heritage. This new interactive tool assembles resources from history institutions across the state into a centralized, easy-to-use website. It features searchable databases of lesson plans, field trip destinations, classroom presentation materials, and professional development opportunities. Hub users can also join discussions and share materials.

“Our vision for the Arkansas History Hub is that it will be a comprehensive educational tool for educators to access a variety of resources and materials on Arkansas history,” said Cathie Matthews, director of the Department of Arkansas Heritage. “Consequently, teachers have a support network to present quality Arkansas history lessons in their classrooms.”

The Hub has been endorsed by the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on the Assessment and Improvement



The Arkansas History Hub offers one-stop access to educational materials and lesson plans. Organizations are encouraged to share their lesson plans with teachers via the Hub.

of Arkansas History Education in Public Schools, which was established in 2009. Funding to launch the Hub was provided by a grant from the Arkansas Community Foundation’s Bridge Fund.

Kay Bland, education specialist with the Butler Center, will be working with teachers around the state to help train them on using the Hub in order to take advantage of all of its features.

At the press conference, David Stricklin, head of the Butler Center, said, “There are many people in institutions and organizations around the state working to improve Arkansas history education, but none more

important than classroom teachers. Being able to share their knowledge and experiences with each other through the Hub will make it a wonderfully valuable tool for these educators and other history professionals.”



To learn how to share your educational resources or to access the materials from other organizations, visit the Arkansas History Hub at [www.arhistoryhub.com](http://www.arhistoryhub.com). Remember: The Hub Wants You!

## Call for Presentations

### A Divided Arkansas

Arkansas Historical Association Annual Conference  
April 12-14, 2012, in Fayetteville, Arkansas

The AHA invites presentation proposals for its 71st annual conference, which continues the AHA's look at the Civil War in Arkansas. During these years, Arkansans aligned on both sides of a significant national conflict, and we welcome presentations on any aspect of the war that emphasize division within the state. In order to expand our conference theme, and to compare how the state has confronted adversity at different points in its past, we also welcome contributions on other conflicts, antebellum and postbellum, that generated or exacerbated divisions within Arkansas, whether along political, geographic, racial, gender, or issue-related lines.

Presentations are limited to 20 minutes and we strongly encourage the use of audio/visual elements. Please send proposals of approximately 200 words to:

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Proposals should be submitted by October 14, 2011, and include a mailing address, phone number, and email address, if available. Proposals may be submitted by email.

Please contact the program chair with any questions.

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# Tools of the Trade

## Making Sense of Census Data

The decennial census provides a wealth of information to researchers, and many organizations have created online tools that make presenting census data easier. UALR’s Institute for Economic Advancement created the Census State Data Center (<http://www.iea.ualr.edu/csdc.html>), which includes historical population data for towns, townships, and counties.

Blake Wintory, assistant director and facilities manager at Lakeport Plantation, also recommends the University of Virginia’s Historical Census Browser. Wintory says this browser, “is the easiest way to get aggregate census data on a wide range of topics—population at the state and county level, manufacturers, agriculture and other data. One feature I like is the ability to map data to the county level to see geographic trends.”

Guy Lancaster, editor of the *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture* discovered another fun census



Sample map generated through “Mapping American: Every City, Every Block”

tool through the *New York Times*. “Mapping America: Every City, Every Block” (<http://projects.nytimes.com/census/2010/explorer?hp>) allows users to view maps with a variety of data all the way down to the census-tract level.

Send links to your favorite online history-related tools to Nathania Sawyer at [nsawyer@cals.org](mailto:nsawyer@cals.org).

### Join the Arkansas Historical Association

Membership includes four issues of the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* per year, as well as the Association’s newsletter.

#### Membership Levels

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# 2011 AHA Awards Banquet

## April 15, 2011 — Little Rock, Arkansas

Photos by Donna Ludlow

AHA Vice President Tim Nutt presided over the 2011 AHA Awards Banquet, which was held at the Clinton Presidential Library during the annual conference.

This year, the association awarded two Lifetime Achievement Awards and four Awards of Merit in addition to the annual awards. Congratulations to all of the award winners.



Skip Stewart-Abernathy



Steve Perdue and Erin Waller (accepting for the Saline County Library)



Johanna Miller Lewis (accepting for Stephen Recken)



Martha Kreuger (accepting for the Saline County History & Heritage Society)

### Lifetime Achievement Award

Skip Stewart-Abernathy

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Stephen Recken (posthumous)

### Award of Merit

Genealogy and Local

History Department

Saline County Library

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Saline County History & Heritage Society

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Special Collections, U of A Library for *Index Arkansas*

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Special Collections U of A Library for "Land of Unequal Opportunity: Documenting the Civil Rights Struggle in Arkansas"

### J. G. Ragsdale Book Award

Brooks Blevins

*Arkansas/Arkansaw: How Bear Hunters, Hillbillies, and Good Ol' Boys Defined a State*

### J. H. Atkinson Award

for Excellence in the Teaching of Arkansas History

Shay Hopper

Woodland Junior High, Fayetteville

### Lucille Westbrook Award

J. Blake Perkins

"Cattle Ticks, Rebellion, and Assassination in the Independence County Hill Country: Rethinking the Yeomanry and Resistance to Federal Tick Eradication in the 'Marginal' South, 1907-1922"

### Violet B. Gingles Award

Sherry Laymon

"Arkansas's Dark Ages: The Struggle to Electrify Arkansas"



**Susannah DeBlack Award**

Cheryl Davis  
*Cookie Boy Travelin' Arkansas*

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Rebecca Newth  
*The Pass-Key*

**Susie Pryor Award in Arkansas Women's History**

Alynn Cleveland  
"Beyond Tea Parties and Garden Clubs: The Founding of the Arkansas Women's Project, 1980"

**Walter L. Brown County and Local Journal Awards**

**Best County or Local Journal**  
*Pulaski County Historical Review*  
Pulaski County Historical Society

**Honorable Mention**

*The Journal*  
Fort Smith Historical Society, Inc.

**Best Article**

Daniel F. Littlefield Jr. and Robert E. Sanderson  
"African-Descended People and Indian Removal: Cherokee Case Study"  
*The Journal*  
Fort Smith Historical Society, Inc.

**Best Biography, Autobiography, or Memoir**

James L. Moses  
"The Jewish Experience in Arkansas: Rabbi Ira Sanders' Quest for Social Justice, 1926-1963"  
*Pulaski County Historical Review*  
Pulaski County Historical Society



Tom Dillard



Sherry Laymon



Brooks Blevins



Susannah DeBlack, Tom DeBlack, and Cheryl David



Blake Perkins



Bob Razer

**Best Business History**

Bill Morse, Virginia Cowart  
and Gail Cowart  
“Spinach in Crawford County”  
*Panning for Nuggets of Old  
Crawford County Genealogical  
Society, Inc.*

**Best Church History**

Sheilla Lampkin  
“Corbato and the Carmelites:  
Drew County’s Discalced  
Carmelite Monastery and the  
Man Who Built It”  
*Drew County Historical Journal*  
Drew County Historical Society

**Best Edited Document**

Elizabeth Robbins  
“WPA Slave Narratives Written  
by Mary Dengler Hudgins  
in Hot Springs, Arkansas”  
*The Record*  
Garland County Historical Society

**Best Family History**

William D. Lindsey  
“Brown or White Sugar:  
The Story of a Mixed-Race  
Plantation Family  
in Nineteenth-Century Arkansas,  
Parts 1-4”  
*The Arkansas Family Historian*  
Arkansas Genealogical Society

**Best School History**

Janice Wilcox  
“Mulberry/Pleasant View  
Bi-County School Consolidation”  
*Panning for Nuggets of Old  
Crawford County Genealogical  
Society, Inc.*



Billy Higgins (accepting for *The Journal*)



Bill Morse



Robert Sanderson



Sheilla Lampkin



Elizabeth Robbins

# Now It's Your Chance to Win 2012 Arkansas Historical Association Awards Deadlines

Visit the Arkansas Historical Association's website at [www.arkansashistoricalassociation.org](http://www.arkansashistoricalassociation.org) for additional information.

**James H. Atkinson Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Arkansas History** (\$1,000 and a framed certificate): given to an elementary or secondary school teacher who teaches a course in Arkansas history. Deadline for entries is March 1, 2012.

**Susannah DeBlack Award** (\$200 and a framed certificate): given for the best book or series of books for young readers (grades K-8) on an Arkansas history-related topic published within the preceding two years. Deadline for entries is February 1, 2012.

**Charles O. Durnett Award** (\$250 and a framed certificate): given for the best manuscript article on some aspect of Arkansas's Civil War history—whether military, social, economic, or cultural. Deadline for entries is February 1, 2012.

**James L. Foster and Billy W. Beason Award** (\$250 and a framed certificate): given for the best master's thesis or doctoral dissertation addressing some aspect of the state's history. Deadline for entries is January 1, 2012.

**Violet B. Gingles Award** (\$500 and a framed certificate): given for the best manuscript article on any Arkansas history topic. The article can deal with any phase of the history of the state or with any individual connected with its past. Deadline for entries is February 1, 2012.

**J. G. Ragsdale Book Award** (\$1,000 and a framed certificate): given for the best book-length historical study (nonfiction) of any aspect of Arkansas history. Deadline for entries is January 1, 2012.

**Lucille Westbrook Local History Award** (\$1,000 and a framed certificate): given for the best manuscript article on a local Arkansas topic. The article must deal with some phase of neighborhood, city, county, or regional history or some person associated with local Arkansas history. Deadline for entries is February 1, 2012.

**Walter L. Brown Awards:** The AHA sponsors an awards program for Arkansas county and local historical journals. Deadline for entries is February 1, 2012. Awards are given for:

- Best County or Local Journal—\$100 and certificate
- Honorable Mention (runner-up) for Best County or Local Journal—certificate
- Best Article in a County or Local Journal—\$100 and certificate
- Best Biography, Autobiography, or Memoir—certificate
- Best Business History—certificate
- Best Church History—certificate
- Best Community History—certificate
- Best Edited Document—certificate
- Best Family History—certificate
- Best School History—certificate
- Best Use of Graphics in a Journal—certificate

**Susie Pryor Award** (\$1,000): sponsored by the Arkansas Women's History Institute; given for the best unpublished essay on topics in Arkansas women's history. Deadline for entries is February 15, 2012. For more information about the award, visit the Arkansas Women's History Institute website at [www.arkansas-women.org](http://www.arkansas-women.org).





W.G. Shipley delivering bread to George Catsavis, owner of the Manhattan Café, Fort Smith, 1942. The Shipley Baking Company used the horse-drawn vehicle for deliveries on Garrison Avenue during WWII. Photo courtesy of Special Collections, University of Arkansas; from the Shipley Baking Company records.

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