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JOHN WILLIAM GRAVES BOOK AWARD

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The Arkansas Historical Association is pleased to announce the 2026 competition for the John William Graves Book Award. Established in 2015 and presented biennially, this award recognizes the best book-length nonfiction historical study whose primary focus is any aspect of the **history of African Americans or race relations in Arkansas**. It is given in honor of historian John William Graves, who received his B.A. and M.A. in history from the University of Arkansas in 1964 and 1967 and his Ph.D. in history from the University of Virginia in 1978. He is a past president of the Arkansas Historical Association and the author of *Town and Country: Race Relations in an Urban-Rural Context, Arkansas, 1865-1905*, published by the University of Arkansas Press.

Eligible works include book-length historical studies written in English and published in the two calendar years preceding the annual conference.

The award ceremony will be April 10, 2026 in Monticello, AR.

HOW TO SUBMIT

To be considered, mail one copy to each award committee member by the deadline. Mailing and postage are the responsibility of the publisher or applicant. Entries will not be returned but will be retained by award committee members. No late submissions will be accepted.

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