

The Paul A. Stellhorn Undergraduate New Jersey History Award

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Guidelines for 2012

The Stellhorn Award recognizes excellence in undergraduate writing about New Jersey history. It commemorates the career of an outstanding and much-loved historian of New Jersey, the late Paul A. Stellhorn.

In 2012, there will be one or more awards in two categories, one for course or seminar papers, the other for senior theses. Awards will consist of a framed certificate and a cash award. The sponsors will present the award(s) at the New Jersey Forum in November 2012. The New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance will invite the recipient(s) to speak about her, his, or their work at one of the Alliance's 2013 meetings.

Submission Criteria

- Papers or theses may be about any subject in New Jersey's history. They need not be nominated by history professors.
- Nominated works should be truly outstanding in all respects (see evaluation criteria, below).
- Senior theses are eligible for the award and will be judged separately in their own category.
- Papers or theses must be nominated by the professors for whose courses students wrote them or who mentored or served as readers of theses. Students may not nominate their own papers or theses.
- Papers or theses must have been written by undergraduate students attending colleges or universities in New Jersey, Delaware, New York, or Pennsylvania during calendar 2010, 2011, or 2012.
- Papers by graduate students are not eligible unless a student submitted an undergraduate paper about New Jersey history during 2010, 2011, or 2012.

E-mail nominating letters and papers by June 30, 2012, to acrelus@optonline.net, or surface-mail nominating letters and four (4) copies of each paper to Richard Waldron, 150 Flock Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619; 609.468.3824.

Evaluation Criteria

A paper or thesis submitted for the Stellhorn Award will be evaluated on the basis of its narrative strength, the thoroughness of its author's research (mastery of sources and the standard forms of historical citation), and analysis of the paper's subject, including its historical context. A nominated paper should, therefore, tell a good story, explain how its subject changed over time, and utilize a broad array of relevant primary and secondary sources. Evaluators are historians the sponsors have chosen for the breadth and depth of their knowledge of New Jersey and American history.

Call for Papers
Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography
and
Pennsylvania History

Special Issue:
Teaching Pennsylvania History (fall 2014)

The *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* and *Pennsylvania History* are planning a joint publication, scheduled for 2014, on teaching Pennsylvania history. We invite teachers who have a special interest in a topic such as women's history, African American history, political bosses, religious sects, a particular event (Coal Strike of 1902/03, Centennial Exhibition of 1876), etc. to prepare an article that describes their method, perhaps with illustrations, documents, and connection to websites, that would help others teach that subject in the context of Pennsylvania and US history at the college level (though articles that suggest how to adapt the presented materials for high school use are welcome). Articles should be about 15-20 pages, double spaced. Please indicate any documents or other resources you would like to include, either in print or online.

Submission details: Please send inquiries to either Tamara Gaskell (tgaskell@hsp.org) or Bill Pencak (wap1@psu.edu).

Deadline for submissions: January 1, 2013.