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Nominations are now open for the Pennsylvania Historical Association's 2021 William Pencak Award for the best undergraduate research paper about Pennsylvania and/or mid-Atlantic history.

The award, named for Bill Pencak (1951-2013), a prolific scholar and much-loved Penn State University history professor and former Editor of *Pennsylvania History*, honors the academic year's best written undergraduate paper in history.*

The Pencak Award includes a certificate from the Pennsylvania Historical Association for high achievement in Pennsylvania and mid-Atlantic history, a cash award of \$150, and an opportunity for publication consideration on the [Pennsylvania Historical Association's website](#) or in its journal, *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies*. Award recipients are encouraged to attend the Association's annual conference in the fall, but the winner is not *required* to attend the conference in order to receive the award. The 2021 conference will be hosted virtually.

For previous examples, see [the award page](#) featuring the 2019 award recipient's paper, "Race, Death, and Public Health in Early Philadelphia, 1750-1793," 87.2 Spring 2019 by Jubilee Marshall and the 2020 Award recipient's paper "Urban Renewal in the 'Human Renaissance': Race, Law, and the Environment in Pittsburgh, PA," 88.1, Winter 2021 by Nikol Damato.

Submission Guidelines

- ▶ Formal, original, completed scholarly research papers (with endnotes and bibliography) on any subject in the history of Pennsylvania and/or the mid-Atlantic are welcome. Papers must be a minimum of 5,000 words of text (about 15 pages) and a maximum of 10,000 words (about 25-30 pages), double-spaced and using Times New Roman, 12 point font. Scholarly method should include endnotes (not footnotes) and should conform to the Chicago Manual of Style, 17th Edition. A review panel of historians will evaluate the overall quality of the scholarship, including historiography, methodology, argumentation, and readability.
- ▶ Papers must have been written by undergraduate students attending colleges or universities during the academic year 2020-2021.
- ▶ For submission, papers must be NOMINATED BY AND SUBMITTED BY THE PROFESSOR(S) for whose courses students wrote the paper, professors who mentored the research, or professors who served as readers. Students may not nominate their own papers; nor can they submit their own papers. Submissions are only considered if sent by professors.

Nominated papers should be based in archival sources and be truly outstanding in their contributions to historical knowledge.

► **Submission deadline, June 30, 2021.** Professors should submit papers for nomination by email only to Dr Karen Guenther at Mansfield University, kguenthe@mansfield.edu. The nomination packet should include the following: 1) letter of nomination by the faculty member and 2) copy of the paper being nominated.

* Donations to the award fund can be made on the PHA's website, www.pa-history.org/donate or be sent to Sarah Piccini, Business Secretary, P. O. Box 20011, Scranton, PA 18503