

August 20, 2012

TO: ASEH Executive Committee

SUBJECT: **Proposed Guidelines for the Distinguished Service in Public Environmental History Award [Award #1]**

FROM: Ad Hoc Committee on the Environmental History Public Outreach Project Award  
Heather Miller, Cynthia Ott, and Martin Reuss (chair)

**PURPOSE:**

The award for Distinguished Service in Public Environmental History recognizes academics and non-academics whose substantial and sustained work outside of the classroom has promoted public and institutional awareness and appreciation of environmental history. The award shall consider contributions to all forms of public history, including scholarly publications.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Both ASEH and non-ASEH members are eligible. Both academic and non-academic individuals are eligible, but academics shall have worked (including contract and volunteer work) for or in non-academic organizations either concurrently or separately from their academic experience

**NOMINATIONS:**

Nominations may be made by any member of the ASEH.

**FREQUENCY OF AWARD:**

This award shall be presented every other year, alternating with the Environmental History Public Outreach Project Award.

**SELECTION COMMITTEE:**

The President of the ASEH shall appoint up to five ASEH members to a single award committee for both the Distinguished Service in Public Environmental History award and the Environmental History Public Outreach Project award. Committee terms shall be for two years.

**FUTURE CONSIDERATION:**

We propose that the award eventually be named for an outstanding figure in public environmental history or for a company or institution that donates funding for a monetary award. We suggest that this monetary award be more than for the Environmental History Public Outreach Project award. (say, \$1000 and \$500, respectively).

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SUBJECT: Proposed Guidelines for the Environmental History Public Outreach Project Award  
[Award #2]

FROM: Ad Hoc Committee on the Environmental History Public Outreach Project Award  
Heather Miller, Cynthia Ott, and Martin Reuss (chair)

PURPOSE:

The Environmental History Public Outreach Project Award recognizes environmental history projects and programs that engage the public beyond the academy; help the public appreciate the role of the environment in the shaping of broader social, political, economic, and cultural issues; and/or have measureable impact on communities. The award excludes individual recognition.

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible nominees include films, exhibitions, historic preservation, archaeology, community programs, and other similar work, as determined by the award committee. All work shall exemplify the best professional standards. Scholarly articles and books are excluded.

NOMINATIONS:

Nominations may be made by anyone, including those associated with the project being nominated. Nominations may be made for projects within and outside of the historical community and are not confined to work involving ASEH members.

FREQUENCY OF AWARD:

This award shall be presented every other year, alternating with the award for Distinguished Service in Public Environmental History.

SELECTION COMMITTEE:

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FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

We propose that the award eventually be named for an outstanding figure in public environmental history or for a company or institution that donates funding for a monetary award. We suggest that this monetary award be less than the award for Distinguished Service in Public Environmental History (say, \$500 and \$1000, respectively).