

# JAMES L. SELLERS MEMORIAL AWARD

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## *Year, Recipient, Nebraska History Article and Issue, and Judges*

- 2008 (Winter 2008, p. 176)  
Todd Guenther, “The Empire Builders: An African American Odyssey in Nebraska and Wyoming.”  
Judges: Dr. Charles King, Dr. Mark Scherer, Dr. Michael Tate, University of Nebraska at Omaha
- 2007 (Spring/Summer 2007, p. 28)  
Pat Gaster, “The Daily Bumble Bee and the Fight for Prohibition in 1890.”  
Judges: Dr. Molly Rozum, Dr. Kimberly Jarvis, Dr. Bradley A. Johnson, Doane College
- 2006 (Fall 2006, p. 98)  
Tom White, “From McCook to Whispering Smith.”  
Judges: Dr. Elizabeth Elliot-Meisel, Creighton University and Richard E. Jensen, retired NSHS Anthropologist
- 2005 (Summer/Fall 2005, p. 46)  
Melissa A. Marsh, [‘Still the Old Marlene’: Hollywood at the Fort Robinson Prisoner of War Camp.](#)  
Judges: Kent Blaser, Douglass Taber, Don Hickey, Wayne State College
- 2004 (Winter 2004, p. 172)  
Gregory Bond, [“‘Too Much Dirty Work: Race, Manliness, and Baseball in Gilded Age Nebraska.’”](#)  
Judges: Professors Elaine M. Kruse, Meghan K. Winchell, Christine Dempsey and Ronald Naugle, Nebraska Wesleyan University
- 2003 (Fall 2003, p. 119)  
Randolph W. Baxter, [“‘Homo-Hunting’ in the Early Cold War: Senator Kenneth Wherry and the Homophobic Side of McCarthyism”](#)  
Judges: Tim Mahoney, Margaret Jacobs, Ben Rader, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2002 (Fall/Winter 2002, p. 110)  
Dr. Harl A. Dalstrom, [“‘I’m Never Going to be Snowbound Again’: The Winter of 1948-1949 in Nebraska”](#)  
Judges: Dr. Joel R. Hyer, Dr. Allen Shepherd, Dr. Sam Rankin, Jr., Chadron State College

- 2001 (Winter, 2001, p. 163)  
Timothy R. Mahoney, "[The Great Sheedy Murder Trial and the Booster Ethos of the Gilded Age in Lincoln, Nebraska](#)"  
Judges: Professors Mark Ellis, Linda VanIngen, Vernon Volpe, University of Nebraska-Kearney
- 2000 (Summer 2000, p. 74)  
Mark Smith, "[Karl Stefan, WJAG, and the Congressional Campaign of 1934](#)"  
Judges: Professors Kent Blaser, Sharon Thomas, Donald Hickey, Wayne State College
- 1999 (Winter 1999, p. 150)  
Francis Moul, "[The Biggest Partner: The Federal Government and Sioux County, Nebraska.](#)"  
Judges: Dr. Spencer Davis, Dr. Bill Clemente, Peru State College
- 1998 (Fall issue, p. 116)  
Joseph Agonito, "[Young Man Afraid of His Horses: The Reservation Years.](#)"  
Judges: Elaine Kruse, Sandra Mathews-Lamb, John Montag, Ronald Naugle, Wesleyan
- 1997 (Fall issue, p. 102)  
Mary Cochran Grimes, "[Books for Nebraska: Roy and Aileen Cochran and the Nebraska Public Library Commission.](#)"  
Judges: Dr. William C. Pratt, Dr. Harl Dalstrom, Dr. Tommy Thompson, University of Nebraska-Omaha
- 1996 (Fall/Winter issue, p. 149)  
Julie Greene, "[The Making of Labor's Democracy: William Jennings Bryan, the American Federation of Labor, and Progressive Era Politics.](#)"  
Judges: Gary Moulton, Kenneth Winkle, Timothy Mahoney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 1995 (Summer/Fall issue, p.75)  
Beverly Russell, "[A World War II Boomtown: Hastings and the Naval Ammunition Depot.](#)"  
Judges: Dr. Rolland Dewing, Dr. Richard Loosbrock, Dr. Allen Shepherd, Chadron State College
- 1994 (Summer issue, p. 165)  
Kingsley M. Bray, "[Teton Sioux Population History, 1655-1881.](#)"  
Judges: Vernon L. Volpe, Associate Professor and Chair, Dr. Mark Eifler, Dr. Tom Clark, University of Nebraska-Kearney
- 1993 (Summer issue, p. 72)  
Daniel W. Overton, "[Spending the Indians' Money: A Quantitative Case Study of Oto-Missouri Trust Fund Disbursements, 1855-1881.](#)"  
Judges: Elisabeth B. Elliot-Meisel, Dr. Bryan LeBeau, and Dr. James Grummer, Creighton University
- 1992 (Spring issue, p. 2)  
Wilma A. Daddario, "[They Get Milk Practically Every Day,' The Genoa Indian Industrial School, 1884-1934.](#)"  
Judges: Donald R. Hickey, Kent Blaser and Mike Blayney, Wayne State College

- 1991 (Fall issue, p. 127)  
Gendler, Carol, "[The Industrial Removal Office and the Settlement of Jews in Nebraska, 1901-1917.](#)"  
Judges: Dr. John Hahn, Dr. Torey McCrann, and Spencer Davis, Peru State College
- 1990 (Fall issue, p. 107)  
Luebke, Frederick C., "[Tiemann, Taxes, and the Centennial Legislature of 1967.](#)"  
Judges: Tommy R. Thompson, Harl Dalstrom, William Pratt, University of Nebraska-Omaha
- 1989 (Winter issue, p. 303)  
Mihelich, Dennis N., "[The Lincoln Urban League: The Travail of Depression and War.](#)"  
Judges: Ron Naugle, Chair, Nebraska Wesleyan University
- 1988 (Summer issue, p. 73)  
Potts, James B., "[Nebraska Statehood and Reconstruction.](#)"  
Judges: Sam Rankin, Allen Shepherd, Rolland Dewing, and Richard Loosbrock, Chadron State College
- 1987 (Winter issue, p. 152)  
Menard, Orville D., "[Tom Dennison, The Omaha Bee, and the 1919 Omaha Race Riot.](#)"  
Judges: William Christensen, Darlene Ritter, and Ann L. Wilhite, Midland College, Fremont
- 1986 (Winter issue, p. 327)  
Wilhite, Ann L., "[Cities and Colleges in the Promised Land: Territorial Nebraska, 1854-1867.](#)"  
Judges: Dr. Michael W. Schuyler, Chair, Kearney State College
- 1985 (Spring issue, p. 28)  
Bray, Kingsley M., "[Lone Horn's Peace: A new View of Sioux-Crow Relations.](#)"  
Judges: Donald Whisenhunt, Kent Blaser, Donald Hickey, Wayne State College
- 1984 (Spring issue, p. 108)  
Goedeken, Edward A., "[The Dawes-Pershing Relationship During World War I.](#)"  
Judge: Spencer Davis, Chair, Peru State College
- 1983 (Summer issue, p. 193)  
Wik, Reynold, "[Nebraska Tractor Shows, 1913-1919, and the Beginning of Power Farming.](#)"  
Judge: Nebraska Wesleyan University
- 1982 (Summer issue, p. 216)  
Thompson, Tommy, "[The Great Omaha Train Robbery of 1909.](#)"  
Judge: Hastings College
- 1981 (Fall issue, p. 285)  
Zabel, Orville H., "[History in Stone: The Story in Sculpture on the Exterior of the Nebraska Capitol.](#)"

- 1980 (Summer issue, p. 153)  
Ogle, Arthur Bud, "Above the World: William Jennings Bryan's View of the American Nation in International Affairs."
- 1979 (Fall issue, p. 401)  
Mihelich, Dennis, "WW II and the Transformation of the Omaha Urban League."
- 1978 (Fall issue, entire magazine)  
Diffendal, Anne, "A Centennial History of the Nebraska State Historical Society."
- 1977 (Spring issue, p. 25)  
Davis, John Kyle, "The Gray Wolf: Tom Dennison of Omaha."
- 1976 (Fall issue, p. 291)  
Hanson, Charles E. Jr. and Walters, Veronica Sue, "The Early Fur Trade in Northwestern Nebraska."
- 1975 (Fall issue, p. 295)  
Wagaman, David, "The Industrial Workers of the World in Nebraska, 1914-1920."
- 1974 (Fall issue, p. 325)  
McCready, Eric S., "The Nebraska State Capitol: Its Design, Background and Influence."
- 1973 (Winter issue, p. 521)  
Knight, Oliver, "War or Peace: The Anxious Wait for Crazy Horse."
- 1972 (Fall issue, p. 381)  
Trennert, Robert A. Jr., "The Mormons and the Office of Indian Affairs: The Conflict Over Winter Quarters, 1846-1848."
- 1971 (Winter issue, p. 383)  
Walsh, Thomas R., "Charles E. Bessey and the Transformation of the Industrial College."  
Judge: University of Nebraska-Omaha
- 1970 (Summer issue, p. 199)  
Bitzes, John G., "The Anti Greek Riot of 1909—South Omaha."  
Judge: Kearney State College
- 1969 (Fall issue, p. 239)  
King, James T., "'A Better Way': General George Crook and the Ponca Indians."  
Judge: Creighton University
- 1968 (Fall issue, p. 215)  
Dick, Everett N., "Water, a Frontier Problem."  
Judge: Nebraska Wesleyan
- 1967 (Fall issue, p. 249)  
Schlebecker, John T., "Agriculture in Western Nebraska, 1906-1966."  
Judge: University of Nebraska-Lincoln