James L. Sellers Memorial Award

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**Past Recipients** (awarded for the previous year’s volume; for example, the award for the 2014 volume was presented in October 2015.)

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Judges: Eric Colvard, Don Hickey, Joseph Weixelman, Wayne State College

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Rebecca J. Anderson, “'*Grandma Gable, she brought Ralph': Midwifery and the Lincoln, Nebraska, Department of Health in the Early Twentieth Century”
Judges: Meghan Winchell, Sandra Mathews, and Chris Rasmussen, Nebraska Wesleyan University

2012  (Fall 2012, p. 138)
James E. Potter, “*Wearing the Hempen Neck-Tie*: Lynching in Nebraska, 1858-1919”
Judges: Kimberley A. Jarvis, Jayne Germer, Bradley Johnson, Doane College

2011  (Summer 2011, p. 54)
David Delbert Kruger, “*Main Street Empire: J C Penney in Nebraska*”
Judges: Thomas Smith and David Nesheim (Chadron State College); Sarah Polak (Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center)

2010  (Fall/Winter 2010, p. 190)
Amy Helene Forss, “*Mildred Brown and the De Porres Club: Collective Activism in Omaha, Nebraska’s Near North Side*.”
Judges: Vernon Volpe, Mark Ellis, Linda Van Ingen, University of Nebraska at Kearney

2009  (Fall 2009, p. 114)
Anne Beiser Allen, “*A Scandal in Niobrara: The Controversial Career of Rev. Samuel D. Hinman*”
Judges: Dr. Sara Crook, Dr. Dan Holtz, Dr. Spencer Davis, Peru State College

2008  (Winter 2008, p. 176)
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)

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)  
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)  
Judges: Vernon L. Volpe, Associate Professor and Chair, Dr. Mark Eifler, Dr. Tom Clark, University of Nebraska-Kearney

1993  (Summer issue, p. 72)  
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)  
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,
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)
Judges: Dr. Michael W. Schuyler, Chair, Kearney State College

1985 (Spring issue, p. 28)
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)

1980 (Summer issue, p. 153)

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)

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)
1974 (Fall issue, p. 325)
1973 (Winter issue, p. 521)
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1972 (Fall issue, p. 381)
1971 (Winter issue, p. 383)
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