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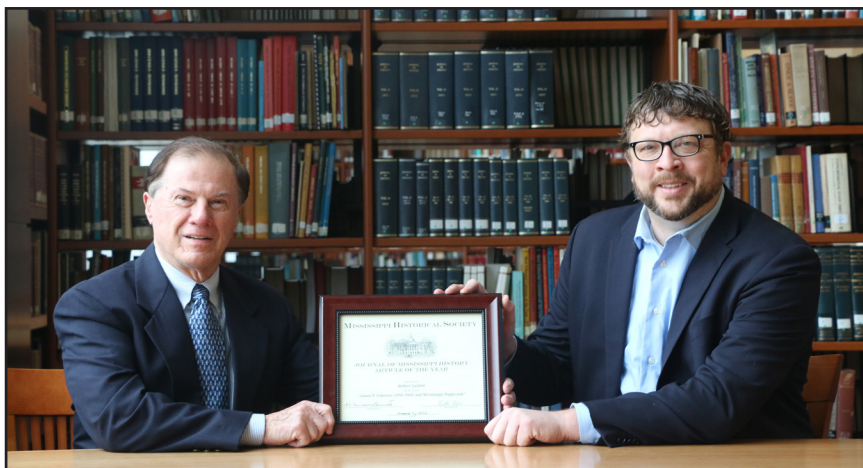
The Mississippi Historical Society presented the best Mississippi history book of 2021, its lifetime achievement award, teacher of the year, and other awards in recognition at its annual meeting held virtually on Friday, March 5, 2021.

Alferdteen Harrison received the Lifetime Achievement Award in honor of her extensive scholarly research and preservation of Mississippi history. Harrison served as president of the Mississippi Historical Society in 1991 and is the former director of the Margaret Walker Alexander Center at Jackson State University. Harrison is also a co-founder of the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center in downtown Jackson. She is currently leading an effort to save the Scott-Ford House in Jackson's Farish Street Historic District.

Steeped in the Blood of Racism: Black Power, Law and Order, and the 1970 Shootings at Jackson State College by Nancy Bristow, professor and chair of the History Department at the University of Puget Sound,

received the Book of the Year Award. Published by the Oxford University Press, Bristow's book focuses on the tragic 1970 shooting deaths of James Earl Green and Phillip Gibbs at Jackson State University.

Robert Luckett, historian and director of the Margaret Walker Alexander Center at Jackson State University, received the *Journal of Mississippi History* Article of the Year Award for "James P. Coleman (1956–1960) and Mississippi Poppycock" published in the Spring/Summer 2019 issue.

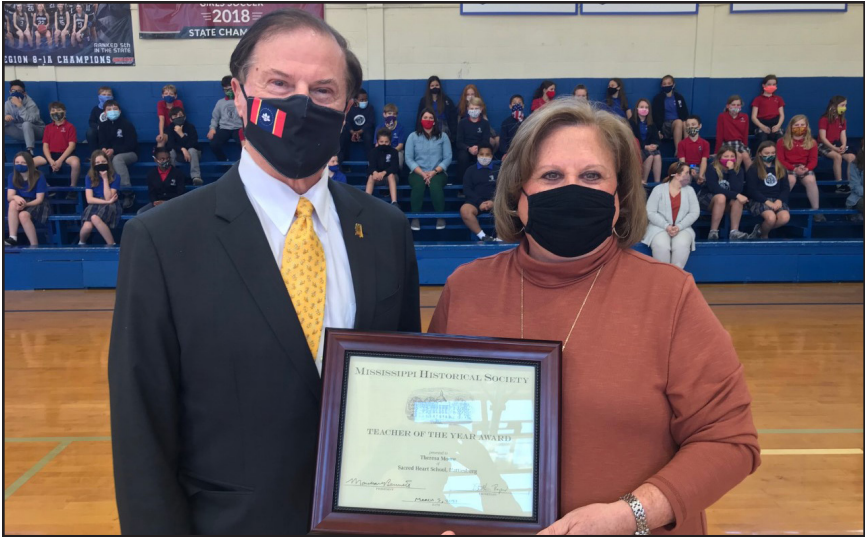


Robert Luckett (right) of Jackson State University received the Journal of Mississippi History Article of the Year Award from President Marshall Bennett.

The Outstanding Local Historical Society Award was presented to the Woodville Civic Club for its work in the preservation of historic Woodville, one of Mississippi's oldest settlements.

The Teacher of the Year Award was presented to Theresa Moore of Sacred Heart Catholic School in Hattiesburg. Moore, a fifth and sixth grade history teacher, has served at Sacred Heart since 1995 and has more than thirty-six years of teaching experience.

Awards of Merit were presented to the Commission to Redesign the Mississippi State Flag for its work in the development and design of the new "In God We Trust" state flag; Friends of the Vicksburg National Military Park and Campaign for its work in the preservation, education, monument restoration, and advocacy of the Vicksburg Military National Park; the city of Tupelo for renovating the Oren Dunn City Museum; the Columbus Municipal School District for its work in commemorating the histories of Union Academy and Franklin Academy; the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College for its donations of the C. C. "Tex" Hamill



The Teacher of the Year Award was presented by President Marshall Bennett (left) to Theresa Moore of Sacred Heart Catholic School in Hattiesburg.

Down South Magazine Collection and the Dixie Press Collection to MDAH; and the Corinth Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center, and Northeast Mississippi Community College for its collaborative work on a phone application for the Corinth Contraband Camp Project.



Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College president Mary Graham received two Awards of Merit. Pictured with her are MHS Secretary-Treasurer Brother Rogers, former MHS President Charles Sullivan, and MHS board member Ryan Schilling.



Judge Reuben Anderson (right) received an Award of Merit from MHS Secretary-Treasurer Brother Rogers for chairing the Commission to Redesign the Mississippi State Flag.



Friends of the Vicksburg National Military Park and Campaign received an Award of Merit for their work on historic preservation. Pictured with President Marshall Bennett are the organization's executive director, Bess Averett, and board president, Brig. Gen. Robert Crear.