

Call for Nominations

William “Bill” Pencak Award for Undergraduate Research

The Pennsylvania Historical Association is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the 2018 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 former editor of *Pennsylvania History* and a prolific scholar and much-loved Penn State University history professor, is designed to honor the 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 on the Pennsylvania Historical Association’s website <www.pa-history.org> or its journal, *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies*. Award recipients are encouraged to attend the Association’s annual conference in the fall to speak about their scholarship.

Submission Guidelines

- ▶ Research papers (with endnotes and bibliography) on any subject in the history of Pennsylvania and/or the mid-Atlantic are welcome. Papers may be 20-30 pages in length (up to 10,000 words), formatted in double space (using a font such as Times New Roman, 12 point) and conforming to CMS style. A committee 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 2017-2018.
- ▶ For submission, papers must be nominated by the professors for whose courses students wrote them or professors who mentored the research or served as readers. Students may not nominate their own papers. Nominated papers should be based in archival sources and be truly outstanding in their contributions to historical knowledge.
- ▶ **Submission deadline, July 1, 2018.** Nominated papers should be emailed (electronic form only) to Dr. Carla J. Mulford at Pennsylvania State University, cjm5@psu.edu. The nomination packet should include a letter of nomination by the faculty member and a copy of the paper being nominated.

* The Pencak Award is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical Association. Donations to the award fund can be made on the PHA’s website, www.pa-history.org/donate or be sent to Dr. Karen Guenther, PHA Business Secretary / P.O. Box 45 / Mansfield, PA 16933.