**Name of the Award: Philip M. Hamer and Elizabeth Hamer Kegan Award**

**Subcommittee chair: Lisa Conathan, Yale University**

Award Winner’s name: Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota

Will the winner be attending the ceremony to accept the Award? Yes

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Subcommittee member presenting the Award: Lisa Conathan

Person Accepting the Award (if a group or organization): Haven Hawley, Program Director, or Daniel Necas, Research Archivist

Citation:

The 2011 recipient of the Society of American Archivists’ Philip M. Hamer and Elizabeth Hamer Kegan Award is the Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota, in recognition of its outstanding efforts in promoting the knowledge and use of documentation of the immigrant experience through the Digitizing Immigrant Letters Project.

The award committee expresses its high regard for the team’s efforts to promote access to immigrant letters through an inviting and useful web site. We particularly recognize the stellar presentation of transcriptions and translations of letters in several languages, which makes the multilingual material accessible both in the original language and in English. The web access, together with the project’s sponsorship of scholars, public talks and exhibits, increase public awareness of American immigrant history for scholars, family historians, and the general public.

Since 1973, the Hamer Kegan Award has recognized individuals or institutions that have increased public awareness of archival documents for education, instructional, or other public purposes.