

SAA Hamer Kegan Award – New Criteria Proposal – Summer 2017

Purpose and Criteria for Selection:

Established in 1973 (and modified in 1987 and 1991), this award recognizes an archivist, editor, group of individuals, or institution that has increased public awareness of a specific body of documents (**which can be a specific archival collection or thematic aggregation**) through compilation, transcription, exhibition, or public presentation of archives or manuscript materials for educational, instructional, or other public purpose. Archives may include photographs, films, and visual archives. ~~Publication may be in any medium.~~

Work that is impactful on a local, regional, national, and/or international level is welcomed.

Criteria:

- **Project was/is achieved through compilation, transcription, exhibition, or public presentation of archives or manuscript materials (Project is above and beyond conventional archival processing/arrangement and description work). (Yes or No—if no, disqualified)**
- **Project effectively raises public awareness of a specific body of archival or manuscript documents through a circulating medium (may include photos, films, etc.). Effective nominees will provide supporting evidence. (10 30 points)**
- **Project has clear educational, instructional, or public/promotional focus beyond a local level. other public purpose. Highly effective nominations will also be able to provide evidence of the impact of the educational/instructional work, etc. (30 points)**
- **Project clearly conveys the importance value of the records being promoted beyond a local level (30 points)**
- **Project is innovative in either message (highlights a previously hidden set of materials) or medium (uses innovative means to raise awareness) (30 points)**

Eligibility:

Individual archivists and editors, groups of individuals, organizations.

This award is open to nominees within and outside of the United States, and is not limited to members of SAA.

Nomination Form Questions:

1. **~~How does the nominee meet the criteria of the award?~~ Please describe how the nominee has increased public awareness of a specific body of documents through compilation, transcription, exhibition, or public presentation. Include any relevant evidence of increased public awareness.**
2. **~~What are the outstanding characteristics of the nominee?~~ Please describe the educational, instructional, or other public purpose of this project, and its impact.**
3. **Please show how the nominee has demonstrated the value of the records.**