

2022 Illinois History Day Awards

Senior Division Finalists

Individual Documentary

- Corona Chen: *Ping-Pong Diplomacy: How an "Accidental" Encounter Led to a Diplomatic Victory in U.S.-China Relations*
- Greta Nelson: *A Change is Gonna Come: Gospel Music and the Civil Rights Movement*
- Olivia Jessen: *Diplomacy in a Vacuum: The Apollo-Soyuz Test Project Helps Open the Iron Curtain*
- Reese Lawrence: *What is the Crazy Horse Memorial and Why it Should be Government Funded?*

Individual Exhibit

- Peter Pu: *Western Influence on the Chinese Debate to Modernize the Role of Women during the Republican Period*
- Catherine Lyons: *The Nine Days' Queen: Lady Jane Grey and the Succession Crisis of 1553*
- Elizabeth Karstrand: *Censorship In Hollywood: The Hays Code*
- Logan Maurer: *The Jazz Ambassadors*
- Daniel Roque: *Uprising in the Coalfields: The Battle of Blair Mountain*
- Katherine Timm: *"Hamilton, Jefferson, and the Deal for D.C."*

Individual Performance

- Kaley Perryman: *Segregation and Desegregation in the Education System*

Individual Website

- Lena Stole: *Occupation or Annexation: Bayonet Diplomacy, Limited Congressional Debate, and the Ambiguous Status of the 50th State*
- Katherine Bai: *Griswold vs. Connecticut: How a Contraceptives Case Ignited a Heated Debate on the Right to Privacy*
- Ainika Hou: *Different Nations, Different Goals, Different Treaties: How One War Led to Multiple Debates and Failed Diplomacies*
- Anna Tooley: *Women on the Home Front During World War II*

Paper

- David Wang: *The US and its Roles in the Debate over Puerto Rico's Political Status*
- Julia Cerimele: *The Debate Seen and Heard 'Round the World: The Transformative Legacy of the Kennedy-Nixon Debates on Presidential Elections, Image Creation, and Personal and Public Diplomacy*
- Megha Khemka: *Questionable Means to Problematic Ends: Nixon's Historic Trip to China*
- Ariadne Merchant: *The First "Never Again": The Failure of US Diplomacy and the Greek Genocide in the Ottoman Empire*
- Clare O'Connor: *Too Big to Ignore: How the Women of the Hull-House Used Statistics to Redefine Public Debate*
- Narobi Coffey: *A Debate with Not Enough Diplomacy: The Chicago School Boycott of 1963*

Group Documentary

- Isabella Rigatos, Marilyn Gans, and Benjamin Sebastian: *Woman Spies of the Special Operations Executive: Debates and Successes in Their Role as Covert Diplomats*
- Sara Kumar, Donovan Miller, and Lauren Tapper: *AIMing for a Diplomatic Future: The American Indian Movement's Occupation of the BIA*
- Louis Auxenfans, William Tan, and Serena Thomas: *Jazz Justice: The Ironic Consequences of the State Department's Cold War Diplomacy During the Civil Rights Era*
- Alexander Torzewski, Aiden Hunter, and Daniel Saba: *They called it The Skokie Case: How a small Chicago suburb became home to one of nation's largest constitutional controversies*

Group Exhibit

- Samantha Berman, Mia Reilly-Yeh, Ayse Karatas: *Playboy Magazines Effect on Women; Objectification or Liberation?*
- Camryn Brown and Cailynn Cleer: *LGBTQ+: Related Law Changes in Illinois*
- Preston Wright and Jack Gagamov: *Post WWII Reconstruction*
- Ethan Knizhnik and Lily Zartler: *The Annexation of Hawaii*
- Nola Malito, Stephanie Marchan, and Angelica Ruiz: *The Swastika War: Limits to "Freedom of Speech"; Neo-Nazi vs. Jewish*
- NaShyla McQuirter and Hailey Hargus: *The First Living Donor Liver Transplant*

Group Performance

- Amira Alkhatim, Cooper Brown, Jackson Connelly, Jay Lee, and Michelle Wang: *Debating Denaturation in Prohibition*
- Charles Benton, Jenna Kilkus, and Myra Malkic: *Never Diplomatic but Always Determined: Emma Goldman's Debate on Free Expression*
- Andrea Deltoro and Fernanda Barrios: *Mary Cassatt*
- Raul Cordero, Victor Gonzalez, Tlaloc Moreno, and Demetrius Hoyos: *Neo-Nazis in Skokie*
- Wendy Cuevas and Andy Paredes: *The Haymarket Riot*

Group Website

- Ameya Deo and Yaseen Qureshi: *From Andrew Jackson, to the Pecora Hearings, to FDR's New Deal: The Long Debate Over Federal Banking Regulations*
- Riya Thomas and Reba Thomas: *Vashti McCollum: How One Woman Changed Religious Instruction in Public Schools*
- Jessica Daugherty, Ege Halac, and Jack McRoberts: *Taking a Diplomatic Approach to the Most Urgent Debate: How the World's Chance to Solve the Climate Crisis Evaporated in Rio*
- Aditi Bobba and Kavya Akkina: *The Marshall Plan and the Reconstruction of Europe: Diplomacy at its Finest*

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- Julia Fulk: *The Life of H.H. Holmes*
- Lydia Jayne: *The Challenger Disaster; Hours of Debate – Tragedy in Seconds*
- Elan Kaeding Valentine: *The General vs. the President*
- Beatrix Ludwig-Meiers: *Open Secret of Burge's Torture: The Chicago Police Torture Scandal*

Individual Exhibit

- Averil Sayles: *Knowledge is Power. How the Attica Prison Riots Paved the Way for Rehabilitating Inmates Through Education*
- Elle Hodes: *The Marshall Plan: Diplomatically Ushering in The New Era*
- Henry Dudek: *Pullman Strike; A Debate for Workers Rights That Changed the Labor Movement Forever*
- Alex Heyen: *Gambling with Water in the Desert; Debate, Hydro-diplomacy and Climate Change's Impingement on the Colorado River Compact*
- Jack Siska: *Eisenhower and the D-Day Debate: the Decision that Changed the World*
- Kolban Singh: *On the Brink: The Cuban Missile Crisis*
- Brooke Powell: *Pandas for Rent*
- Aubrie Sperling: *Radium Girls*
- Henry C. Pyskacek: *Adaptive Negotiations: Diplomacy During the Cuban Missile Crisis*
- Syzmon Betlej: *The Debate and Diplomacy of the Warsaw Pact*
- Everett Blackburn: *The Whole World Is Watching*
- Rosemary Hicks: *The President, the People, Bowie and the Boss: Bringing Down the Berlin Wall*

Individual Performance

- Anvi Krishnardula: *Roe v. Wade; the Debate of a Lifetime*
- Kendall Pemberton: *Elizabeth Cady Stanton: A Revolutionary Thinker and Uncompromising Leader of the Women's Rights Movement*
- Shannon Evans: *Prohibition and the Rise of Organized Crime*
- Lilith VanDyke: *The Unions Strike Back*
- Ryann Dawson: *The Negro Question: Integration v. Segregation, From Slave to Scholars*
- Susanna Morrison: *A Night with Eliza Hamilton: My Beloved and the Debate for the Constitution*

Individual Website

- Stella Wise: *The Berlin Blockade: When Diplomacy Fails*
- Giovanni Nicolai: *Deal or No Deal: The Constitutional Compromises that Shaped Our Nation*
- Sophie Yu: *The Treaty of Versailles: The Failed Diplomacy of 1919*
- Alterra Bonete: *Executive Order 9066: An Unlucky Number For Japanese Americans*
- Lilli Planek: *Prague 1968: Soviets Crush Reform*
- Inigo Angeles: *A Battle of Debate and Diplomacy The Vietnam War*

Paper

- Anna Pachla: *Let Them Shine: Women's Discrimination in Science*
- Neena Agrawal: *The Debate Over Disability Rights: How the 504 Sit-In Created Disability Diplomacy*

- Meara Seelbach: *Toxic Imprisonment: The Japanese–American Internment*
- Sarah Chae: *Suit Yourself – Mary Walker’s Success Despite Debate*
- Chelsea Dekock: *The Broken Promises of America: The Chinese Exclusion Act*
- Ash Liang: *The Failures of Appeasement in the 20th Century: The Munich Agreement*

Group Documentary

- Riyan Jain, Ansh Patel, and Naga Sriharsha Mudda: *Arms for Controversy: A Failed Diplomacy*
- Ella Fang, Megan Tan, and Elsa Torres: *The Opium Wars: An Excuse for British Foreign Policy*
- Katie Glass, Julia Kipp, and Krithik Prasad: *The Decision to Drop the Atomic Bomb*
- Simon Gidalevitz, Iliyan Nathani, Owen Myers, and James Canar: *Bullets for Peace: The Diplomatic Successes and Failures of the Kent State*

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- Donald Price and Leir Dierdorff: *Apollo–Soyuz: How Diplomacy Ended the Space Race*
- Nathan Majcher, Bruno Olson, and Paul Shin: *The River That Runs Backward*
- Nicole Mulla and Alisa Kaganovich: *Chernobyl: Diplomatic Failures and Consequences*
- Jackson Hirsch and Grace Inouye: *Stateville Malaria Trials: A Tale of Necessary Sacrifice*
- Rishabh Dalal, David Galu, and Tyler Marchese: *Little Italy vs. UIC: The Debate That Changed Chicago Colleges Forever*
- Adrianna Caraker and Alyssa Fabian: *The Racial Unrest in Cairo, Illinois*
- Ernie Muharremaj, Dillon Poblador, Ana Rivera, and Maja Staniszewski: *Battle for Equal Rights: Journey of the Black Panther Party*
- Slokha Anandula, Nidhi Karekar, and Emily Zmyslowski: *The Fight for Forest Preserves: The Tale of Busse Woods Creation*
- Eliza Ignacio, Henry Pond, and Claire Wittekind: *Not so Black and White: Steinem, Chisholm, and the Debate over the 2nd Wave of Feminism*
- Claudia Aguilar and Karen Mariscal: *Whiskey Diplomacy*
- Roshan Das, Maia Duffy, and Noah Shankman: *How the Treaty of Versailles Impacted Germany’s National Identity*
- Natalie Geenen and Veronica Motawi: *Debate, Diplomacy, and Nuclear Annihilation*

Group Performance

- Tessa Diedrich and Olivia Tryggestad: *Democracy Dinner: Debate & Diplomacy*
- Lexi Frick and Kyrina Solbrig: *Copyright: Who IS Right?*
- Alice Metzger, Elyse Nguyen, Hannah Thomas, and Kenza Meksem: *Suffragist vs Anti-Suffragists, Events leading up to the 19th Amendment*
- Abigail Cox, Karina Pikhovich, and Catherine Thielen: *One Drop Black- Plessy vs. Ferguson*
- Anvita Vinu, Carolyn Zhang, and Mridula Prabu: *Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity During the Enlightenment: Debate Throughout France*
- Dhir Patel, Azhaan Salam, and Rahm Hajali: *The Failure of Munich*
- Phoenix Ling, Norah Ludwig, Viviana Penaranda, and Damiya Polk: *CPS: Striking Up Wages*
- Zulia Lopez and Reka Nabe: *Plessy Versus Ferguson: A Reenactment*

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- Janelle Chan, Cynthia Chen, Prisara Chumsangsri, Chloe Mui, and Alina Zhao: *The New Deal: How a Series of Programs Corrected the Anti-Labor Atmosphere of America and Set the Foundation for A New Era of Industry*
- Vladislav Bodnaruk, Steven Jiang, Dou Lai, and William Wang: "A City within A City": *The Cabrini Green Housing Projects*
- Emma Valdivia and Molly Rynne: *The First Sino-Japanese War*
- Samar Mohan, Shunta Notani, Karl Patel, Zachary Wong, and Max Ziegelman: *When the Neo-Nazis Came to Skokie: The Debate Between Morality and Legality*

Governor's Award

Cynthia Jurisson from University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, Chicago, IL

Special Award Recipients

Daughters of the American Revolution

- First Place: Susanna Morrison: *A Night with Eliza Hamilton: My Beloved and the Ratification of the Constitution*
- Second Place: Natalya Holoyad: *Dismantling the Patriarchy One Pamphlet at a Time: Marie Olympe-de Gouges*
- Third Place: Aubrie Sperling: *Radium Girls*

Illinois Press (Elijah Lovejoy)

- Natalie Rovner: *Elijah Lovejoy: The First Martyr for the First Amendment*

Illinois Labor History Society

- Syed Azhar Ahmed, Shreshth Malik, Irmuun Namgur: *Gentrification: The Phenomenon Reshaping America's Cities*
- Francis Bu: *The Evolution of Child Labor Through History*
- Ella Brown: *Child Labor*
- Adella Laqui, Estefany Garcia , and Mia Rodgers: *Why are We Prohibited from Picketing: Women's Garment Workers Strike of 1910*

Illinois College Scholarship

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