

Tennessee History Book Award Report

December 5, 2015

TLA Board Meeting

Co-chairs Holly Matthews and Trent Hanner received six nominations for the 2015 Tennessee History Book Award:

- Birdwell, Michael E. and W. Calvin Dickinson, eds. *People of the Upper Cumberland: Achievements and Contradictions*. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press.
- Driskell, Boyce N. and Robert J. Norrell. *Tuckaleechee Cove: A Passage through Time*. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press.
- Hughes, Charles L. *Country Soul: Making Music and Making Race in the American South*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press.
- Kelton, Paul. *Cherokee Medicine, Colonial Germs: An Indigenous Nation's Fight Against Smallpox, 1518-1824*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press.
- McEntee, Nancy Fessenden. *Molsey Blount: The Colonial First Lady of Tennessee*. Mustang, Oklahoma: Tate Publishing and Enterprises, Inc.
- West, Carroll Van. *Nashville Architecture: A Guide to the City*. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press.

Since Dr. Dickinson's book was nominated by his publisher, he has recused himself from the jury this year. Beth Frerking has agreed to take his spot on the jury. Besides Matthews and Hanner, the other readers are Robert Cruthirds of Memphis and Joe Douglas of Gallatin.

The co-chairs welcome suggestions on spreading the word about the award in future years. We are confident that many other books warrant nomination. An extra effort was extended this year in contacting all the major southeastern academic publishers to avail them of the prize; only one responded.

Respectfully submitted,

Trent Hanner
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