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2016 MULTIMEDIA AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Nation's Leading Multimedia Journalists Compete for Top Industry Awards

(WASHINGTON, D.C. – Feb. 14, 2016) – The White House News Photographers Association® announced the winners of the Multimedia categories in the annual ‘Eyes of History®’ competition. Spencer Millsap of National Geographic won Multimedia Editor of the Year.

The Washington Post team of McKenna Ewen, Whitney Shefte and Julio Negrón won first place in issue reporting for [Fighting America's Deadly Heroin Epidemic](#). The NPR team of Adam Cole, Ryan Kellman, Allison Richards and Ben de la Cruz took top honors in the animation category for [Finding The Speed Of Light With Peeps](#). NPR also won first place in feature for [Human vs. Horse Marathon. King of the Swamp](#) by Jessica Koscielniak, Nicole Cvetnic, Sohail Al-Jamea and Jonathan Forsythe of McClatchy took first place in sports.

Pierre Kattar, a freelance journalist for *The New York Times* and Orb Media, won first place in news for [After Nepal Quakes, Worries in the Water](#) and the first place in the best multimedia package category for [Excess Baggage: Is there room for families in the global labor trade?](#). First place in documentary was awarded to Gabriel Silverman, Fiona Dawson, Jamie Coughlin and Matt Rhodes of *The New York Times*. They won for [Transgender, at War and in Love](#).

The judges for the Multimedia competition were Evelio Contreras, Catherine Orr and Rebecca Sell. Contreras is a producer, shooter and editor for CNN in New York. He produces and works on multimedia projects for cnn.com with a focus on personal stories. At CNN, he's spent time with families coping with PTSD, addressing mental illness and life after a traumatic event.

Catherine Orr is the co-founder of StoryMineMedia, a documentary production studio that produces independent projects and partners with nonprofits, foundations, and other organizations to create character-driven video stories that move people to action. Orr's individual and collaborative work has been recognized by Pictures of the Year International, College Photographer of the Year, SXSW Interactive, and the Grantham Prize for Environmental Journalism.

Rebecca Sell is a freelance multimedia producer and photojournalist currently teaching interactive design, video and photojournalism at the School of Visual Communication at Ohio University, including teaching courses in audio and video storytelling, picture editing, user experience design, information architecture, interactive projects and mobile design. Her work has been published by USA Today, The Washington Post, National Geographic Short Film Showcase and others.

“Our judges said the entries in this year's Eye of History Multimedia Contest are among the best they have seen in any contest,” said WHNPA president Whitney Shefte. “I am so proud of our members who are creating such remarkable work and pushing the envelope with new formats.”

The still, video and student competitions were also held at the National Geographic Society over the weekend.

The top winners of the still, video, multimedia and student contests will be honored at the annual ‘Eyes of History®’ gala on June 18, 2016, at the Ritz-Carlton in Washington. The black-tie event celebrates all the winning photojournalists and the President of the United States. Nearly 1,000 guests, including government dignitaries and industry celebrities, attend.

The White House News Photographers Association is a 95-year-old non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the efforts of Washington's professional visual journalists. The WHNPA aims to provide professional and educational outreach to its members and the community through scholarships, programming, an annual competition and a celebration of the industry at the annual “Eyes of History®” gala.

For more information, please contact Whitney Shefte at president@whnpa.org or executive director Heidi Elswick at heidi@whnpa.org (301-606-8251). For further information about ‘The Eyes of History®’, and to view the winning images and videos, visit the WHNPA website at www.whnpa.org.

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