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Lindsay Bowman Named 2019 PA History Teacher of the Year

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Lindsay Bowman, a teacher at Harrisburg Academy, has been named the 2019 PA History Teacher of the Year, an award presented annually by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the nation’s leading organization dedicated to K-12 American history education.



Inaugurated in 2004, the History Teacher of the Year Award highlights the crucial importance of history education by honoring exceptional American history teachers from elementary school through high school. The award honors one K-12 teacher from each state, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense schools and US Territories. In fall 2019, the National History Teacher of the Year will be selected from the pool of state winners.

Bowman received a bachelor’s degree in political science from Dickinson College (Carlisle) in 2004 and is currently enrolled in the Master of Arts program in private school leadership in the Department of Organization and Leadership through the Klingenstein Center at Teachers College, Columbia University. At Harrisburg Academy, Bowman teaches with a passion for introducing middle school students to the process of historical inquiry and analysis. Frequently utilizing documents, artifacts, and oral histories in class, Bowman keeps history relevant by bringing together community members to share their stories.

Bowman’s dedication to active learning and the exploration of history extends beyond the classroom. As the director of the Centers for Experiential Learning & Innovation, Bowman has organized many domestic and international travel experiences for students. A recent trip to Italy and France culminated in travel to the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and the Normandy American Cemetery to honor graduates of Harrisburg Academy killed during WWII in the Italy campaign and D-Day assault.

In addition to a \$1,000 honorarium, the Academy will receive a core archive of American history books and Gilder Lehrman educational materials, and recognition at a ceremony in Pennsylvania.

The National History Teacher of the Year Award will be presented by John Avlon, senior political analyst and anchor at CNN, at a ceremony in New York City on Oct. 2, 2019. Past presenters at the ceremony include the Honorable Sandra Day O’Connor, Good Morning America’s Robin Roberts, First Lady Laura Bush, former US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Nominations for the 2020 History Teacher of the Year awards are now open. Students, parents, colleagues, and supervisors may nominate K-12 teachers for the award by visiting gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy. The deadline for 2019 nominations is March 31, 2020.

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