

## 2015 Ohio SPJ Awards

### PRINT WINNERS

#### NEWSPAPERS: (Circulation 75,000+)

##### Best Arts Profile

**FIRST:** "Improbable Journeys: Cleveland's Eric Coble Makes it to Broadway with a Play about a Woman Battling the Decline of Old Age," Andrea Simakis, *The Plain Dealer*

**SECOND:** "Profile: Film role expands options for man who would be King," Michael Grossberg, *The Columbus Dispatch*

##### Best Arts Reporting

**FIRST:** "Body of Work," Zachary Lewis, *The Plain Dealer*

**SECOND:** "Body of Work," Michael Grossberg, *The Columbus Dispatch*

##### Best Business Profile

**FIRST:** "How Rodney McMullen took Kroger to the top", Alexander Coolidge, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

**SECOND:** "Rafid Fadul, a Doctor and Real Estate Investor, calls Cleveland a 'perfect city': 2015 People to Watch," Michelle Jarboe McFee, *The Plain Dealer*

##### Best Business Reporting

**FIRST:** "Body of Work," Mark Williams, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** "Body of Work," Dan Gearino, *The Columbus Dispatch*

##### Best Children's Issues Reporting

**FIRST:** "Distinguished Gentleman," Lynn Ischay, *The Plain Dealer*

**SECOND:** No Award

##### Best Consumer Reporting

No Entries

##### Best Criminal Justice Reporting

**FIRST:** "Body of Work," Theodore Decker, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** "Body of Work," Andrew Welsh-Huggins, *The Associated Press*

##### Best Deadline Reporting

**FIRST:** "Slain Officer," Betty Lin-Fisher, Phil Trexler, Rick Armon. *The Akron Beacon Journal*

**SECOND:** "OSU Band Chief Fired," Collin Binkley, *The Columbus Dispatch*

##### Best Editorial Page Campaign

No Entries

##### Best Education Issues Reporting: Higher Education

**FIRST:** "Body of Work," Collin Binkley, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** No Award

**Best Education Issues Reporting: K-12**

**FIRST:** "Ohio Charter Schools," Doug Livingston, *The Akron Beacon Journal*

**SECOND:** "Body of Work," Jennifer Smith Richards, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**Best Environment Reporting**

**FIRST:** "Saunders Park Contamination," Mark Ferenchik, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** "Shale Gas in Northeast Ohio," John Funk, *The Plain Dealer*

**Best Explanatory Journalism**

**FIRST:** "Infant Death Series," Misti Crane, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** "Heroin Series," Staff of *ThisWeek Community News*

**Best Feature Reporting**

**FIRST:** "Body of Work," Lori Kurtzman, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** "A Holiday Miracle: Mother, Adopted Daughter Reunited After 28 Years," Heather Beyer, *The Akron Beacon Journal*

**Best Government Reporting**

**FIRST:** "An Uncommon Look at the Common Core," Jim Siegel, Cathy Candisky, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** "Body of Work," The Ohio Staff of *The Associated Press*

**Best Headline Writing**

**FIRST:** "Quoth the Maven," "Change or Croak," "Little Crop of Horrors," Andrew Sterling, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** "Parma Guitar Maker Wins COSE Contest- to the Tune of \$20,000" "Hot Dog! Indians Mascots Race Their Buns Off," Mary Ann Whitley, *The Plain Dealer*

**Best Human Interest Writing**

**FIRST:** "Something in the Middle of Nothing," Ally Marotti, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

**SECOND:** "Body of Work," Laura Arenschiold, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**Best Investigative Reporting**

**FIRST:** "Unguarded," Josh Jarman, Jill Riepenhoff, Lucas Sullivan, Mike Wagner, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** "Falling From Grace," Bob Dyer, *The Akron Beacon Journal*

**Best Medical/Science Reporting**

**FIRST:** "Body of Work," Misti Crane, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** "Main Control," Alan Johnson, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**Best Minority Issues Reporting**

**FIRST:** "Body of Work," Mark Curnutte, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

**SECOND:** "Body of Work," Encarnacion Pyle, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**Best Newsmaker Profile**

**FIRST:** "Body of Work," Collin Binkley, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** "How Rodney McMullen Took Kroger to the Top" Alexander Coolidge, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

**Best Political Commentary**

No Entries

**Best Political Reporting**

**FIRST:** "Issues in Ohio's 2014 Governor's Race," Darrel Rowland, Jim Siegel, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** No Award

**Best Public Records Use**

**FIRST:** "Campus Insecurity," Mike Wagner, Jill Riepenhoff, Collin Binkley, Sara Gregory, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** "Kent State Secrecy," Carol Biliczky, *The Akron Beacon Journal*

**Best Public Service Journalism**

**FIRST:** "Unguarded," Josh Jarman, Jill Riepenhoff, Lucas Sullivan, Mike Wagner, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** "Heroin Series," Staff of *ThisWeek Community News*

**Best Religion Reporting**

**FIRST:** "Body of Work," JoAnne Viviano, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** No Award

**Best Rock and Roll Commentary**

No Entries

**Best Rock and Roll Feature Writing**

**FIRST:** "Body of Work," Kevin Joy, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** "Body of Work," Jim Fischer, *ThisWeek Community News*

**Best Social Issues Reporting**

**FIRST:** "Infant Death Series," Misti Crane, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** "Home Care Crisis," Rita Price, Ben Sutherly, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**Best Sports Profile**

**FIRST:** "Wrestling with a Bitter Lesson," Todd Jones, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** No Award

**Best Sports Reporting**

**FIRST:** "Body of Work," Tim Warsinskey, *The Plain Dealer*

**SECOND:** No Award

**Best Web site**

**FIRST:** "dispatch.com," Staff of dispatch.com, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** "thisweeknews.com," Staff of thisweeknews.com, *ThisWeek Community News*