

2015 Ohio SPJ Awards

PRINT WINNERS (Circulation up to 75,000)

Best Arts Profile

FIRST: "Denny Griffith's Masterpiece," Carrie Ghose, *Columbus Business First*

SECOND: "Outside in," Emily Thompson, *Columbus Monthly*

Best Arts Reporting

FIRST: "Body of Work," Jeff McGinnis, *Toledo Free Press*

SECOND: "Body of Work," Jesse Tigges, *Columbus Alive!*

Best Business Profile

FIRST: "Scaling by the Scoop," Kitty McConnell, *Columbus CEO, The Dispatch Printing Company*

SECOND: "The Big Give," Heather Weekley, *Capital Style Magazine*

Best Business Reporting

FIRST: "Retail, Restaurants, Auto Coverage," Dan Eaton, *Columbus Business First*

SECOND: "Body of Work," Chuck Soder, *Crain's Cleveland Business*

Best Children's Issues Reporting

FIRST: "Back to School," Evan Goodenow, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

SECOND: "Wear Blue Day Marks Child Abuse Prevention Month," Sarah Ottney, *The Toledo Free Press*

Best Consumer Reporting

FIRST: "When Adeptus Arrives, That Trip to the ER Won't be the Same," Carrie Ghose, *Columbus Business First*

SECOND: "Tesla Fight Pits Tradition Against Upstart's Vision for Auto Retailing," Dan Eaton, *Columbus Business First*

Best Criminal Justice Reporting

FIRST: "Body of Work," Nick Glunt, *The Medina Gazette*

SECOND: "Attorney Accused of Hypnotizing Clients," Brad Dicken, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

Best Deadline Reporting

FIRST: "Church Fire: "We Have Lost Our History"," Lisa Roberson, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

SECOND: "Flooding, Rescues and Heroes," David Knox, Lauren Genson, Nick Glunt, *The Medina Gazette*

Best Editorial Page Campaign

FIRST: "Prosecutor Vs Judge," Andy Young, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

SECOND: No Award

Best Education Issues Reporting: K-12

No Entries

Best Education Issues Reporting: Higher Education

No Entries

Best Environment Reporting

FIRST: "Algae Crisis is 'Game Changer' for Region's Water Supply," Danielle Stanton, Sarah Ottney, *Toledo Free Press*

SECOND: "Utica Fights for Attention," Tom Knox, *Columbus Business First*

Best Explanatory Journalism

FIRST: "Tax Certainty, Multiple Slices Taken by State, Cities," Mary Yost, *Columbus CEO, The Dispatch Printing Company*

SECOND: "Recessions Scars County," David Knox, *The Medina Gazette*

Best Feature Reporting

FIRST: "Out Loud," Staff of *Cleveland Magazine*

SECOND: "Creating a Cheese Culture," Beth Stallings, *Crave Magazine*

Best Government Reporting

FIRST: "Auditor Investigation," Nick Glunt, Lauren Genson, Katie Anderson, *The Medina Gazette*

SECOND: "A look at Elyria City Government," Lisa Roberson, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

Best Headline Writing

FIRST: "Silver Lining Nowhere to be Found in Sterling Case," "Perfectus, Perfectus, Perfectus, Perfectus, Shaker Heights Junior Aces National Latin Exam for Fourth Straight Yea," Bob Jacob, *Cleveland Jewish News*

SECOND: "A Cold Snap: County Endures Record Lows With Relative Ease," "Pen Pals: Dana Thur, 10, Poses with her 9 Year Old Horse Sierra," Scott Kline, *The Medina Gazette*

Best Human Interest Writing

FIRST: "We've Got Big Plans," Connie Schultz, *Cleveland Magazine*

SECOND: "Three-Eight Charlie, Where are You?" Chris Gaitten, *(614) Magazine*

Best Investigative Reporting

FIRST: "Judge Burge Under Fire," Brad Dicken, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

SECOND: "Probation Investigation," Brad Dicken, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

Best Media Criticism

FIRST: "The Enquirer's Big Shakeup," Chris Wetterich, *Cincinnati Business Courier*

SECOND: No Award

Best Medical/Science Reporting

FIRST: "Change of Heart," Jillian Kramer, *Cleveland Magazine*
SECOND: "Man Overboard," Michelle Sullivan, *Columbus Monthly*

Best Minority Issues Reporting

FIRST: "Body of Work," Dan Yount, *Cincinnati Herald*
SECOND: "Out of the Shadows," Anna Merriman, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

Best Newsmaker Profile

FIRST: "Local Gold Star Family Champions Pay it Forward Lifestyle," Sarah Ottney, *Toledo Free Press*
SECOND: "See Kramer Run," Holly Zachariah, *Capital Style Magazine*

Best Political Commentary

FIRST: "A City's Limits," Erick Trickey, *Cleveland Magazine*
SECOND: "Body of Work," Andy Young, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

Best Political Reporting

FIRST: "Election 2014: Issue 14," Lisa Roberson, *The Chronicle-Telegram*
SECOND: "Trick-or-treat for Politics," Brad Dicken, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

Best Public Records Use

No Entries

Best Public Service Journalism

FIRST: "194: Heroin's Toll," James Bigley II, Jillian Kramer, *Cleveland Magazine*
SECOND: "Legalized Marijuana is Coming to Ohio," Carrie Ghose, *Columbus Business First*

Best Religion Reporting

FIRST: "The Francis Effect and Lay Leadership," John Walsh, *John Carroll University*
SECOND: "Heroin Epidemic Resonates in Jewish Community," Jacqueline Mitchel, *Cleveland Jewish News*

Best Rock and Roll Commentary

No Entries

Best Rock and Roll Feature Writing

FIRST: "Body of Work," Andy Downing, *Columbus Alive!*
SECOND: No Award

Best Social Issues Reporting

FIRST: "Homelessness in Lorain County," Lisa Roberson, *The Chronicle-Telegram*
SECOND: "The Last Houses," James Bigley II, Jillian Kramer, *Cleveland Magazine*

Best Sports Profile

FIRST: "Man in the Middle," Sheehan Hannan, *Cleveland Magazine*

SECOND: "He Wasn't Given Sunday," Scott Petrak, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

Best Sports Reporting

FIRST: "Body of Work," Albert Grindle, *The Medina Gazette*

SECOND: "Body of Work," Mark Hazelwood, *The Sandusky Register*

Best Web Site

FIRST: columbusmonthly.com, Erin Edwards, Taylor Starek, *Columbus Monthly*

SECOND: bizjournals.com, Erin Caproni, Staff of bizjournals.com, *Cincinnati Business Courier*