

2015 OHIO SPJ AWARDS RADIO WINNERS

Best Consumer Reporting

FIRST: "Historic Ohio Hotel May Have to Change to Survive," Kevin Niedermier, *WKSU*

SECOND: No Award

Best Continuing Coverage

FIRST: "Challenges to Same-Sex Marriage Ban in Ohio," Ann Thompson, Tana Weingartner, *WVXU*

SECOND: "Tamir Rice Shooting and Aftermath," News Staff of *WCPN ideastream*

Best Criminal Justice Reporting

FIRST: "Tamir Rice Shooting Sparks Outrage, Questions," News Staff of *WCPN ideastream*

SECOND: "Tamir Rice Shooting," Staff of *WKSU*

Best Documentary

No Entries

Best Education Issues Reporting: K-12

FIRST: "Columbus Schools Data Scandal," Tom Borgerding, *WOSU*

SECOND: "Body of Work," Staff of State Impact Ohio, *WCPN ideastream*

Best Education Issues Reporting: Higher Education

FIRST: "Body of Work," Staff of State Impact Ohio, *WCPN ideastream*

SECOND: No Award

Best Enterprise Reporting

FIRST: "Heroin: Big Trouble in a Small Town," Amanda Rabinowitz, *WKSU*

SECOND: "Fracking Spurs Short Line Railroads," Tom Borgerding, *WOSU*

Best Environment Reporting

FIRST: "Will the Ohio River Carry Fracking Wastewater?" Tim Rudell, *WKSU*

SECOND: "Seeds Dropped From Sky to Improve Soil and Water," Ann Thompson, *WVXU*

Best Feature Reporting

FIRST: "One Man's After Work Cocktail: The Chagrin River in a Kayak," Joanna Richards, *WCPN ideastream*

SECOND: "Tiny School Demands Big Work of Students," Karen Kassler, *Statehouse News Bureau, Ohio Public Radio and Television*

Best General Assignment Reporting

FIRST: "United's Cleveland Hopkins Hub Closure Could Have a Silver Lining," Kabir Bhatia, *WKSU*

SECOND: "Cleveland Lands 2016 GOP Convention," Kevin Niedermier, *WKSU*

Best Government Reporting

FIRST: "Columbus Zoo Levy Series," Tom Borgerding, *WOSU*

SECOND: "Recap: 2014 at the Statehouse," Karen Kasler, *Statehouse News Bureau/Ohio Public Radio and Television*

Best Health Care Feature Reporting

No Entries

Best Investigative Reporting

FIRST: "City-County Agency Fails to Make Loan Payments," Mandie Trimble, *WOSU*

SECOND: No Award

Best Medical/Health Reporting

FIRST: "Exploradio: Sports Training can Stem the Epidemic of Knee Injuries in Girls," Jeff St. Clair, *WKSU*

SECOND: "Using GPS to Fix a Heart Problem," Ann Thompson, *WVXU*

Best Minority Issues Reporting

FIRST: "Columbus' Dismal African American Infant Mortality Rate," Mandie Trimble, *WOSU*

SECOND: "Exploradio: Avoiding the 'Acting White' Trap," Jeff St. Clair, *WKSU*

Best Sports Reporting

FIRST: "International Gay Games 9," Amanda Rabinowitz, *WKSU*

SECOND: No Award

Best Spot News

FIRST: "Oak Glenn Nature Preserve Oil Spill," Tana Weingartner, *WVXU*

SECOND: "Utica Fractionator Helps Ease Propane Shortage," Tim Rudell, *WKSU*

Best Web Site

FIRST: *wosu.org*, Staff of WOSU News Team, *WOSU*

SECOND: *wksu.org*, Chuck Poulton, *WKSU*