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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR THE \$10,000 NATIONAL HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

New York, NY (Date, 2010) – The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is seeking nominations for the annual **\$10,000 National History Teacher of the Year Award**, given to the best American history teacher in the United States. The **National History Teacher of the Year** is chosen from outstanding history teachers in each state, district, and U.S. territory. The award is sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute, Preserve America, and HISTORY™ (the History Channel).

Nominations for the National History Teacher of the Year can be made by a student, parent, colleague, supervisor (including department head, principal, superintendent, curriculum director), or other education professional familiar with the teacher's work. State winners receive \$1,000 and an archive of books and other resources for their school. Each winner is honored in a ceremony in his or her home state.

In 2011, the Gilder Lehrman Institute will honor a middle or high school teacher of grades K-6. Middle and High School teachers are honored every other year.

To nominate a teacher and learn more about the award, visit www.gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy or contact the Gilder Lehrman National History Teacher of the Year coordinator at nhtoy@gilderlehrman.org or 646-366-9666. You may also contact your state coordinator: contact **name**, **title**, at **phone** or **email**.

The nomination deadline is **February 1, 2011**.

About the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

Founded in 1994, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is a nonprofit organization improving and enriching American history education through a wide range of programs and resources for students, teachers, scholars, and history enthusiasts throughout the nation. Gilder Lehrman creates and works closely with history-focused schools; organizes summer seminars and development

programs for teachers; produces print and digital publications and traveling exhibitions; hosts lectures by eminent historians; administers a History Teacher of the Year Award in every state and U.S. territory; and offers national book prizes and fellowships for scholars to work in the Gilder Lehrman Collection as well as other renowned archives. Gilder Lehrman hosts www.gilderlehrman.org, serving as the gateway to American history online and featuring the quarterly online journal *History Now*, designed specifically for K-12 teachers and students.

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