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

Washington, D.C. (December, 2011) – 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, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and Department of Defense Schools. The award is sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, HISTORY® (the History Channel), and Preserve America.

Nominations for the National History Teacher of the Year can be made by a student, parent, colleague, principal or school administrator familiar with the teacher's work. State winners are awarded \$1,000 and each winning school receives an archive of books and other resources. Each winner is honored in a ceremony in his or her home state.

Elementary school teachers (K-6) and middle and high school teachers (7-12) will be considered in separate categories, in alternate years. In 2012, middle and high school teachers (7-12) will be honored. To be considered for the 2012 award, nominations must be made by February 1, 2012.

To nominate a teacher and learn more about the award, visit www.gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy or contact the National History Teacher of the Year coordinator at nhtoy@gilderlehrman.org or 646-366-9666, x28. You may also contact your state coordinator: **Erika Lomax, Director of Educator Licensure & Accreditation**, at (202) 741-0257 or erika.lomax@dc.gov.

About the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is a nonprofit organization supporting the study and love of American history 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 through its Affiliate School Program; organizes teacher seminars and development programs; 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 US territory; and offers national book prizes. The Gilder Lehrman website, www.gilderlehrman.org, serves as a gateway to American history online with rich resources for educators designed specifically for K–12 teachers and students.

About HISTORY®

HISTORY® and HISTORY HD® are the leading destinations for revealing, award-winning original non-fiction series and event specials that connect history with viewers in an informative, immersive and entertaining manner across multiple platforms. Programming covers a diverse variety of historical genres ranging from military history to contemporary history, technology to natural history, as well as science, archaeology and pop culture. Among the network's program offerings are hit series such as *American Pickers*, *Ax Men*, *Brad Meltzer's Decoded*, *Ice Road Truckers*, *Top Gear*, *Pawn Stars* and *Top Shot*, as well as acclaimed specials including *America the Story of Us*, *WWII in HD*, *102 Minutes That Changed America*, *The President's Book of Secrets* and *Life After People*. HISTORY has earned four Peabody Awards, seven Primetime Emmy® Awards, 12 News & Documentary Emmy® Awards and received the prestigious Governor's Award from the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for the network's *Save Our History®* campaign dedicated to historic preservation and history education. *Take a Veteran to School Day* is the network's signature initiative connecting America's schools and communities with veterans from all wars. The HISTORY website, located at www.history.com, is the leading online resource for all things history, featuring over 20,000 videos, images, audio clips, articles and interactive features that allow visitors to dig deeper into a broad range of thousands of historical topics.

About Preserve America

Preserve America is a federal partnership program begun in 2003 that encourages and highlights community efforts to preserve and enhance the priceless cultural heritage of the United States as well as associated natural resources. The program's goals include fostering greater public knowledge of, and appreciation for, the nation's past and its cultural traditions; encouraging broader support for saving the special places that help document and tell the story of America; strengthening civic pride and participation in ways that help build and sustain communities by preserving, enhancing, and using cultural heritage; and improving local economic vitality and livability through heritage development and heritage tourism. The Preserve America program is administered by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in cooperation with the White House, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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