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East Tennessee Historical Society Honors Two Sevier County Educators with Awards of Excellence in History

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 9, 2018 – The East Tennessee Historical Society’s (ETHS) annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the organization’s Annual Meeting on May 1, 2018, at the Foundry on the World’s Fair Site in Knoxville. Since 1982, the Society has annually recognized individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the preservation, promotion, programming and interpretation of the region’s history. Two Sevier County educators were among the 28 awards presented.

- **Dr. Karen Kelley** of Pigeon Forge High School was the recipient of a ***Teaching Excellence Award***. Described by her principal and coworkers as an “exceptional classroom teacher and a leading member of the Social Studies Department” and “with a passion and dedication as a classroom teacher,” Karen has taught for more than twenty years. She participated in an ETHS grant program, Teach American History Grant teacher workshops and book studies, and is a force of support for the East Tennessee History Day competition, directed by ETHS.
- **Mickey Williams** of Seymour High School was also the recipient of a ***Teaching Excellence Award***. “America at War: A History of Military Conflict in America” was created by Mickey Williams to supplement the state requirement of U.S. history with an emphasis on the 20th century. Mickey wrote the curriculum for the study of all military conflicts in American history, and the class includes an East Tennessee perspective on these events, such as John Sevier and the Overmountain Men in the American Revolution, William C. Pickens, a local Civil War hero, and Hagan Loveday, a hero of World War I. The course is now used throughout Sevier County.

About the East Tennessee Historical Society:

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society has 2,000 members across the United States. The Society sponsors the Museum of East Tennessee History, East Tennessee National History Day, and the family heritage programs “First Families of Tennessee” and “Civil War Families of Tennessee.” Its active publications program includes the biannual genealogy magazine *Tennessee Ancestors*; the annual *Journal of East Tennessee History*; and *Newslines*, as well as other books pertaining to the region’s history. For more information on ETHS, exhibitions, or programs, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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