

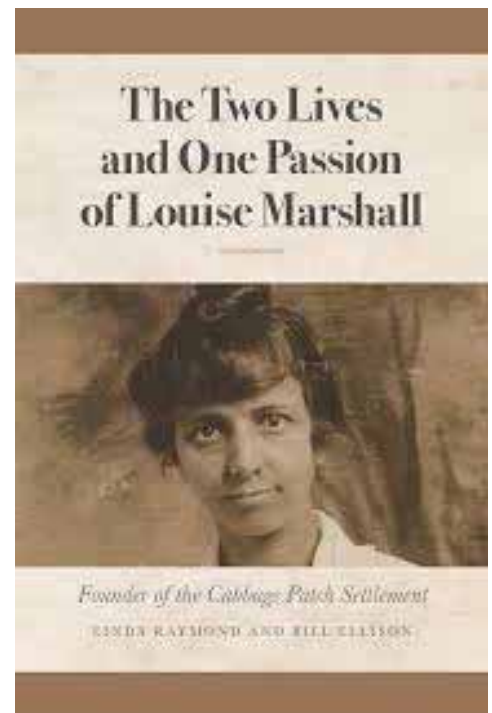
Samuel W. Thomas Book Award



Sam Thomas was an distinguished Louisville historian who wrote over 20 Louisville history books. He helped preserve Locust Grove historic house and received the League's 'Founder's Award'. Sam passed away in October 2012. The League honors his achievements by presenting an annual award to a locally-focused book published in the previous year.



2018 Samuel W. Thomas Book Award



Above:

Bill Ellison & Linda Raymond accept the 2018 Samuel W. Thomas Award from Debbie Thomas for their book "The Two Lives and One Passion of Louise Marshall"

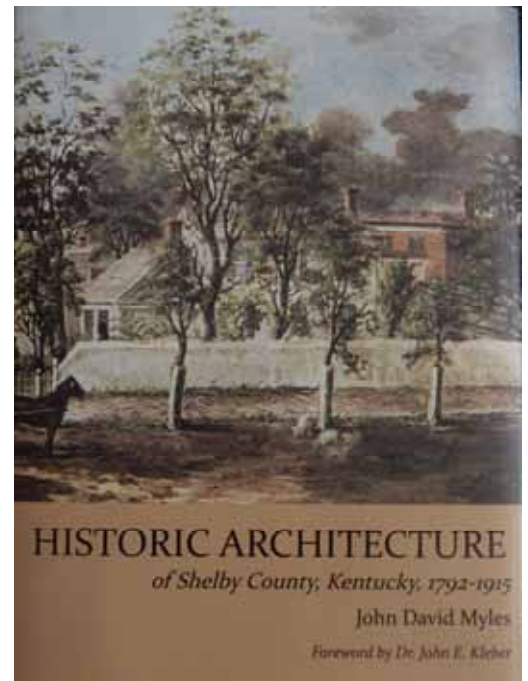
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**2017 Samuel W. Thomas
Book Award**

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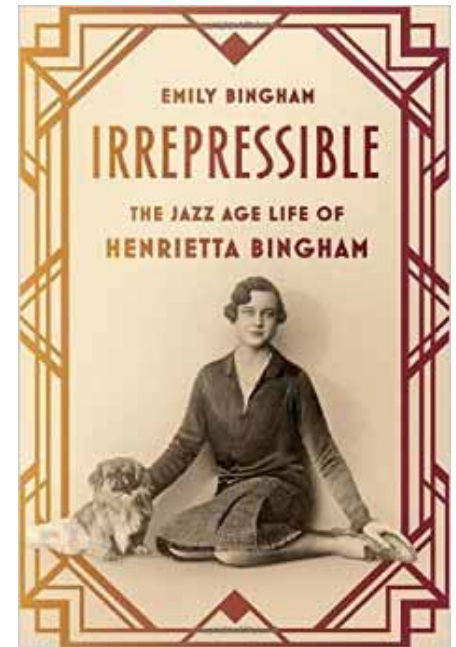
John David Myles accepts
the 2017 Samuel W. Thomas
Award from Keith Runyon for
his book **"Architecture of
Shelby County, Kentucky,
1796—1915"**



**2016 Samuel W. Thomas
Book Award**

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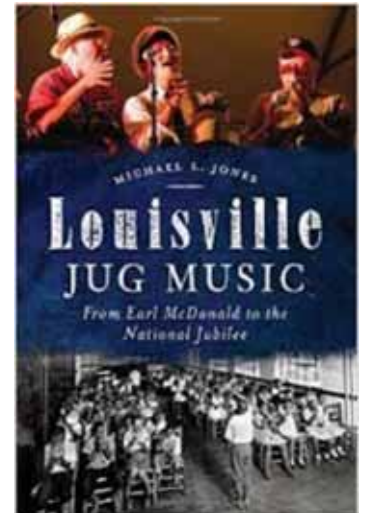
Emily Bingham accepts Samuel
W. Thomas Award from
Debbie Thomas, for her book
**"IRREPRESSIBLE: The Jazz Age
Life of Henrietta Bingham"**



**2015 Samuel W. Thomas
Book Award**

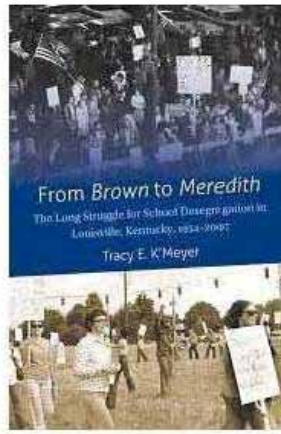
Right:

Michael L. Jones, center,
accepts Samuel W. Thomas
Award from Steve Wiser, left,
and Debbie Thomas, for his
book **"Louisville Jug Music:
From Earl McDonald to the
National Jubilee"**



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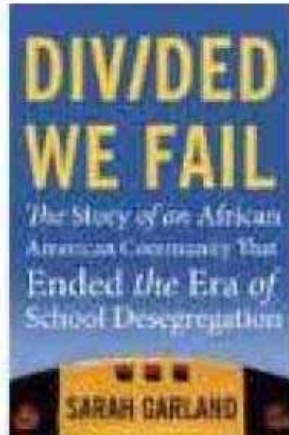
Right:
Nick Morris and
Tracy K'Meyer



The **Samuel W. Thomas Book Award** was presented to two recipients:

- **Tracy K'Meyer** for her book "From Brown to Meredith: The Long Struggle for School Desegregation in Louisville, Kentucky, 1954-2007";
- **Sarah Garland** for her book: "Divided We Fail: The Story of an African American Community That Ended the Era of School Desegregation"

Right:
Sarah Garland



2014 Samuel W. Thomas Book Award



2013 Samuel W. Thomas Book Award

Left:
Lawrence Crutcher, author of "**George Keats of Kentucky**" accepts the 2013 Samuel W. Thomas Book Award from Debbie Thomas.



The jury for the Samuel W. Thomas Book Award are pictured to the Left.

Left to Right in Photo: Keith Runyon (retired Editor of the Book Forum of the Courier-Journal newspaper; Debbie Thomas (Sam's wife); and Carol Besse (co-owner of Carmichael's Bookstore.