

## **2008 Ohio SPJ Awards Winners**

### **Radio (Large Market)**

#### **Best Consumer Reporting**

First: "Asian Businesses Respond," Karen Schaefer, WKSU.

Second: "High St. Micro-economy," Tom Borgerding, WOSU.

#### **Best Continuing Coverage**

First: "Ohio Floods," Dave James and Mike Hawkins, ONN Radio.

Second: "Dancers Try To Strip Away New Rules After Crackdown on Adult Businesses," Bill Cohen, Statehouse News Bureau reporter, OPR.

Third: "Mortgage Meltdown," Mhari Saito, WCPN.

#### **Best Crime Reporting**

First: "Fighting Violent Crime," Kevin Niedermier, WKSU.

Second: "Murder Of a Cleveland Heights Officer," Greg Saber, WTAM.

#### **Best Documentary**

First: "Making Waves: Radio and the 1937 Flood," Mike Martini, WMKV-FM.

Second: "Sam Cooke - A Change is Gonna Come," David Barnett, WCPN.

Third: "King Records," Lee Hay, WVXU.

#### **Best Enterprise Reporting**

First: "Shady Workers Cause Strip Club Petition Drive to Go Bust," Bill Cohen, Statehouse News Bureau, OPR.

Second: "Helping Young Offenders Stay Out of Jail," Christina Morgan, WOSU.

#### **Best Environmental Reporting**

First: "Oberlin College Goes Green," Karen Schaefer, WKSU.

Second: "Environmental Series," Maryanne Zeleznik, Ann Thompson, Mark Heyne, Katie Orr, and Jay Hanselman, WVXU.

#### **Best Feature Reporting**

First: "A Soldier's Friends," Amanda Rabinowitz, WKSU.

Second: "Remembering the War to End All Wars," Naomi Lewin, WVXU.

Third: "Spray/Neuter in Rural Ohio," Sam Hendren, WOSU

### **Best Governmental Reporting**

First: "Regionalism," Tasha Fournoy, Rick Jackson, Kymberli Hagelberg, WCPN.

Second: "Cincinnati Council," Jay Hanselman, WVXU.

Third: "New Year, New Governor, New Attitude," Bill Cohen, Jo Ingles, and Karen Kasler, Statehouse News Bureau, OPR.

### **Best Minority Issues Coverage**

First: "9-1-1 Response Delayed," Sam Hendren, WOSU.

Second: "Tenniya's Story," Tasha Fournoy, WCPN.

Third: "African American First Family of Golf," Ann VerWiebe, WKSU.

### **Best Spot News**

First: "School Shooting," ideastream News Team, WCPN.

### **Best Web Site**

First: [www.wvxu.org](http://www.wvxu.org), Jim Nolan, WVXU

Second: [www.wcpn.org](http://www.wcpn.org), Joseph Sheppa, WCPN.

Third: [www.wksu.org](http://www.wksu.org), Chuck Poulton, Scott Sharp, WKSU.

## **Individual / Station Honors Radio (Large Market)**

### **Best News Operation**

First: WKSU Newsroom, M. L. Schultze, WKSU.

Second: WOSU 820 News Team, WOSU.

Third: WCPN News, WCPN.

### **Best Newscast**

First: "Morning Drive," Bill Rice, WCPN.

### **Best Public Affairs Program**

First: "The Sound of Idea - End of Life Care," Dan Moulthrop, WCPN.

Second: "Columbus Perspective," WBNS AM&FM.

Third: "Cincinnati Edition," WVXU.

### **Best Reporter**

First: Greg Saber, WTAM.

Second: Amanda Rabinowitz, WKSU.

## **Radio (Small Market)**

### **Best Continuing Coverage**

First: Jessie Davis, News Department, Rubber City Radio Group.

Second: "Rounding Third and Heading for Home," John Hingsbergen, Tana Weingartner, WMUB.

### **Best Enterprise Reporting**

First: "School Crosswalk Safety Project," Tiffany Ciesicki, Colin Morris, Ed Esposito, Rubber City Radio Group.

### **Best Feature Reporting**

First: "Remembering Anthony Vinnedge," Gary Scott, WMUB.

Second: "Geocaching," Tana Weingartner, WMUB.

### **Best Investigative Reporting**

First: "Akron School Crosswalk Safety 2007," RCRG WAKR-WONE-WQMX, Rubber City Radio Group.

### **Best Web Site**

First: [www.AkronNewsNow.com](http://www.AkronNewsNow.com), Staff, Rubber City Radio Group.

## **Individual / Station Honors Radio (Small Market)**

### **Best News Operation**

First: WMUB News, Tana Weingartner, Cheri Lawson, Gary Scott, WMUB.

Second: RCRG News 2007, Rubber City Radio Group.

### **Best Newscast**

First: May 16, 2007 Morning Newscast, Cheri Lawson, Anchor, WMUB.

Second: Dec. 6, 2007, WAKR News, Rubber City Radio Group.

### **Best Public Affairs Program**

First: "WMUB Forum: Year in Review," Gary Scott, John Hingsbergen, WMUB.

Second: "Issue 14 Forum," Kerri DiNarda, WRMU.

**Best Reporter**

First: Tana Weingartner, WMUB.

Second: Gary Scott, WMUB.