

## **2011 Ohio SPJ Awards**

**PRINT:** Newspapers (circ. Over 100,000)

### **Best Arts Profile**

FIRST: "Handy Man Reaching Out to Others is Key to Success for Timothy Veach," Michael Grossberg, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

SECOND: "Versatile Violinist," Kerry Clawson, *Akron Beacon Journal*.

### **Best Arts Reporting**

FIRST: Body of Work, Tony Brown, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: Body of Work, Janelle Gelfand, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

### **Best Business Profile**

FIRST: "Leading the Way: Frank Douglas," Tom Breckenridge, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: "Banker, Philanthropist Dies," Jeffrey Sheban, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

### **Best Business Reporting**

FIRST: "Aviation Coverage," The Plain Dealer Business Staff, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: Body of Work, Alexander Coolidge, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

### **Best Children's Issues Reporting**

FIRST: "Little Leagues, Big Costs," Todd Jones, Mike Wagner, Jill Riepenhoff, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

SECOND: "Homeless Teens," Mark Curnutte, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

### **Best Consumer Reporting**

FIRST: "CVG," James Pilcher, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

SECOND: "Utility Choice: Company Promises Easy Cash," Dan Gearino, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

### **Best Criminal Justice Reporting**

FIRST: "Presumed Guilty," Amanda Garrett, John Caniglia, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: "How the City Handles Sexual Assault Crimes," Rachel Dissell, Leila Atasse, *The Plain Dealer*.

### **Best Deadline Reporting**

FIRST: "Russo Arrested," The Plain Dealer Staff, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: No Award

### **Best Editorial Page Campaign**

FIRST: "Children's Campaign," Sharon Broussard, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: No Award

### **Best Education Issues Reporting: K-12**

FIRST: Body of Work, Thomas Ott, Edith Starzyk, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: Body of Work, Jennifer Smith Richards, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

### **Best Education Issues Reporting: Higher Education**

FIRST: Six Stories, Encarnacion Pyle, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

SECOND: Collection of Stories, Carol Biliczky, *Akron Beacon Journal*.

### **Best Environment Reporting**

FIRST: Body of Work, Bob Downing, *Akron Beacon Journal*.

SECOND: "Mill Creek", Jessica Brown, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

### **Best Explanatory Journalism**

FIRST: "A Raid at Fair Finance," Jim Mackinnon, Cheryl Powell, *Akron Beacon Journal*.

SECOND: Four Stories, Mary Beth Lane, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

### **Best Government Reporting**

FIRST: "A Question of Values," Gabriel Baird, Henry Gomez, Mark Puente, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: Collection of Stories, Rick Armon, *Akron Beacon Journal*.

### **Best Headline Writing**

FIRST: Body of Work, Andrew Sterling, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

SECOND: Body of Work, Mary Ann Whitley, *The Plain Dealer*.

### **Best Healthcare Reporting**

FIRST: "How Valuable is Your Child's Brain," Tom Groeschel, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

SECOND: "Coverage of Health Care Reform," Suzanne Hoholik, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

### **Best Human Interest Writing**

FIRST: "A Spirit That Won't Break," Diane Suchetka, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: "Fulfilling a Promise, One Funeral at a Time," Cliff Radel, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

### **Best Investigative Reporting**

FIRST: "A Raid at Fair Finance," Jim Mackinnon, Cheryl Powell, *Akron Beacon Journal*.

SECOND: "Troopergate: Scandal at the Governor's Mansion," Randy Ludlow, Dispatch Staff, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

### **Best Media Criticism**

FIRST: Body of Work, Ted Diadiun, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: No Award

### **Best Medical/Science Reporting**

FIRST: "Medical Reporting - Multiple Stories," Misti Crane, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

SECOND: "Preemies," Peggy O'Farrell, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

### **Best Minority Issues Reporting**

FIRST: "Imperial Avenue," Margaret Bernstein, Stan Donaldson, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: "Lost in Translation," Rita Price, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

### **Best Newsmaker Profile**

FIRST: "LeBron's Decision," Bob Dyer, *Akron Beacon Journal*.

SECOND: "Returning to Life," Rita Price, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

### **Best Political Commentary**

FIRST: Body of Work, Brent Larkin, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: Body of Work, Joe Hallett, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

### **Best Political Reporting**

FIRST: "County Reform," The Plain Dealer Staff, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: "Candidate Under Fire for Past Nazi Re-enactments," Christopher D. Kirkpatrick, David Yonke, *The Blade*.

### **Best Public Records Use**

FIRST: "Pension Transparency," David Knox, Rick Armon, *Akron Beacon Journal*.

SECOND: Public Employee Salary Databases, Christopher D. Kirkpatrick, Ignazio Messina, *The Blade*.

### **Best Public Service Journalism**

FIRST: "Little Leagues, Big Costs," Todd Jones, Mike Wagner, Jill Riepenhoff, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

SECOND: "Supply Drive Helps Destroyed School Rebuild." JC Reindl, *The Blade*

### **Best Recession Impact Reporting**

FIRST: "American Dream Lost," Dan Horn, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

SECOND: "Akron Blacks Faring Worse," David Knox, Colette Jenkins, *Akron Beacon Journal*.

### **Best Religion Reporting**

FIRST: Collection of Stories, Colette Jenkins, *Akron Beacon Journal*.

SECOND: Body of Work, Michael O'Malley, *The Plain Dealer*.

### **Best Rock and Roll Commentary**

No Entries

### **Best Rock and Roll Feature Writing**

FIRST: Body of Work, John Soeder, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: Body of Work, Kevin Joy, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

### **Best Social Justice Reporting**

FIRST: Four Stories, Rita Price, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

SECOND: No Award

### **Best Sports Profile**

FIRST: "Brittanie's Legacy," Mike Wagner, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

SECOND: "Legend Gets Another Shot at Redemption," Tom Archdeacon, *Dayton Daily News*.

### **Best Sports Reporting**

FIRST: Body of Work, Bill Rabinowitz, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

SECOND: "Cavs: Team in Transition," The Plain Dealer Staff, *The Plain Dealer*.

### **Best Web site**

FIRST: [www.columbuslocalnews.com](http://www.columbuslocalnews.com), Joe Meyer and Staff, *Suburban News Publications*.

SECOND: No Award

## **2011 Ohio SPJ Awards**

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### **Best Columnist in Ohio**

FIRST: Body of Work, Connie Schultz, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: Body of Work, Phillip Morris, *The Plain Dealer*.

### **Best Critic in Ohio**

FIRST: Body of Work, Debbi Snook, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: Body of Work, Steven Litt, *The Plain Dealer*.

**Best Daily Newspaper**

FIRST: *The Plain Dealer*

SECOND: *The Columbus Dispatch*

**Best Defense of First Amendment**

FIRST: "Your Right to Know," Randy Ludlow, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

SECOND: "Blade Files Suit to Stop Gag Order; Wins," Jennifer Feehan, Jim Provance, *The Blade*.

**Best Defense of Literacy**

FIRST: "Kindergarten 101," Jennifer Smith Richards, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

Second: No Award

**Best Graphic Designer**

FIRST: Body of Work, Andrea Levy, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: Body of Work, Tom Fisher, *The Blade*.

**Best Monthly in Ohio**

No Entries

**Best Page One Design**

FIRST: Body of Work, The Plain Dealer Staff, *The Plain Dealer*.

SECOND: Page Ones; 6/7, 11/3, 1/28, 9/1, Doug Koerner, *The Blade*.

**Best Photographer in Ohio**

FIRST: Chris Russell, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

SECOND: Eric Albrecht, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

**Best Reporter in Ohio**

FIRST: Six Stories, Holly Zachariah, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

SECOND: No Award

**Best Special Publication**

FIRST: "175 Years of Blade Front Pages," Blade Staff, *The Blade*.

Second: No Award

**Best Special Section**

FIRST: "175 Years of Blade Front Pages," Blade Staff, *The Blade*.

SECOND: "Bengals," Cincinnati Enquirer Staff, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

**Best Weekly Newspaper**

FIRST: *Toledo Free Press*, Michael S. Miller, Tom Pounds

SECOND: No Award