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The winner will be announced in the fall of 2021 and will receive a \$1,000 cash prize and an award plaque. Three copies of the thesis and a brief letter of nomination from the thesis advisor, which must include contact information for the nominee, should be submitted to Bill Friedrichs, Director, Iowa History Center, Simpson College, 701 North C Street, Indianola, IA 50125. Materials may be submitted electronically as well; send them to bill.friedrichs@simpson.edu. Application deadline is June 30, 2021.

For further information, please contact Linda Sinclair, (515) 961-1528 or linda.sinclair@simpson.edu.

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