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### **Margaret Cross Norton Award**

The winner of the Margaret Cross Norton Award, given to the author of the best article published by any author in volumes 27 and 28, was Jeanette Bastian, for "In a House of Memory: Discovering the Provenance of Place," in volume 28:1 2003–2004. The committee commended Bastian's article as a fine addition to the literature on social memory, adding that the piece is "engagingly written and amply documented," and that she "demonstrates superbly that not only social/cultural historians, but archivists are eminently capable of seeing their work through a postmodern lens, and benefiting from that vantage point."

**New Author Award**

The committee selected two recipients for the New Author Award, which recognizes superior writing by previously unpublished archivists. Awardees are Mary Beth Gaudette for "Playing Fair with the Right to Privacy," in volume 28:1 2003–2004, and Doug Bicknese for "Institutional Repositories and the Institution's Repository: What is the Role of the University Archives with an Institution's On-line Digital Repository?" in volume 28:2 2003–2004.

The committee declared that Gaudette's article contributes significantly to the archival literature, and stated "through the force of its language and ideas [the article] compels the reader to think about the issues and to develop or refine his/her own strategies for balancing access and privacy rights." Bicknese's article was chosen on the strength of its thorough examination of a new topic, with the committee noting that "while many academic archivists are not yet aware of digital repositories, this article succeeds mightily as a tool for building such awareness."

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