

IPR Reporters Russell and Mayer Win First Place Regional Eric Sevareid Awards**Date:** Monday, March 31, 2014**Category:** Press Release

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319.384.0908**IPR REPORTERS RUSSELL AND MAYER WIN FIRST PLACE REGIONAL ERIC SEVAREID AWARDS**

March 31, 2014 (Des Moines, IA) — Iowa Public Radio announced today that reporters Joyce Russell and Amy Mayer have been awarded first place regional Eric Sevareid awards from the Northwest Broadcast News Association (NBNA). Russell received a first place award in Hard News for her report “HUD Claims Housing Discrimination in Dubuque.” Mayer received a first place award in Soft Feature for her report “Refugees Find Home on the Farm.”

In addition to Russell and Mayer’s first place awards, two Iowa Public Radio reporters received awards of merit. Durrie Bouscaren received an award of merit in Hard News for her report “Impact of Military Spending Cuts Uneven Among Iowa’s Defense Companies.” John Pemble received an award of merit in Audio for his report “Iowa / Hungary Percussion Project Debuts in the United States.”

Iowa Public Radio’s talk shows *River to River* and *Talk of Iowa* also received awards of merit in Documentary for the shows titled “Iowa Experiments” and “Crime Victims’ Needs,” respectively.

NBNA represents local and network news agencies in the Midwest region, including North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Radio, television and online news managers from markets outside of the NBNA region judged the entries in February and March 2014.

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