

**Michigan Radio
State of Opportunity
Journalism Awards**

2017 AWARDS

Radio Television Digital News Association

- *Edward R. Murrow Award, Regional Large Market Radio Awards*
 - *News Documentary: “Out from the Shadows: Living Undocumented”*

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2016 AWARDS

Public Radio News Directors Incorporated

- *Second Place*
 - *Division AA Long Documentary: “Out from the Shadows: Living Undocumented”*

Michigan Association of Broadcasters

- *First Place – Best in Category*
 - *Community Involvement: “What is life like for undocumented immigrants in Michigan?” – April Van Buren*
- *Merit Awards*
 - *News Special or Public Affairs Program: “Out from the Shadows: Living Undocumented” – Dustin Dwyer*

Michigan Associated Press Media Editors, Large Market Radio Category

- *First Place*
 - *“Read to this barber, get a discount on that mohawk” – Jennifer Guerra*

2015 AWARDS

Michigan Association of Broadcasters

- *Merit Award*
 - *News Special or Public Affairs Program: “The Hidden Epidemic” – Dustin Dwyer*
 - *Feature/Use of Medium: “This community finally got what people have been asking for: a home football game” – Dustin Dwyer*
- ***Radio Television Digital News Association***
Edward R. Murrow, Regional* Large Market Radio Awards
 - *Sports Reporting: “This community finally got what people have been asking for: a home football game” – Dustin Dwyer*
- *Note: Many of Michigan Radio’s 2015 awards recognized the station’s coverage of the Flint water crisis, which seems to have translated into fewer awards for other projects, like State of Opportunity.*

2014 AWARDS

Wade H. McCree Award for the Advancement of Justice, State Bar of Michigan

- *“Finding Home: A Documentary about Foster Care in Michigan,” “State of Opportunity” – Jennifer Guerra, Sarah Alvarez and Sarah Hulett*

Michigan Association of Broadcasters

- *First Place-Best in Category*
 - *News Special or Public Affairs Program*: “The Big Test” – Dustin Dwyer
 - *Feature/Use of Medium*: “A School That Helps Kids Step Into Their Best Selves” – Zak Rosen
- *Merit Award*
 - *News Special or Public Affairs Program*: “Finding Home” – Jennifer Guerra

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- *Best Documentary*: “Finding Home” – Jennifer Guerra and Sarah Hulett with reports from Sarah Alvarez

Michigan Associated Press

- *First Place*
 - *Best Feature Story* - “A School That Helps Kids Step Into Their Best Selves” - Zak Rosen
 - *Best News Documentary* – “The Big Test” - Dustin Dwyer

National Association of Black Journalists

- *Salute to Excellence Award, Radio Documentary category*: “Race and Racism: A State of Opportunity Documentary” – Jennifer Guerra

2013 AWARDS

Michigan Association of Broadcasters

- *Community Involvement*: “State of Opportunity”

Scripps Howard

- *Finalist, Award for Radio In-Depth Coverage*: “The Education Gap” – Jennifer Guerra

Radio Television Digital News Association

- *Regional Edward R. Murrow Award, Best Audio News Documentary (Large Market Radio – Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio)*: “The Education Gap” – Jennifer Guerra, Sarah Hulett

Young Nonprofit Professional Network of Greater Grand Rapids

- *Breakthrough Finalist*: Dustin Dwyer, Michigan Radio

2012 AWARDS

Association for Women in Communications – 2013 Clarion Award

- *Salute to Excellence Award/Documentary*: “Infant Mortality in Michigan” – Jennifer Guerra

National Association of Black Journalists

- *Salute to Excellence Award/Documentary*: “Infant Mortality in Michigan” – Jennifer Guerra

Michigan Association of Broadcasters

- *New Media*: “State of Opportunity” – Sarah Alvarez with Jennifer Guerra and Dustin Dwyer

Radio Television Digital News Association

- *RTDNA/UNITY Award for Documentary*: “Infant Mortality in Michigan” – Jennifer Guerra

Michigan Associated Press

- *First Place*
 - *Feature Story*: “State of Opportunity: The Problem With Growing Up Poor” – Dustin Dwyer and Jennifer Guerra
 - *Continuing Coverage*: “States of Opportunity” – Dustin Dwyer and Jennifer Guerra
- *Second Place*
 - *News Documentary*: “State of Opportunity: Infant Mortality Documentary” – Michigan Radio Staff