Faculty at the University of Missouri School of Journalism judged the competition, with Emeritus Prof. John Fennell, Prof. Jennifer Rowe and administrative assistant Kim Townlain coordinating. There were 1,299 entries. In the following list of winners, numbers in parentheses denote number of entries in the category.

The Winners Gallery, showing the results, judges’ comments and links to winning entries, is on our website under the contest heading on the left-side navigation panel.

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Category 101: Grand Award—Lowell Thomas Travel Journalist of the Year (40)
Gold: Kevin West, freelance writer, Monterey, MA
Silver: Stephanie Pearson, freelance writer, contributing editor for Outside magazine, Duluth, MN
Honorable Mention: Aaron Teasdale, freelance writer-photographer, Missoula, MT

Category 102: Newspaper Travel Coverage (6)
Gold: The New York Times, Amy Virshup, Travel Editor
Silver: Wall Street Journal Off Duty, Deborah Dunn, Travel Editor
Bronze: The Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Susan Glaser, Travel Editor
Honorable Mention: The Boston Globe, Chris Morris, Travel Editor

Category 103: Magazines (14)
103A — Travel Magazines
Gold: National Geographic Traveler, George W. Stone, Editor-in-Chief
Silver: Afar, Julia Cosgrove, Editor-in-Chief
Bronze: Travel + Leisure, Jacqueline Gifford, Editor-in-Chief
Honorable Mention: Southbound, Kevin Benefield, Editor-in-Chief

103B — Travel Coverage in General Magazines
Gold: Yankee, Mel Allen, Editor
Silver: Midwest Living, Kylee Krizmanic, Editor-in-Chief; Trevor Meers, former Editor; Timothy Meinch, Travel Editor
Bronze: Outside, Christopher Keyes, Editor-in-Chief
Honorable Mention: Westways, Leslie Mieko Yap, Editorial Director; Elizabeth Harryman, Travel Editor; Eric Van Eyke, Creative Director

Category 104: U.S./Canada Travel (118)
Gold: Matthew Meltzer, “Bars That Don’t Close and a Deep South Cultural Education in Natchez, Mississippi,” Matador Network
Silver: Lillian Li, “All Eyes On D.C.,” Travel + Leisure
Bronze: Peter Fish, “The Forever Magic of Big Sur,” Coastal Living

Category 105: Foreign Travel (128)
Gold: Kim Cross, “Noel + Leon,” Bicycling
Silver: Chris Colin, “Road Tennis Is the Coolest Sport You’ve Never Heard Of,” Airbnb Magazine

Category 106: Photo Illustration of Travel (52)
Gold: Jennifer Emerling, “California: A Quest for Quiet,” National Geographic Traveler
Bronze: Dina Litovsky, “Philadelphia,” National Geographic Traveler
Honorable Mention: Gregg Segal, “American Idyll,” Smithsonian Magazine

Category 107: Special Packages/Projects (10)
Gold: George W. Stone, “Sound Journeys,” National Geographic Traveler
Silver: Nikki Ekstein, Chris Rovzar, Justin Ocean and James Gaddy, “Where to Go in 2020,” Bloomberg Pursuits

Category 108: Cruise Travel (53)
Gold: Emily Gillespie, “Instead of Flying to This Peruvian City, She Took a Slow Cruise Down the Amazon — On a Cargo Ship,” The Washington Post
Silver: Fran Golden, “Welcome to Your Luxury Cruise! Here’s Where It Gets Complicated,” Bloomberg Pursuits
Bronze: Christina Ianzito, “America by River,” AARP The Magazine
Honorable Mention: Maggie Shipstead, “Spirit of the North,” Travel + Leisure

Category 109: Adventure Travel (81)
Silver: Nick Heil, “The Tragedy on Howse Peak,” Outside
Bronze: Jayme Moye, “Thirteen Feet Under,” Alpinist
Honorable Mention: Adam Karlin, “Welcome to the Land,” The Statesider

Category 110: Travel News/Investigative Reporting (44)
Silver: Chabeli Carrazana, Rich Pope and Adelaide Chen, “Laborland: In a Theme Park Parking Lot, a Worker Sleeps in Her Car,” Orlando Sentinel
Bronze: Alex Perry, “The Last Days of John Allen Chau,” Outside
Honorable Mention: Nikki Ekstein, “Carbon Credits Won’t Be Travel’s Saving Grace,” Bloomberg Pursuits

Category 111: Service-Oriented Consumer Work (61)
Gold: Stephanie Pearson, “Does Travel Insurance Cover the Coronavirus?” Outside
Bronze: Katherine LaGrave, “An A to Z Guide to Not Killing the Planet When You Travel,” Condé Nast Traveler
Honorable Mention: Lisa Ballard, “Be a Savvier Traveler,” Image Health Watch

Category 112: Environmental and Sustainable Tourism (99)
Gold: Stephanie Pearson, “The Uncertain Future of the Boundary Waters,” Outside
Silver: Aaron Teasdale, “Building an American Serengeti,” Sierra magazine
Bronze: Kevin West, “Too Much of a Good Thing,” Departures
Honorable Mention: Bob Howells, “Prairie Home,” National Geographic Traveler

Category 113: Cultural Tourism (86)
Silver: Amanda Castleman, “Love in a Time of Abundance,” Hidden Compass
Bronze: Jeff MacGregor, “The Last of the Great American Hobos,” Smithsonian Magazine
Honorable Mention: Christopher P. Baker, “The Ancient Guardians of the Earth,” BBC Travel

Category 114: Personal Comment (95)
Gold: Mark Sundeen, “I Was Flying to Montana to Bury My Son,” Outside
Silver: Diane Covington-Carter, “Departure Points: Dad’s Stories Resonated,” Los Angeles Times
Bronze: La Carmina, “I Traveled to Brazil With Author Elizabeth Wurtzel. Here’s Everything She Taught Me,” Fodor’s Travel
Honorable Mention: Steve Macone, “Ice Fishing Is Fun!” The New York Times

Category 115: Special-Purpose Travel (82)
Gold: Lavinia Spalding, “Playing by Heart,” Afar
Bronze: Taylor Gee, “Fame, Romance, and a Second Chance on the PCT,” Outside

Category 116: Short Work on Travel (61)
Gold: Fran Golden, “You Can Now Ride a Submarine to the Deepest Point on Earth,” Bloomberg Pursuits
Silver: Mary Bergin, “Pitmaster Puts Town on Map,” Chicago Tribune
Bronze: Sarah Khan, “Raise the Roof,” Condé Nast Traveler
Honorable Mention: Fran Golden, “Choose a Cruise Line With Strong Local Ties,” Travel + Leisure

Category 117: Culinary-Related Travel (89)
Gold: Jill Robinson, “The Path to Uncharted,” National Geographic (special issue)
Silver: Christopher Hall, “Purple Gold,” Via Magazine
Bronze: Kevin West, “The Tables of Babel,” Departures
Honorable Mention: Deborah Jacobs, “It’s Piquillo Pepper Season. So Don’t Mess With the Roaster in Tolosa,” DeborahJacobs.com blog

Category 118: Travel Book (17)

Category 119: Guidebook (21)
Gold: Frances Mayes and Ondine Cohane, “Frances Mayes Always Italy,” National Geographic Books
Bronze: Anne Howard and Mike Howard, “Comfortably Wild: The Best Glamping Destinations in North America,” Falcon, an imprint of The Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group
Honorable Mention: Valerie Stimac, “Dark Skies,” Lonely Planet

Category 120: Travel Journalism Websites (12)
Gold: TravelAndLeisure.com, Travel + Leisure, Deanne Kaczerski, Digital Executive Editor
Silver: FathomAway.com, Fathom, Pavia Rosati and Jeralyn Gerba
Bronze: Afar.com, Afar, Julia Cosgrove, Editor-in-Chief
Honorable Mention: MatadorNetwork.com, Matador Network, Laura Reilly, Scott Sporleder and Ross Borden

Category 121: Travel Audio (54)
121A: Travel Audio — Radio
Gold: Liz Beatty, “Rafting North America’s Wildest River System,” Travel Update episode on Canada Now, Sirius XM Canada Talks Channel 167
Silver: Thomas Wilmer, “Door County’s Haunted Lighthouses, Cheese, Cherries & Family Resorts,” NPR One/NPR affiliate KCBX
Bronze: Rick Steves, Timothy Tattan, Isaac Kaplan-Woolner and Kasmira Hall, “Travel With Rick Steves, Program 571: Pluto; One Giant Leap; Astronaut’s view; Summer of ’73,” Rick Steves Europe

121B: Travel Audio — Podcasts and Guides
Silver: Liz Beatty, “The Viking Heart of American and Canadian New Icelanders,”
Bronze: Scott Gurian, “Medicine Man,” Far From Home podcast

Category 122: Video on Travel (25)
Gold: Phil Calvert, Rob Chursinoff, Fraser James, Doree Simon and Scott Sporleder, “Phil Good Travel: Things Get TRIPPY in Zagreb, Croatia,” Matador Network
Honorable Mention: Kate Schoenbach, “The Africans Who Wear Victorian Petticoats,” BBC Travel

Category 123: Travel Blogs (38)
Gold: Brad A. Johnson, Food & Travel Blog, BradAJohnson.net
Silver: Janet Steinberg, Travel Blog, TheTravelAuthority.com
Bronze: Sylvia Longmire, Spin the Globe, SpinTheGlobe.net,
Honorable Mention: Amanda Williams, A Dangerous Business Travel Blog, Dangerous-Business.com

Category 124: Multimedia Single Work (13)
Gold: Ellie Cobb, “Is This the Future of Underwater Exploration?” BBC Travel
Bronze: Katie Knorovsky, “21 Visionary Women Travelers,” National Geographic Traveler
Honorable Mention: Laura Kiniry and Daniel Kavanaugh, “For Salvadorans, Pupusas Mean Comfort,” BBC Travel

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