The Robert Peterson Recognition Award

for bodies of work that increase public awareness about the Negro Leagues. Works may include books or articles. The Award is named after the author of the Negro League landmark publication aptly titled,

Only the Ball Was White.

Researching black baseball is like:

''Tracing the course of the organized Negro

Leagues is rather like trying to follow a single

black strand through a ton of spaghetti. The

footing is unfirm and the strand has a

tendency to break off in one's hand and slither

back into the amorphous mass.''

and All-Black Professional Teams ROBERT PETERSON