

SABR announces 2016 Henry Chadwick Award recipients

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The Society for American Baseball Research is pleased to announce the 2016 recipients of the [Henry Chadwick Award](#), established to honor the game's great researchers—historians, statisticians, annalists, and archivists—for their invaluable contributions to making baseball the game that links America's present with its past.

The 2016 recipients of the Henry "the father of baseball" Chadwick Award are: **John Dewan** (Project Scoresheet), **Norman Macht** (Connie Mack biographer), **Tom Ruane** (Retrosheet) and Larry Lester

- **[Larry Lester](#) (1949 -)**: For more than 25 years, Larry Lester has done as much as anyone to recognize and promote the historical significance of the Negro Leagues and their players. Lester co-founded Kansas City's **Negro Leagues Baseball Museum**, and served as **Research Director** and **Treasurer** from 1991 through 1995. From 2001 through 2004, Lester co-chaired the National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum's groundbreaking "**Out of the Shadows**" project, which unearthed huge amounts of new data about Negro Leagues baseball. As the chairman of SABR's **Negro Leagues Committee**, Lester organizes the annual **Jerry Malloy Conference**. He has also written or co-written many of the seminal works about the Negro Leagues, including books about the East-West All-Star Game; Rube Foster; black baseball in Detroit, Kansas City, Chicago, and Pittsburgh; and black baseball's first World Series. Simply put, it's difficult to imagine the state of Negro Leagues research today without Larry Lester.

The criteria for the award reads in part: *The contributions of nominees must have had public impact. This may be demonstrated by publication of research in any of a variety of formats: books, magazine articles, websites, etc. The compilation of a significant database or archive that has facilitated the published research of others will also be considered in the realm of public impact.*