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## Brian Ham Named 2019 ND History Teacher of the Year

**DICKINSON, ND** : Brian Ham, a teacher at Dickinson High School, has been named the 2019 North Dakota History Teacher of the Year, an award presented annually by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the nation's leading organization dedicated to K-12 American history education.

Inaugurated in 2004, the History Teacher of the Year Award highlights the crucial importance of history education by honoring exceptional American history teachers from elementary school through high school. The award honors one K-12 teacher from each state, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense schools and US Territories. In fall 2019, the National History Teacher of the Year will be selected from the pool of state winners.

Brian Ham was born on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1972 in North Dakota to the parents of James and Della Ham. He graduated high school from Edgeley, ND and went on to get his teaching degree from University of North Dakota. He started his teaching career at LaMoure, ND and was awarded a James Madison Fellowship in 2003. Brian then moved to Dickinson in 2004 to teach at Dickinson High School (DHS), and received his Master's Degree from NDSU in 2007. Brian currently teaches at DHS and is married to Laura Ham, and together they have 3 children; Kaden 13, Jordan 11, and Addison 8.

In addition to a \$1,000 honorarium, Brian Ham's school will receive a core archive of American history books and Gilder Lehrman educational materials and recognition at a ceremony in STATE.

The National History Teacher of the Year Award will be presented by John Avlon, Senior Political Analyst and anchor at CNN, at a ceremony in New York City on October 2, 2019. Past presenters at the ceremony include the Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, *Good Morning America's* Robin Roberts, First Lady Laura Bush, former US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Nominations for the 2020 History Teacher of the Year awards are now open. Students, parents, colleagues, and supervisors may nominate K-12 teachers for the award by visiting [gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy](http://gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy). The deadline for 2019 nominations is March 31, 2020.

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