

THE HISTORY MAKERS

Two TCNJ students—Erik Snyder '14 and Steven Rodriguez '15—will be honored with Stellhorn Awards* for outstanding New Jersey history papers on Saturday, Nov. 22.

ERIK SNYDER

“Stronger Than the Storm:
Why the Great Atlantic Storm of 1962
Failed to Scare New Jersey from its Shore”

STEVEN RODRIGUEZ

“From Kingsbury to Mt. Laurel II:
Low-Cost Housing and Exclusionary
Zoning in Trenton, NJ”



FIRST PLACE, THESIS

AWARD



TERM PAPER

...MARVIN HUME, A SHOPKEEPER

on Atlantic City's famed boardwalk,
received a phone call from
the Police Department informing
him that the night's
increasingly high winds broke
one of his store windows.

FIRST LINE

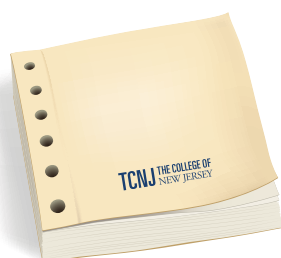


IN FEBRUARY OF 1972,

Mika Farer and Mary Crangle,
young urban planners at
Gershen & Associates, felt
optimistic about the future of
housing in an increasingly
declining Trenton, New Jersey.

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HOW THE INABILITY

to establish coastal reform after
the 1962 storm directly shaped
the Jersey Shore's political and
environmental reality after Sandy.

:10 ARGUMENT

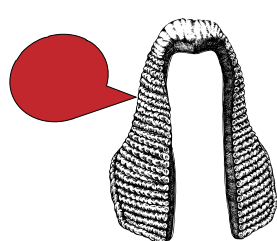


HOW AN INTRICATE WEB

of embattled local officials,
disappearing federal support,
and growth of suburbia led to
chronic housing woes in Trenton.

“SNYDER WRITES WELL
AND THIS PAPER IS
ONE OF
THE BEST OF THE BUNCH.”

JUDGES SAY



“REALLY VERY IMPRESSIVE
AND SUBTLE OVERALL
INTERPRETATION,
ARGUMENTATION BASED
ON ORIGINAL RESEARCH.”

“RESEARCH: PRIMO.

Excellent command of relevant
primary and secondary sources
with well-chosen illustrations.
Can't fault him on this area.
Well done indeed.”

ICING ON THE CAKE



“A CLEAR DISCUSSION

of historiography on race
and urban studies. The best of the
group on historiography by far.”

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INITIALLY UNAWARE OF THE GREAT ATLANTIC STORM,

Snyder searched archives for an
event for comparison with Sandy.
Then he found the 1962 storm.
“It happened exactly 50 years
before,” he says. “It was too perfect.”

LUCKY BREAK



RODRIGUEZ RELIED HEAVILY

on the Trentonian collection at the
Trenton Public Library, especially
a new collection of papers of
long-time Trenton mayor
Arthur Holland. His widow,
says Rodriguez, “had donated
it a week before I started.”