

## Tom Zoellner Wins Sonnichsen Award

*Annual Award from Arizona Historical Society Honors Journal of Arizona History Author*

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TUCSON, AZ - Tom Zoellner, distinguished author and professor, has been awarded the Arizona Historical Society's Sonnichsen Award for his article, "The Catalina Highway: Boosterism, Convict Labor, and the Road to Tucson's Backyard Mountain," from the Summer 2019 issue of *The Journal of Arizona History*. He will be presented with the award at the annual Arizona History Convention, taking place on Friday, April 17th at Casino del Sol in Tucson, AZ. Zoellner's fascinating article captured the attention of readers with its multifaceted approach to sorting through the complicated legacy of the Catalina Highway.

Outside of his contributions to *The Journal of Arizona History*, Tom Zoellner is the author of five non-fiction books, including the award-winning "Uranium: War Energy and the Rock that Shaped the World." His other works have been featured in numerous publications, such as *The Atlantic*, *Harpers*, and *Slate*. In addition to writing, Zoellner serves as a professor in the English Department of Chapman University.

The Sonnichsen Award is given annually by the Arizona Historical Society to the article that makes the most outstanding contribution to our understanding of Arizona's history. This award has been given out to recipients since 1987. The Sonnichsen Award is named in honor of Charles Leland Sonnichsen, esteemed historian and former editor of the *Journal of Arizona History* from 1972 to 1977.



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