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**2004 Dan & Kathy Leab Award Winner:
Andrew Murdoch, University of South Carolina Newsfilm Archive**

Andrew Murdoch was enthusiastically nominated by Dan Streible, who details the impressive career and important roles of Andrew by stating that he, "embodies the quality of archivist for which the Leab Award was created. For nearly 30 years he has labored in a single moving image archive doing a variety of meticulous tasks well. His role in cataloging and researching the holdings of the Newsfilm Archive has been invaluable to both the University of South Carolina and to the field at large.

Through the 1970s he maintained the school's 16mm film collection. In 1980, when USC acquired the Fox Movietone News Collection (11 million feet of nitrate negatives), he began his work with the Newsfilm Library, which continues unabated.

Initially, Andrew traveled as a projectionist, giving more than 100 presentations of the Movietone acquisition. For 20 years, he has created every verified record in the Newsfilm Library catalog, both for Fox newsreels and a large collection of local television newsfilm. He has also shepherded the catalog through three format migrations. As curator, he has researched the collections for thousands of film producers, scholars, students, and independent researchers."