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Outstanding Filmmaker Honored

Bloomington, IN—**Linda Hoaglund**, Director and Producer, *ANPO: Art x War*, has been selected by the Organization of American Historians (OAH) to receive the 2012 Erik Barnouw Award, which is given annually for outstanding programming on network or cable television, or in documentary film, concerned with American history, the study of American history, and/or the promotion of American history. On Saturday, April 21, OAH President Alice Kessler-Harris and OAH President-Elect Albert M. Camarillo will present the award in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during the 105th annual meeting of the organization.

ANPO: Art x War makes a significant visual contribution to the history of American international relations, according to the 2012 OAH Erik Barnouw Award Committee. Director Linda Hoaglund allows the artists and participants of the 1960 demonstrations against the ANPO treaty to tell this story, privileging their voices over experts. What we most appreciated about the film is the camera's framing and movement across the artwork and its editing against the oral histories. This technique forces the viewer to be an active witness by confronting the art in a very direct way. In addition, the director presents non-American perspectives on U.S. foreign policy, showing through the eyes of artists how Japanese citizens have felt the impacts of U.S. military power. This film powerfully and effectively offers this kind of view from the outside.

Founded in 1907, the OAH is the largest learned society and professional organization dedicated to the teaching and study of the American past. The OAH promotes excellence in the scholarship, teaching, and presentation of American history, and encourages wide discussion of historical questions and equitable treatment of all practitioners of history. Members in the United States and abroad include college and university professors; students; precollegiate teachers; archivists, museum curators, and other public historians employed in government and the private sector.