

A Word From the Chair: It's Time to Relax

The end of a school year always comes with a mix of emotions. As educators, some of us have faithfully entering grades throughout the semester and others are scrambling to catching up on grading. Fortunately, I think two emotions we all tend to experience is the proud feeling of watching our students graduate or land that job. Then, there the moment of relief knowing that the chaos is over.

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Research Q&A: Seven Questions with A.J. Bauer

A.J. is an assistant professor in the Department of Journalism and Creative Media at the University of Alabama. His research focuses on conservative news and right-wing media. He is currently working on a book for Columbia University Press titled *Making the Liberal Media*.

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Member Q&A: Christoph Mergerson

What is your current position(s): I'm a tenure-track assistant professor at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland. My interests include journalism history, race and news media, and journalism and democracy. This is my second year as a tenure-track professor at Merrill College. For a year before that, I was a visiting assistant professor while I finished my dissertation. I earned my doctorate from the School of Communication and Information at Rutgers.



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Lumsden Wins 2024 Donald L. Shaw Senior Scholar Award

The History Division will honor Dr. Linda Lumsden as the Donald L. Shaw Senior Scholar during the Division's Awards Gala. The longtime journalist, editor, public scholar, and author of five books, including *Social Justice Journalism: Social Movement Media from Abolition to #womensmarch* (New York: Peter Lang, 2019), retired in 2021 after teaching for more than two decades at the Western Kentucky School of Journalism & Broadcasting and University of Arizona School of Journalism.



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History Division Announces Book Award Winner

The History Division of the Association for Education has selected Ken J. Ward as winner of its award honoring the best journalism and mass communication history book published in 2023. Ward is the author of *Last Paper Standing: A Century of Competition Between the Denver Post and Rocky Mountain News* (University of Colorado Press).



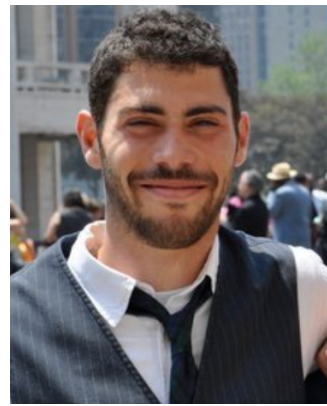
The committee also recognizes Josh Shepperd as runner-up for this year's Book Award. He is author of *Shadow of the New Deal: The Victory of Public Broadcasting* (University of Illinois Press).

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DeFraia Wins 2024 Covert Award

The History Division congratulates Dr. Daniel DeFraia (Emerson College) as winner of the annual Covert Award for best mass communication history article, essay, or book chapter published in the previous year.

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Member News: Noah Arceneaux

The Broadcast Education Association (BEA) [announced](#) Noah Arceneaux (San Diego State University) will become the new editor of the *Journal of Radio & Audio Media*. The journal publishes research on radio's contemporary and historical subject matter, and the audio media that have challenged radio's traditional use.



AJHA Submission Deadline is June 1

The American Journalism Historians Association (AJHA) is accepting paper entries, panel proposals, and abstracts of research in progress on any facet of media history for its 43rd annual convention in Pittsburgh from Oct. 3-5, 2024. The deadline for all submissions is June 1, 2024, 11:59 p.m.

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Digital Humanities Pre-Conference Workshop at AEJMC

The History Division is sponsoring a hands-on preconference workshop exploring the use of computer-based digital humanities tools for media history research and analysis. Attendees will learn how to access digital data sources at scale and use computerized data analysis tools like sentiment analysis, topic analysis and data visualization. The workshop is intended for researchers who do not have access to large number grad students or research budgets and do not have advanced computer skills themselves. The workshop will be held on August 7 from 1 PM to 5 PM. Cost is \$10. Attendance is capped at 25. For more information contact Elliot King at eking@loyola.edu. Registration is available [online](#).

Seeking Applicants for History Division Website Administrator

We're looking for applicants for our Website Administrator position. The administrator is responsible for updating the AEJMC History Division's website - <https://mediahistorydivision.com> and helping the division migrate to the AEJMC Community Site. Training will be provided for AEJMC Community Site by the AEJMC Central Office. The Website Administrator is a part of the division's executive committee so the person must be an AEJMC member.

If interested, please contact Rachel Grant at rlgrant6@gmail.com.

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