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The convention location is downtown "on the mall." Convention highlights include tours of the Duke Home-stead and North Carolina Museum of History as well as a panel on the state's Civil War experience.

**HELP WANTED:** AJHA is in need of a new Oral History Committee Chairperson. The position requires that the Chair, or designated committee members, conduct and edit interviews with experienced AJHA members concerning the practice of journalism history for publication in "American Journalism." In addition, the Chair organizes and proposes Oral History Panel presentations for the convention on at least a biennial basis. Contact Kim Mangun at [kim.mangun@utah.edu](mailto:kim.mangun@utah.edu)

## Pribanic-Smith nominated for 2nd VP, five others vie for three board positions

By Amber Roessner

Tennessee

And, the AJHA nominees are ... okay, so it's not exactly the Academy Awards, but this year's call for nominations did yield a diverse pool for leadership positions in our organization. One AJHA member has been nominated to fill the slot of 2012-2013 2nd VP, and five members were nominated for three board seats.

Here's a little bit of information about each nominee.

**Erika Pribanic-Smith** (University of Texas at Arlington) has been nominated for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. She has been a member of AJHA since 1997. In her time with the organization, she has served as chair of the graduate student committee and as chair of the public relations committee. She currently is on the board of directors. Pribanic-Smith (University of Alabama, MA '99, Ph.D. 2010) is an assistant professor of journalism and coordinator of the journalism sequence in the Department of Communication at the University of Texas at Arlington. She specializes in research



**Pribanic-Smith**

examining political communication in the print media of the 19th- and 20th-century American South.

**Dianne Bragg** (University of Alabama) has been nominated to serve on the board of directors. She

has been a member of AJHA since 2007. In her time

with the organization, she has

served as chair of the graduate

student com-

mittee. She also

has served as AJHA's research-

in-progress coordinator. In addition to these roles, she also has

reviewed papers for the AJHA National Convention, the AJHA

Southeast Symposium and the AE-JMC Southeast Colloquium. She

is involved in the Symposium on the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Press and serves

on its steering committee. Bragg is on the journalism faculty at the

University of Alabama, where she teaches undergraduate and gradu-

ate journalism history, media law and writing. Her research interest

areas include antebellum, Civil War, and early twentieth century

newspapers.

**Ross Collins** (North Dakota State, Fargo) has been nominated



**Bragg**

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from the president...

# Curriculum development as sustainability

By Terry Lueck

Akron

The café's umbrella shaded us from the August sun and gave us respite from the surrounding bustle as a colleague and I caught up over lunch. Our conversation alternated between his broadcast background and my newspaper perspective, as it had since graduate school.

Our conversation soon turned to updates on fellow students and recollections of mentors, most of whom are retired. We were now the "old guard." How did that happen?

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While he speaks the language of quantitative researchers, he also values the role of history in today's college classrooms: "Media history provides a context for the developments currently ongoing in communications, and establishes the relevance of media within the social and political fabric of American society."

As a dean, he was facing the task of merging the journalism and broadcast departments of an accredited program. That year, my "presidential project" began to take shape: Two departments with separate institutional histories were set to share a core curriculum. The professor who taught the journalism history class was retiring. Redesigning that course as a core media history class could provide common ground. It would also have to serve accreditation.

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Tugging my suitcase through an airport, I spied a colleague. Another broadcaster with quantitative proclivities, she represents AJHA on the Accrediting Council.

Waiting for our flights, we bemoaned the lack of respect that the journalism and mass communication accreditation process exhibits for the history of its own field. While the word "history" has been added to the evaluation criteria, only when the pedagogy of history can be fully measured can media historians hope that it will be valued in higher education assessments.

Not one to leave ideas unarticulated, she suggested that history could be tied to the diversity standard of the accreditation process. After all, haven't media history professors made tremendous strides in sharing the diverse contributions involved in the development of our media? Aren't media history scholars actively exploring and incorporating the myriad voices of our shared past?

Accrediting standards in hand, the three of us held a conference call. We decided on indicators that demonstrate how history helps satisfy the

need for diversity in the curriculum. Measurable value of history could be shown through program compliance with the diversity standard. This match would provide evidence of the value of history that an accrediting body could understand.

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Accredited schools of journalism and mass communication often hesitate to incorporate media history because such courses don't "count" toward securing and maintaining accreditation. We were designing a curriculum model in which history counts.

The oral history of a former AJHA president that was published in *American Journalism* caught my attention. Here was a broadcaster with a wealth of experience in curriculum development. Would he join us?

As the dean's broadcast department mapped its curriculum, it became clear that media history could be introduced as a core course. The value of including history would be indicated by how it enables the program to adhere to the diversity standard. This is the kind of evidence that programs seek to satisfy accreditation reviews.

Oh, the faculty lines that a media history class in every core curriculum would yield! I happen to know talented graduate students who teach media history; and I know where they gather. We discussed the idea of inviting faculty and administrators to the AJHA convention to meet with graduate students and other AJHA members who are searching for positions.

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My colleague from graduate school values the professional relationship-building that our association fosters: "Interacting with colleagues is the lifeblood for intellectual vitality and curiosity." And he still feels strongly about the study of media history: "Not having history in the curriculum is tantamount to building a house without solid foundation."

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# Dobler wins Blanchard prize

By **Erika Pribanic-Smith**

*Texas-Arlington*

The American Journalism Historians Association has selected Brian Dolber as the winner of the 2012 Margaret A. Blanchard Doctoral Dissertation Prize.

Dolber, an assistant professor of mass communication at the State University of New York College at Oneonta, won the award for his dissertation titled "Sweating for Democracy: Working Class Media and the Struggle for Hegemonic Jewishness, 1919-1941."

Using the political economy of media framework, Dolber's research examines the history of the Jewish working-class counterpublic in the United States during the interwar period and its relationships to the broader public sphere. Between 1919 and 1941, organic intellectuals such as B.B. Vladeck, J.B.S. Hardman, Fannia Cohn, and Morris Novik helped to extend Yiddish socialist culture through the reactionary 1920s while laying the groundwork for an American working class culture represented by the CIO in the 1930s, and a broad consensus around a commercial media system by the post-war period. This history demonstrates the challenges, conflicts, and contradictions that emerge in media production within counterpublics, and posits that other similar case studies are necessary in order to develop enlightened strategies to democratize our contemporary media system.

Dolber will receive \$500 and a plaque on Oct. 12, during the AJHA national convention in Raleigh, N.C.

Dolber said he is grateful to receive the award and thanks AJHA for the honor.

"Writing a dissertation, obviously, is a tremendous effort and often a solitary process," Dolber said. "It's difficult to know as you

are going through if you are doing anything of value that someone else will find interesting."

Dolber completed his dissertation at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His director, communication Professor Robert W. McChesney, said it was heartening for a young scholar who has worked diligently to receive this sort of recognition.

David Abrahamson, chair of the Blanchard Dissertation Prize Committee, described Dolber's dissertation as interesting, thoughtful and well documented.

"The arguments were very, very nuanced and very, very elegantly made," said Abrahamson, a professor at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University.

AJHA grants the annual award to the best doctoral dissertation dealing with mass communication history completed during the prior calendar year. The prize has been awarded since 1997.

The following three scholars received honorable mention for their dissertations and will receive a \$200 award at the conference in Raleigh:

**Fred Carroll** for "Race News: How Black Reporters and Readers Shaped the Fight for Racial Justice, 1877-1978," completed at Brooklyn College (director Kimberly Phillips).

**Jason A. Peterson** for "Full Court Press: How Mississippi Newspapers Helped Keep State College Basketball Segregated, 1955-1973," completed at the University of Southern Mississippi (director David R. Davies).

**David Wallace** for "The Way We See It: Massive Resistance, Southern Myth, and Media Suppression," completed at the University of Colorado (director Polly E. Bugros McLean).

All four scholars will discuss their work during a special session at the AJHA national convention.

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# Donna Allen Luncheon to honor Wyndham Robertson

By Kim Mangun

Utah

Wyndham Robertson, whose communications career spanned nearly four decades, will be honored at the Donna Allen Luncheon during AJHA's annual convention in October. Named for the founder of the Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press in Washington, D.C., the event honors a woman who has made significant contributions to the field of journalism.

Robertson began working for FORTUNE Magazine in 1961 as a researcher-reporter. In 1968, she was promoted to associate editor, and in 1974, she was elected to FORTUNE's Board of Editors. She subsequently became the first woman to be appointed assistant managing editor, a position she held from 1981 to 1986. In the interim, Robertson participated in an experimental program in which six TIME, Inc., editors temporarily worked for other Luce-owned magazines. Robertson served as business

editor of TIME.

After a 25-year career in publishing, Robertson returned to her native North Carolina. She again broke the gender barrier when she became the first woman to be named a vice president of the University of North Carolina. Robertson spent a decade as vice president for communications for the 16-campus system.

Robertson retired in March 1996 and has since devoted her time to philanthropic service. Among other things, she is a director of The Blanche and Julian Robertson Family Foundation, a trustee of The Stewards Fund, and a trustee of The Robertson Foundation in New York City. Recently, she was elected trustee emerita of Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia, after 31 years of service to her alma mater.

Wyndham Robertson will speak about her publishing career at the Donna Allen Luncheon on October 12. Sign up for the special event and help AJHA honor this distinguished journalist.

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He is coming to the October convention to speak on the president's panel. The project's AJHA members will join him, with our Accrediting Council representative sharing the curriculum map. The former president did join our team. And we recruited the chair of the

History-in-the-Curriculum committee to moderate the discussion.

We would like to share the progress, as well as the pitfalls, of our efforts to demonstrate the value of media history in the curriculum. I hope you'll join us for this discussion and contribute your thoughts to the next stages in building this model of sustainability.

## Convention Hotel Package Shipping Policy

If you are planning on shipping packages for the silent auction or to the convention hotel in general, please be aware that the hotel does not accept packages sent to them for holding. A secondary company handles all packages, and packages must be sent to:

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# Nominees

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to serve on the board of directors. He has been a member of AJHA since 1993. In his time with the



**Collins**

organization, he has served in numerous roles—as the chair of the outreach committee and as a member of the History in the Curriculum sub-committee, the research committee and the Blanchard Doctoral Dissertation award committee. He also served as treasurer of the organization from 2000-2008. Collins is a professor of communication at North Dakota State University, Fargo. His research interests include European Media, Frontier/West, Gilded Age, Propaganda/War, and World War I. His recent book, *Children, War, and Propaganda* (New York: Peter Lang: 2011) offers insights into an often ignored facet of history.

**Mark K. Dolan** (University of Mississippi) has been nominated to serve on the board of directors. He has been an AJHA member since 1998. In his time with the organization, he has served as AJHA's research-in-progress coordinator. Dolan earned his Ph.D. in Journalism and Mass Communications from the Univer-



**Dolan**

sity of South Carolina in 2003. His research areas include black press history, journalism as literature, communication history, and popular culture. Dolan's work on the black press and minority voices has appeared in the Second Annual Music Issue of *Southern Cul-*

*tures*, published by the University of North Carolina at Chapel-Hill (Fall 2007), *Newspaper Research Journal* (Winter 2009) *Illinois Journal of History* (Autumn 2008), *Discourse and Communication* (August 2010) and *The Howard Journal of Communications* (July-September 2011). He is currently writing a book about the *Chicago Defender* for the University Press of Mississippi. He has written for several daily newspapers, including the *Savannah Morning News*, the *Naples Daily News*, and *The (SC) State*. Highlights from his newspaper work include interviews with novelists Toni Morrison, Reynolds Price, and Salmon Rushdie and bluegrass legend Doc Watson.

**Paulette Kilmer** (University of Toledo) has been nominated to serve on the board of directors. She has been a member of AJHA since 1986. In her time with the organization, she has served one term on the board. She also has served on the AJHA Book of the Year Award committee and the education committee. For several years, she directed the Donna Allen Luncheon, and in 2010, as the chair of the publications committee, she assisted the organization in the selection of *Intelligencer* and *American Journalism* editorships. Kilmer has received two AJHA Presidential Awards for her prodigious work for our organization. She is a professor of communication at the University of Toledo. Her research interest areas include ethics, feminism/women's history, the Gilded Age, sensationalism, and social history.



**Kilmer**

**Amber Roessner** (University of Tennessee, Knoxville) has been nominated to serve on the board of directors. She has been a member

of AJHA since 2006. In her time with the organization, she has served as the chair of the graduate student committee chair. More recently, she has served as the nominations and election committee chair and as a member of the AJHA Book of the Year Award committee. In



**Roessner**

addition to these roles, she also has reviewed papers for the AJHA National Convention and the AE-JMC National Convention. She is also involved in the Symposium on the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Press and serves on its steering committee. Roessner is an assistant professor of Journalism & Electronic Media at the University of Tennessee, where she teaches undergraduate media history, media reporting, and advanced sports journalism. Her research interest areas include feminism/women's history, Post-Watergate political journalism, and sport and cultural icons. She is currently finishing a book about early twentieth century sports journalism for LSU Press.

You can find further information about all candidates on the AJHA web site. Additional nominations can be made from the floor during the election that will be held during the annual convention in October. Dues paying AJHA members unable to attend the conference are eligible to vote. They should send their name, email address and intent to vote online to AJHA Nominations and Election Committee Chair Amber Roessner ([aroessner@utk.edu](mailto:aroessner@utk.edu)) no later than midnight Friday, Oct. 5, 2012. After elections are held on Saturday, Oct. 13, at the 31st annual AJHA conference in Raleigh, current 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Amy Mattson Lauters (Minnesota State) will become 1<sup>st</sup> VP, and current 1<sup>st</sup> VP Kim Mangun (Utah) will become president for 2012-2013.

# AJHA sponsors award named for Molly Ivins

## Erika Pribanic-Smith

Texas-Arlington

A journalist from her high school days in the early 1960s until she died of cancer in 2007, Molly Ivins was a pioneer and a rebel.

Since 2008, AJHA members Maurine Beasley, Patrick Cox and Fred Blevens have served on the Board of Advisors and as judges for an annual journalism award presented in Ivins' honor. AJHA has sponsored the award since 2010.

Best known for a syndicated political column full of scathing criticism balanced with sarcasm, Ivins' career included stints at the *Minneapolis Tribune*, *New York Times* and several newspapers in her home state of Texas.

"Molly Ivins was arguably the most reasoned and subversive political force in American journalism for more than two decades," said Blevens, who knew her personally. "Her career was historic and hysteric—one that we never will see again."

*The Texas Observer*, where Ivins spent part of her career as a reporter and editor, established the MOLLY National Prize to recognize print and online journalism of exceptional merit that focuses on civil liberties or social justice and embodies the intelligence, deep thinking and passionate wit that marked Ivins' work.

According to the *Observer's* website, the MOLLY is awarded annually for an article or series published during the previous calendar year in a U.S.-based publication, "telling the stories that need telling." The winner receives a \$5,000 cash award; two honorable mention prizes include \$1,000.

This year, the *Observer* awarded the top prize to Trevor Aaronson, whose work in *Mother Jones* exposed a network of FBI informants in U.S. Muslim communities. Sarah Stillman received an honor-

able mention for an article in *The New Yorker* about low-wage foreign workers on U.S. military bases.

A *New York Magazine* story detailing the experience of a child welfare supervisor charged with the death of a malnourished child earned Jennifer Gonnerman her second honorable mention in the five-year history of the MOLLY award.

Other 2012 finalists penned stories that appeared in *Harper's Magazine*, *In These Times*, *The Oxford American*, *Guernica: A Magazine of Art and Politics*, *Virginia Quarterly Review*, *LA Weekly* and *Truthout*.

The *Observer* presented the 2012 awards on June 7 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin, Texas. Blevens and Erika Pribanic-Smith represented AJHA, whose award sponsorship comes with a table at the awards dinner.

The event captured Ivins' spirit. Banners hanging on the walls of the Four Seasons ballroom featured "Molly-isms" such as, "I love Texas, but it is a nasty old rawhide mother in the way it bears down on the people who have the fewest defences."

To kick off the evening, Molly impersonator Barbara Chisholm treated the capacity crowd to excerpts from the play "Red Hot Patriot: The Kick-Ass Wit of Molly Ivins."

Upon receiving their MOLLY awards, the three journalists honored at the ceremony explained how their respective stories came about and what they discovered over the course of their reporting. All three mentioned the influence Ivins had on their writing and applauded the *Observer* for preserving her legacy of socially-conscious journalism.

Keynote speaker Paul Krugman echoed their sentiments.

"I'm so proud that I did, very late in her life, get to know Molly, who is still my ideal of what a social critic and journalist really should

be," he said.

A *New York Times* columnist and winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics, Krugman also expressed his admiration for publications doing true investigative journalism and said that what they do makes a difference.

That's why AJHA's support of the MOLLY award is so crucial, Blevens said.

"Being a part of the MOLLY awards is significant and a milestone for journalism organizations," he said. "We have made an enormous impact on progressive journalism by showing our support for a courageous icon in American journalism."

Cox, who had attended all of the awards presentations prior to this year, said that AJHA is the only journalism history organization that supports the award.

Beasley has attended the ceremony in the past and continues to serve on the Board of Advisors. She said she continually is impressed by the quality of the submissions.

"It is an enlightening experience just to have the entries to read," Beasley said. "I am glad that AJHA continues to be involved in selecting winners of this highly prestigious award."

Blevens, who has attended all of the MOLLY awards presentations, called this year's the best of all. He said that Krugman's keynote was remarkable and that the guests included some of the most influential people in Texas life.

Prior winners of the MOLLY award are Jeff Sharlet, *Harper's Magazine* (2011); A.C. Thompson, *ProPublica* (2010); Rick Casey, *The Houston Chronicle* (2009); and Diane Suchetka, *The Cleveland Plain Dealer* (2008). The *Observer* awarded the inaugural prize to Ivins posthumously in 2007.

For more information about the MOLLY Awards, visit <http://www.texasobserver.org/mollyaward>

# Nord to be honored with AJHA's lifetime award

By Mike Conway  
Indiana

AJHA has selected David P. Nord, professor emeritus in the Indiana University School of Journalism, as winner of the 2012 Sidney Kobre Award for Lifetime Achievement in Journalism History.

"I can't think of a more deserving recipient of this award," said Professor Owen Johnson of Indiana University, who nominated Nord for the award. "I am proud to have served together with him in the School of Journalism for more than 30 years."

AJHA's highest honor, the Kobre Award recognizes individuals with an exemplary record of sustained achievement in journalism history through research, teaching and professional activities. It is named in honor of the late Sidney Kobre, a newspaperman, professor and author.

Trevor Brown, Indiana University journalism dean emeritus, said that Nord established himself among the elite of journalism historians early in his career.

"His publications and intellectual prowess have earned the admiration of academic historians nationally and internationally," Brown said.

Nord is the author or editor of four books and more than 40 journal articles and book chapters.

One of Nord's contributions to journalism history was his exploration of religious publishing in Colonial America and its influence on the field of journalism. His 2004 book, *Faith in Reading: Religious Publishing and the Birth of Mass Media in America, 1790-1860*, received AJHA's annual Book Award.

Nord also was one of the first historians to go beyond the content of newspapers and study how people used the newspaper in their daily lives. His collection of essays, *Communities of Journalism: A History of American Newspapers and Their Read-*

*ers*, was published in 2001.

James L. Baughman, Fetzer Bascom Professor in the School of Journalism & Mass Communication at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, wrote that he cannot teach his undergraduate journalism history class without frequent references to Nord's research. Furthermore, Baughman said that Nord's work usually merits one or two weeks in his graduate seminar.

"The students in the seminar, who can be quite exacting critics, always find themselves impressed with Dave's research," Baughman wrote.

Nord earned his undergraduate degree at Valparaiso University, followed by an M.A. in History at the University of Minnesota and a Ph.D. in Mass Communication from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He worked as a reporter for the Valparaiso *Vidette-Messenger* and as a reporter and editor for the Associated Press in Minnesota and North Dakota.

He spent his entire professorial career at Indiana University, from 1979 until his retirement in December 2011. In addition to teaching in the School of Journalism, Nord was a Professor of American Studies and an Adjunct Professor of History.

Nord works with the Center for the History of the Book in American Culture at the American Antiquarian Society. He also is the editor of the History News Service (<http://historynewsservice.org>), a syndicate of professional historians who connect scholarly history to popular journalism in an attempt to provide historical context to current events.

Furthermore, Nord has served as interim, acting and associate editor at the *Journal of American History*, the flagship journal of the Organization of American Historians.

Nord will receive the Kobre Award at AJHA's annual convention, Oct. 11-13, 2012, in Raleigh, N.C.

## PETE SMITH BECOMES FIRST DIGITAL MEDIA EDITOR OF AJHA JOURNAL

Glenn "Pete" Smith, an associate professor in the Department of Communication at Mississippi State University, has joined the staff of *American Journalism* as the first digital media editor.

Since the first issue in 1983, AJHA's quarterly journal has published articles, essays, research notes, book reviews and correspondence on the history of mass communication. Beginning with the Fall 2012 issue, *American Journalism* also will include reviews of websites, digital exhibits, software and films.

A member of AJHA since 2005, Smith became editor of the new section on July 1.

"The digital media section is a timely addition to *American Journalism*," Smith said. "We'll use the section to explore various digital platforms and help media historians navigate that fluid landscape."

Editor Barbara Friedman said that given Smith's vast experience and enthusiasm, she is certain the new section he is curating will enhance the value of *American Journalism* for teachers and researchers.

The digital media reviews will enable educators to engage students in creative ways and to take an active role in curriculum development for online classes, Friedman said. They also will increase knowledge of digitized archival offerings for scholars with limited travel funds.

Smith said he is pleased to have the opportunity to work with Friedman, Associate Editor Kathy Forde and Book Reviews Editor Dolores Flamiano to improve an already outstanding journal.

# Apply to serve as Intelligencer editor

**By Paulette D. Kilmer**

*Publications Chair*

Just as we take for granted light shows from fireflies in June or the crisp crunch of December snow, most of us seldom consider how much the *Intelligencer* means to us as the heartbeat of AJHA.

As regularly as the four seasons, the *Intelligencer* has arrived in our mail. Over the years, the format has changed for many of us from a paper copy to an electronic file, but some things never change.

We still depend on our newsletter to know what is going on and to learn about each other's research. The first editor, Alf Pratt, shared some of the fascinating early history of our *Intelligencer* via e-mails.

"The first newsletter was called *Something Old Something New* to emphasize news items and the research our fledgling organization was conducting," recalled Pratte, who in 1982 was an assistant professor at Shippensburg University.

The founders of AJHA realized right away that they needed to create an artery for information, and so during the organization's first meeting in Dallas, Texas, at Southern Methodist University, the board appointed Pratte, an experienced news reporter who had worked for the Associated Press as well as several large dailies, to create a newsletter.

Pratte explained that three years later, David Sloan asked him to think of a new name for the newsletter. With input from Sloan and the Board, the new title, *The Intelligencer*, was adopted. This appellation is steeped in history. The oldest legal journal in the nation is also an "*Intelligencer*." The *National Intelligencer* published news from the legislative bodies in Washington, D.C., from 1800 to 1810.

Our own publication has grown

over the years under the capable leadership of these former editors: Alf Pratte (emeritus, Utah), the late Barbara Cloud, Mike Bucholz (emeritus, Indiana State University), Carol Sue Humphrey (Oklahoma Baptist University), Fred Blevens (Florida International University), Jim McPherson (Whitworth University), Jim Aucoin (University of Southern Alabama) and Kimberly Voss (University of Central Florida).

OK, *The Intelligencer's* past offers lively glimpses into AJHA's history, but what about today? Suppose we admit that this vital organ continues to circulate news. How might serving AJHA in this crucial capacity benefit the next editor?

Well, besides keeping the tradition of editorial excellence alive evident in the honor of roll of talented individuals who have served, a recent editor offered these insights concerning how his tenure with *Intelligencer* actually helped his career.

"I served two terms (six years) as newsletter editor," McPherson recalled. "One of the best things about it was the same benefit journalists often enjoy--getting to know more about the organization and the people involved than I probably could have in any other way."

The *Intelligencer* provided a way for McPherson to transfer his former journalism experience to his new academic world productively and creatively.

"The job also helped professionally--not just because I got to keep using writing and editing skills that I was teaching--but because it counted toward service to the discipline when I went up for tenure and promotion," he explained.

One bonus of serving as the editor of the *Intelligencer* proved particularly helpful to McPherson.

"The fact that I was expected to

be at each convention because of my *Intelligencer* duties also made it easier for me to get travel funds from my institution."

Consider Pratte's track record.

"As a member of the board of directors and AJHA president in 1993 as well as one who attended every single annual meeting from 1981 to 2003, I can remember quite a bit about our great organization, which I played a small part in bringing to birth and keeping alive," Pratte concluded.

**To apply to serve as the editor of the Intelligencer, please see the box containing the details. The deadline for applications is Sept. 1, 2012.**

AJHA is seeking an editor to produce the organization's quarterly newsletter, *The Intelligencer*. The newsletter is an important medium of communication that includes convention information, news about officers and members, details about grants and awards, and a regular column from AJHA's president. Members also exchange ideas about research and pedagogy in *The Intelligencer*.

The editor is responsible for soliciting articles, editing copy, and laying out the publication on deadline using Adobe InDesign. S/he also works closely with the Web editor to ensure timely publication of *The Intelligencer* on the website. The successful applicant will be skilled at writing, editing, and design, which may also include Photoshop.

The editor is an ex officio member of the Board of Directors and attends the annual Board meeting.

Applicants should submit a CV, a letter that explains why they would make an effective editor, and a letter of support from their chair or dean to Paulette D. Kilmer, pkilmer@utnet.utoledo.edu. The deadline for applications is Sept. 1, 2012.



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IN ADDITION THIS LINK WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON THE AJHA HOME WEB PAGE: [HTTP://AJHAONLINE.ORG/](http://ajhaonline.org/)

**THE ABOVE LINK IS LIVE ON THE AJHA HOME PAGE.**

### DATES TO REMEMBER!!

#### Monday, September 10, 2012

- ▶ **HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION DEADLINE**--Rooms reserved AFTER this date pay full price! Don't wait until the deadline to book your hotel room.....do it TODAY!
- ▶ **AJHA EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE**--Registrations postmarked AFTER this date will pay the late registration costs. The "Members Only --PACKAGE DEAL" will not be available after this date.

#### Wednesday, October 10, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.

- ▶ Registration opens
- ▶ Board of Directors meeting

#### Friday, October 12, 2012

- ▶ Margaret A. Blanchard Dissertation Award
- ▶ 1:15 p.m. Historic Tour

#### Thursday, October 11, 2012

- ▶ 7:30 a.m. Buffet Breakfast
- ▶ 8:00 a.m. President's Welcome

#### Saturday, October 13, 2012

- ▶ 10:10 a.m. General Business Meeting
- ▶ Gala Dinner

<b>Registration Fees:</b> Registration fee includes admission to all paper and panel sessions, hot breakfast buffet each morning, reception on Thursday evening, and coffee/tea breaks.	Fees Postmarked on or before <b>Sept. 10, 2012</b>	Registration Post-marked on or after Sept. 11, 2012	On-Site Registration Fees (on or after October 10 or at the hotel)	Please indicate the applicable amounts
		Meals & Special Events may not be available to those who register late, after or on-site (at the hotel).		
<b>AJHA Member</b>	<b>\$135.00</b>	\$165.00	\$190.00	\$
<b>AJHA Member Retired</b>	<b>\$115.00</b>	\$135.00	\$190.00	\$
<b>Student w/research paper on program</b> <small>(for full time students only, not for professors who are enrolled as students)</small>	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Student without paper on program</b> <small>includes a one-year AJHA Membership (for full time students only, not for professors who are enrolled as students)</small>	<b>\$75.00</b>	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$
<b>Non-AJHA Member</b> <small>(Includes a one-year AJHA membership)</small>	<b>\$180.00</b>	\$210.00	\$235.00	\$
<b>Spouse</b> (Required only if a spouse will be attending scheduled sessions/panel functions)	<b>\$85.00</b>	\$115.00	\$140.00	\$
<b>Members Only--PACKAGE DEAL</b> Includes pre-registration and all special events (10% off). Please indicate meal type.	<b>\$227.00</b>			
	(Retired) <b>\$209.00</b>	NA	NA	\$

**Do not forget to complete your meal preference for the Thursday Lunch & Scholar's Breakfast on the second page under SPECIAL EVENTS, it is included in your registration fee -- We need to know the number attending and the meal type.** Thanks, this really helps the convention planners.

**Please complete the Special Events, Name, & Payment sections on page 2**



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Special Events:	Cost	Number Attending	Meal Type	Amount
<b>Awards Lunch (Thursday)--Included in Registration fee</b> (BEEF TIPS BRAISED W/SHALLOTS & MUSHROOMS, MASHED POTATOES, STEAMED CARROTS, GARDEN SALAD, ROLLS, DESSERT, ICED TEA AND COFFEE; VEGETARIAN-PASTA PRIMAVERA; VEGAN, GLUTEN FREE & SPECIAL DIET MEALS WILL BE CHEF'S CHOICE)	Included in Registration Fee		<input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free	
<b>Scholars' Breakfast (Friday) All are welcome! --Included in Registration fee</b> (GARDEN FRITTATA, EGGS BLENDED WITH FIVE CHEESES AND FRESH GARDEN VEGETABLES, BAKED IN A LIGHT PASTRY CRUST SERVED WITH BREAKFAST POTATOES, SWEET BREAKFAST LOAVES, COFFEE AND HOT TEA, SEASONAL FRUIT CUP; VEGAN, GLUTEN FREE & SPECIAL DIET MEALS WILL BE CHEF'S CHOICE)	Included in Registration Fee		<input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free	
<b>Donna Allen Lunch (Friday) All are welcome!</b> (ITALIAN CHICKEN WITH LEMON BEURRE BLANC SAUCE SERVED WITH DICED SQUASH, TOMATO, AND SPINACH ORZO WITH GARDEN SALAD, CHEESE CAKE, ROLLS, ICE TEA, COFFEE; VEGETARIAN, VEGAN, GLUTEN FREE & SPECIAL DIET MEALS WILL BE CHEF'S CHOICE)	\$32.00		<input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free	\$
<b>Historic Sightseeing Tour (Friday)</b> DUKE HOMESTEAD STATE HISTORIC SITE AND NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF HISTORY	\$35.00			\$
<b>Saturday Evening Gala Dinner at Caffe Luna All are welcome!</b> Situated in a beautiful historic building with three art filled private rooms in addition to the dramatic main dining room, Caffe Luna is one of the favorite restaurants in downtown Raleigh.  Italian Cuisine with a Tuscan flair; A four course dinner with antipasti, two salad choices, five entree choices and two dessert selections with premium wine and beer, coffee, tea, and soft drink.	\$50.00		<input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free	\$
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: <b>AJHA CONVENTION</b>	<b>TOTAL for Registration &amp; Special Events</b>			\$

NAME		<b>I WILL ARRIVE ON:</b>	
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CITY, STATE, ZIP		<input type="checkbox"/>	THURSDAY
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NAME OF SPOUSE (IF ATTENDING)		<input type="checkbox"/>	SATURDAY

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Return completed form with a check (made payable to AJHA Convention) or credit card information to the address below:

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