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**HUME WINS AJHA TEACHING AWARD**

Janice Hume has been selected to receive the 2012 American Journalism Historians Association National Award for Excellence in Teaching. Hume is a professor in the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Georgia.

The annual AJHA Teaching Award honors a college or university teacher who excels at teaching in the areas of journalism and mass communication history, makes a positive impact on student learning, and offers an outstanding example for other educators. Hume will receive the award on Oct. 11, at the AJHA 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention in Raleigh, N.C.

Hume said she is thrilled to be recognized by AJHA, an organization that means a great deal to her personally and professionally.

"I love teaching media history, and AJHA members, through their passion for historical research and teaching, have inspired almost everything I do in my classes," Hume said.

In addition to journalism history, Hume's teaching interests include feature writing, news writing, magazine management and mass media and society. In recent years, she has won several Grady College teaching and outstanding faculty awards.

Hume also has earned national recognition for her research, which focuses on public memory and the media as well as how journalism history relates to American culture.

Ford Risley, chair of the AJHA Education Committee, called Hume a most deserving winner of the AJHA Teaching Award.

"The judges rated Janice's teaching to be outstanding across all the award categories," Risley said.

The Education Committee received four nominees for the 2012 award.

Founded in 1981, the American Journalism Historians Association seeks to advance education and research in mass communication history. Members work to raise historical standards and ensure that all scholars and students recognize the vast importance of media history and apply this knowledge to the advancement of society. For more information on AJHA, visit <http://www.ajhaonline.org>.

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