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NEW PRESIDENT HAS BIG PLANS FOR AJHA

Raleigh, N.C.—Thank former AJHA President Earnest Perry for inspiring Kimberley Mangun to run for president of the American Journalism Historians Association.

“Earnest Perry initially planted the idea of running for office when we talked at a convention some six or seven years ago,” Mangun said. “At the time, I was serving on the Board of Directors and enjoying helping the organization.”

She said that she missed being an integral part of AJHA after rotating off the board in 2008.

“I was fortunate to be elected second-vice president in 2010. Now, I feel very lucky to be following in the footsteps of so many great presidents,” Mangun said.

Mangun, assistant professor of communication and journalism sequence coordinator at the University of Utah, assumed her post Oct. 13, 2012, at the AJHA annual convention in Raleigh, N.C.

Her excitement about AJHA is evidenced by her goals for the upcoming year. In 2012, Mangun began working with then-President Terry Lueck and Administrative Secretary Carol Sue Humphrey to revise the Bylaws and Constitution to ensure that those documents align with AJHA’s current practices and procedures.

“My goal this year is to continue that work and to present proposed amendments in time for members to vote on them when we convene in New Orleans next September,” Mangun said.

She also plans to work with an ad hoc committee that is investigating ways that AJHA can encourage organizations to archive their digital records.

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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