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## AMERICAN JOURNALISM HISTORIANS ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN RALEIGH

RALEIGH, N.C. — The American Journalism Historians Association will convene for its 31<sup>st</sup> annual convention Oct. 11-13 at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Raleigh.

In addition to more than 35 research paper presentations and 10 panel discussions covering the gamut of mass communication history topics, the conference will feature several special events, including recognition of journalists from the host community.

Highlights of the convention include the following:

- Presentation of the Local Journalist Award to J. Andrew Curliss, a reporter at *The News & Observer*.
- A roundtable luncheon with Wyndham Robertson, a former FORTUNE magazine editor who served as the first female vice president of the University of North Carolina.
- A scholarly panel exploring North Carolina's Civil War experience.
- Presentation of the AJHA Book Award to Peter Hartshorn for "I Have Seen the Future: The Life of Lincoln Steffens."
- Presentation of the Sidney Kobre Award for Lifetime Achievement in Journalism History, National Award for Excellence in Teaching and Margaret A. Blanchard Dissertation Award.

Convention attendees also will enjoy a silent auction of media history artifacts, a gala dinner at Caffe Luna and group tours of the North Carolina Museum of History and Duke Homestead.

For a full schedule of events and additional convention details, visit ajhaonline.org.

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.