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AMERICAN JOURNALISM HISTORIANS ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, La. — The American Journalism Historians Association will convene for its 32nd annual convention Sept. 26-28 at the Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans.

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 Lee Zurik, an investigative journalist and news anchor at FOX 8 (WVUE-TV).
- A roundtable luncheon with Peggy Scott Laborde, a documentarian and producer for PBS affiliate WYES-TV and host of the entertainment program “Steppin’ Out.”
- A panel on “One Hundred Years of Media in Louisiana,” including faculty from Louisiana State University and media professionals from WDSU-TV, *The Louisiana Weekly* and *The New Orleans Tribune*.
- A discussion on the “Vanishing Media Archive,” featuring industry insiders and archivists from Capital City Press, New Orleans Public Radio, Tulane University and LSU Press.
- A gala dinner at the world famous Arnaud’s, featuring presentations on New Orleans’ cultural heritage by local historians and performers from Xavier University of Louisiana.
- Group tours of Chalmette Battlefield, New Orleans cemeteries and the Ninth Ward.
- Presentation of the Sidney Kobre Award for Lifetime Achievement in Journalism History, National Award for Excellence in Teaching, AJHA Book Award and Margaret A. Blanchard Dissertation Award.

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.

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