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AJHA MEMBERS MAKE STRONG SHOWING AT AEJMC COLLOQUIUM

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—American Journalism Historians Association members and their students presented a broad range of historical knowledge at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication 2014 Southeast Colloquium.

Three faculty members and two students discussed their research during the History Division session March 21 at the Emerson Alumni Hall on the University of Florida campus. History Division Research Chair Erika Pribanic-Smith moderated the session. Bernell Tripp served as discussant.

The program included the following papers:

- "Josiah Gregg's Vision of New Mexico: An Exploration of Early Othering about Mexicans in Commerce of the Prairies," Michael Fuhlhage, Auburn University.
- "'From Life:' How *Boston Post* Reporter Amy Robsart and Sketch Artist Norman Ritchie Breathed Unique Life into the Reporting of the Lizzie Borden Trial of 1893," Amie M. Jones (student of Janice Hume), University of Georgia.
- "Newspaper Food Journalism: The History of Food Sections and the Story of Food Editors," Kimberly Wilmot Voss, University of Central Florida.
- "The Sabbath and the 'Social Demon': Sunday Newspapers as Vehicles of Modernity," Ron Rodgers, University of Florida (Best Faculty Paper).
- "'We Must Move Forward': Lou Major Sr. and the Bogalusa *Daily News* during the Civil Rights Movement, 1964-65," Chuck Cook (student of Vanessa Murphree), University of Southern Mississippi (Best Student Paper).

Pribanic-Smith said the acceptance rate for the division was 50 percent; a total of 10 papers were submitted. She and Tripp both indicated that they were impressed with the quality of the papers presented.

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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