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**AMERICAN JOURNALISM RECOGNIZES ROESSNER WITH INAUGURAL AWARD**

*American Journalism* presented Amber Roessner with the inaugural Rising Scholar Award on Oct. 11 at the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual American Journalism Historians Association convention in St. Paul, Minn.

Roessner, assistant professor at the University of Tennessee's School of Journalism and Electronic Media, received the award for her proposed study of the post-Watergate press and politics.

The award was accompanied by \$2,000 in research funding, which Roessner plans to use for archival and oral history research for her second book on President Jimmy Carter's historic run for office in 1976.

"I was humbled to receive this recognition, and I am grateful to *American Journalism* for its support of my scholarship," Roessner said. "Thanks to the research award, I will be able to continue mining the archives and engaging in long-form interviews with individuals such as President Carter, who was gracious enough to chat with me about the election recently."

Sponsored by AJHA's academic journal *American Journalism*, the Rising Scholar Award recognizes the achievements and potential of an untenured scholar.

Earlier this year, LSU Press published Roessner's first book, "Inventing Baseball Heroes: Ty Cobb, Christy Mathewson, and the Sporting Press in America."

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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