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AJHA ANNOUNCES SOUTHEAST RESEARCH PAPER AWARD RECIPIENTS

The American Journalism Historians Association honored six students with research paper awards during its annual Southeast Symposium Jan. 30 through Feb. 1 in Panama City Beach, Fla.

Graduate and undergraduate student papers covered the 1700s to the 2000s, with most focusing on the 1800s, said Julie Williams, former AJHA president.

Most students made their first conference presentations at the convention, she said.

“One of my undergraduates who presented said afterward, ‘Wow, I didn’t realize we were doing graduate-level work,’” Williams said.

Following is the list of this year’s undergraduate research paper award recipients:

- Leigh Beeson, Georgia Regents University (Debbie Van Tuyll, adviser): “An Examination of Ethics in Transition Periods in Journalism during the 1920s and 2000s: The Roscoe Arbuckle and Robert Blake Cases.”
- Rebekah Robinson, Samford University (Julie Williams, adviser): “Fathers on American Sitcoms: Married vs. Single.”
- Sarah Anne Elliott, Samford University (Julie Williams, adviser): “Where was God on 9/11? Christianity Today Offers Answers.”

Following is the list of this year’s graduate (master’s) research paper award recipients:

- John Ryan Phillips, University of Alabama (Dianne Bragg, adviser): “A Newspaper Experiment: The Alabama Insane Hospital’s Patient-Run Publication, *The Meteor*, and its Editor.”
- Timothy Steere, University of Alabama (Dianne Bragg, adviser): “Covering Coal: Newspaper Coverage of Three West Virginia Mining Disasters.”
- Jill Martin, Georgia State University (Leonard Teel, adviser): “Two Tales of a Visit: Charles Dickens Tours the U.S. in 1842, Wowing the Masses and Condemning Slavery.”

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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