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Lucht to Receive Rising Scholar Award

Iowa State assistant professor Tracy Lucht has been chosen as the winner of American Journalism's Rising Scholar Award for her research proposal, "Soloists or Members of the Choir? Professional Networks in the Careers of Midwestern Women Broadcasters."

A grateful Lucht appreciates the generosity and encouragement AJHA shows to junior scholars.

"I am extremely honored to receive this award," she said. "It will allow me to extend my research on women broadcasters in the Midwest through an examination of the role that professional networks played in their careers. This study is part of my larger project investigating women's methods of exercising agency in an industry that did not always welcome their participation."

The judges noted that Lucht's thoughtfully-conceived and detailed proposal has the potential to make a valuable contribution to historical literature and to elevate journalism history, all while enhancing her growth as a scholar and expert. Lucht will be recognized at AJHA's annual conference Oct. 8-10 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Rising Scholar Award recognizes the achievements and potential of an untenured scholar and is accompanied by \$2,000 in research funding. This year's award will be funded by a gift from Stan Cloud in honor of his wife, the late Barbara Cloud, who was an early member and former president of AJHA.

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