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### **STUDENTS WIN RESEARCH PAPER AWARDS AT SOUTHEAST SYMPOSIUM**

Seven students won research paper awards at the American Journalism Historians Association's annual Southeast Symposium Jan. 31 in Panama City Beach, Fla.

Sixteen graduate and undergraduate students shared their work, many of whom were presenting for the first time, said symposium co-organizer Dianne Bragg. Bragg encourages student participation, especially at this conference.

"The faculty are all so supportive and have helpful suggestions for students' work," she said. "It is a collegial, supportive and instructive atmosphere that fosters a continued excitement in journalism history."

Co-organizer Pete Smith echoed this sentiment by reminding how unique this conference is for students.

"Students present their work without feeling like they are competing with university faculty," he said. "AJHA is encouraging and cultivating the next generation of scholars...it is a perfect merging of service and scholarship."

Undergraduate student research paper award winners included the following:

(First) Bailey Fuqua, Samford University: "Faces of Beauty: Good Housekeeping's Changing Coverage of Health and Beauty, 1930-1979."

(Second - tie) Sandra L. McGill, Georgia State University: "Exposing Gotham's Dark Side: Photojournalist Jacob Riis's Use of Flash Photography, 1887-1890" and Rachel Stanbeck, Samford University: "Southern Living or White Middle Class Living? A Look at the Magazine's Racial Inequalities from 1966 to Present."

Graduate student research paper award winners included the following:

(First, Doctoral) Willie Tubbs, University of Southern Mississippi: "Making Soldiers and Shelby: The Reveille and the Ideal Fighting Man."

(First, Master's) Elizabeth Bonner, University of Alabama: "Future of Print Magazines Found in the Past: Audience Engagement with the First 18th Century American Magazines."

(Second, Master's) Anna Waters, University of Alabama: "The Crimson White Coverage of the Machine's Intimidation Tactics at The University of Alabama from 1976-1993."

(Third, Master's) Alexis Barton, University of Alabama: "Turning Insult into Gold: The 'Dangerous Selling' of Ebony Magazine (1960-1980)."

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 [ajhaonline.org](http://ajhaonline.org).

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