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**LUCHT WINS AJHA TEACHING AWARD**

Tracy Lucht, assistant professor in the Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication at Iowa State University, has been selected to receive the 2015 American Journalism Historians Association National Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The annual AJHA Teaching Award honors a college or university teacher who excels at teaching in the area of journalism and mass communication history, makes a positive impact on student learning, and offers an outstanding example for other educators. Lucht will receive the award at the AJHA 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Oct. 8-10 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Lucht said she is honored to be the recipient, as AJHA is full of professors who care deeply about teaching and are exceptionally talented.

“I am both humbled and inspired. Journalism history is my favorite course to teach, and in the past few years I have been working to develop hands-on assignments that engage students more actively,” she said. “I am grateful for this organization’s recognition of that kind of work and the scholarship that drives it.”

Lucht was praised by this year’s judges as an exemplary teacher whose tireless commitment to student learning was unmatched. One judge commented that Lucht’s “materials offer ample evidence of her strong and solid commitment to her students at every juncture and level,” while another judge commended her strong research agenda, which informs her instruction.

Founded in 1981, the American Journalism Historians Association seeks to advance education and research in mass communication history. For more information on AJHA, visit [ajhaonline.org](http://ajhaonline.org).

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