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Members of the American Journalism Historians Association have elected Julien Gorbach, Jennifer Moore, and Rich Shumate to fill three open seats on the Board of Directors. Their three-year terms span from 2020 to 2023.

Gorbach is an assistant professor in the School of Communications at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He first presented at an AJHA conference in 2008 and currently serves as the chair of the Public Relations Committee.

"I am honored to help further build and strengthen our organization by serving on our board of directors, so that we can assist our seasoned scholars in expanding upon their achievements and invite the younger scholars on board, just as the association so graciously did for us," Gorbach said.

Moore is an associate professor of journalism at the University of Minnesota Duluth. From 2014 to 2016, she served as a co-coordinator for the Joint Journalism and Communication History Conference, which AJHA co-hosts with the AEJMC History Division.

"I am excited by an opportunity to be in service to our discipline again as an AJHA board member," Moore said. "I want to continue the work of those before me who have helped communicate the importance of journalism history, not only among scholars but also to a general audience."

Shumate is an assistant professor in the School of Media at Western Kentucky University. The 2019 winner of AJHA's Margaret Blanchard Award for Outstanding Dissertation in Journalism History, Shumate is the organization's Web Editor.

"I am happy to serve on the board because I believe organizations only work effectively if members are willing to step up and contribute what they can," Shumate said. "I have enjoyed my membership in AJHA and have gotten a lot out of the experience, so I'd like to give back."



Julien Gorbach



Jennifer E. Moore



Rich Shumate

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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