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WARD APPOINTED NEW AJHA REGISTRAR

The American Journalism Historians Association's Board of Directors unanimously approved the appointment of Ken Ward as the organization's registrar.

Ward, a doctoral candidate at Ohio University, brings a wealth of knowledge to his new position.

Working in the hospitality and tourism industry prior to graduate school, Ward coordinated and managed special events and conventions in Colorado and Kansas, as well as teaching a course on event planning. Ward hopes to grow into the role and learn as much as he can along the way.

"I'm very excited to have the opportunity to help out the organization in any way I can," he said. "I have been blown away by how supportive the AJHA community is, and serving as registrar is my attempt to give something back."

With the growth of the AJHA convention, the conference organizers saw a need to restore this position.

Amy Mattson Lauters served as registrar from 2007-11 and Jane McConnell served in 2012 – the position has been vacant since that time.

As the registrar, Ward will be responsible for managing pre-conference registration, facilitating registration at the conference site and working with the board of directors to keep track of convention attendance. AJHA President Pete Smith feels confident in Ward's abilities.

"We're excited to have Ken fill this important position – he brings both experience and enthusiasm to the job," Smith said. "We, the AJHA Board and officers, have been impressed with Ken's progress in the organization, and we look forward to working with him on future conventions."

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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.

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