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LORIMER LINFORD WINS INAUGURAL HAZEL DICKEN-GARCIA RESEARCH GRANT

The American Journalism Historians Association has awarded the 2023 Hazel Dicken-Garcia Research Grant to Autumn Lorimer Linford.

The Dicken-Garcia Grant honors the late Hazel Dicken-Garcia, who mentored numerous M.A. and Ph.D. students during her 30-year career in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Minnesota. Established in 2023, the annual grant provides financial assistance to graduate students or junior faculty whose work embodies the scholarly interests of Dicken-Garcia. Preference is given to research in the following areas: 19th- and 20th-century journalism standards; equity issues and the media; gender, identity, and the media; media and journalism ethics; international communication; Civil War journalism; and free expression/First Amendment.

"I am grateful for the example of Hazel Dicken-Garcia's memory and her generosity, as well as the generosity of the entire AJHA community. The people of AJHA have always made me feel welcome, encouraged, and supported," said Lorimer Linford, an assistant professor in the School of Communication & Journalism at Auburn University.

The grant will support Lorimer Linford's travel to New York City to conduct research at the New York Public Library and the New York Historical Society for her upcoming book, *Extra! A History of America's Girl Newsies*. Her research will focus on the efforts of publishers to lobby Congress to exclude boy newspaper carriers—but not girls—from the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. Her work "challenges the existing notions of newsie labor and adds to our growing understanding of the contributions of women and girls in journalism history," she said in her application.

"The committee was impressed with the research Autumn plans to do that incorporates so many of the research focuses Hazel Dicken-Garcia had during her career: gender, labor and journalism. We felt it was fitting that Autumn's research be the first to benefit from this generous gift," said Kaylene Armstrong, associate professor of mass communication at Northwestern Oklahoma State University and chair of the Hazel Dicken-Garcia Research Grant committee.

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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 <http://www.ajhaonline.org>.

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