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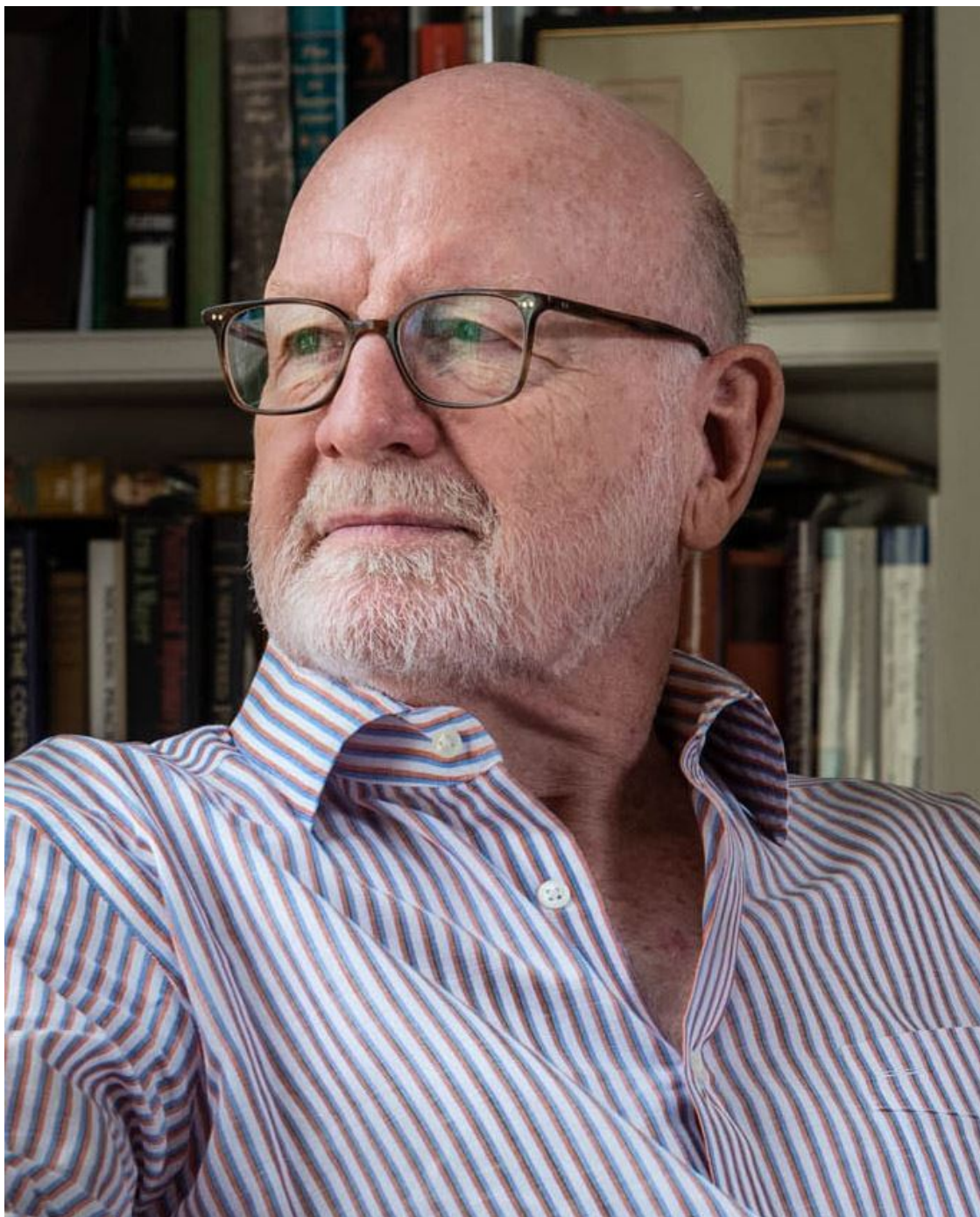
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JOHN MAXWELL HAMILTON HONORED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN JOURNALISM HISTORY

The American Journalism Historians Association Service Awards Committee selected John Maxwell Hamilton of Louisiana State University as the 2023 recipient of the Sidney Kobre Award for Lifetime Achievement, AJHA's highest honor.

Hamilton is the Hopkins P. Breazeale Professor of Journalism at the LSU Manship School of Mass Communication and a global scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C.

"Dr. Hamilton has provided a wealth of invaluable contributions to our field over his many decades as an academic," said Willie Tubbs, chair of the selection committee. "The Service Awards Committee was thoroughly impressed with Dr. Hamilton's nomination packet and were delighted to celebrate his career. In short, John Maxwell Hamilton is the type of scholar who AJHA leadership had in mind many years ago when the Kobre Award was established. His research is incisive, robust and significant, and the scope of his efforts place him in the company of the most accomplished names in our field."

First awarded in 1986, the Kobre Award recognizes individuals with an exemplary record of sustained achievement in journalism history through teaching, research, professional activities, or other contributions to the field of journalism history. Hamilton will receive the award at the 42nd annual AJHA national convention in Columbus, Ohio, scheduled for Sept. 28-30.

Letters of support for Hamilton's nomination spoke to the lasting impacts his research and his support of fellow scholars have had.

Josh Grimm of LSU noted the significance of an LSU Press book series, "From Our Own Correspondent," edited by Hamilton. The series "resurrects lost, unpublished books by and about foreign correspondents," said Grimm. "Significant histories would be lost in archives if not for Dr. Hamilton's book series."

"Dr. Hamilton cemented his reputation with the highly acclaimed *Journalism's Roving Eye: A History of American Foreign Reporting*," said Grimm. "It is the only book to look at the comprehensive, sweeping history of foreign news in America starting in colonial times up through the modern era."

Regina Lawrence of the University of Oregon said, "Jack's record shows him to be an accomplished scholar and a sought-after expert who brings a deeply grounded perspective to questions of enduring importance. He is, in fact, this country's foremost authority on the history of American foreign correspondence. His work is both richly detailed and eminently practical, aimed at understanding the past and informing the future of American journalism and our public information environment.

"Not only has his research been innovative, impressive and widely recognized, but he built much of this research record while serving as the founding dean of the Manship School for over 15 years," said Lawrence.

Heidi Tworek of the University of British Columbia said, "I cannot think of a more deserving scholar, colleague and mentor. Hamilton has a storied career in history, journalism and public policy. He has also stood out for fostering dialogue between academia, journalism and government."

Tworek also noted the quality of Hamilton's mentorship. "With good humor and

grace, he teaches scholars how to be ambitious in their research agenda, analyze sources with rigor, and navigate the publication process,” she said. “This generosity is core to Jack’s scholarship and something that makes him a truly outstanding professor who seeks to foster the next generation of researchers.”

Hamilton was the founding dean of the Manship School, a position he held for 18 years. Under his leadership, the school created a doctoral degree focused on media and public affairs, the Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs, and a public opinion research facility, and took on oversight of a variety of student media. He also served as executive vice-chancellor and provost at LSU.

Hamilton has authored or co-authored eight books and edited many more, in addition to publishing numerous articles. He was awarded the Goldsmith Prize from the Shorenstein Center on Press, Politics and Public Policy and the AJHA Book of the Year Award for each of his two most recent books, *Manipulating the Masses: Woodrow Wilson and the Birth of American Propaganda* and *Journalism’s Roving Eye: A History of American Foreign Reporting*.

“It has been a privilege to think and write about journalism history, for the roots of our profession provide warnings and inspiration for contemporary reporters and editors,” said Hamilton. “I have been doubly fortunate to have done this work with both professional and academic colleagues from whom I learned much. This award would never have come without them.”

Prior to his tenure at LSU, Hamilton worked as a journalist for the *Milwaukee Journal*, *The Christian Science Monitor* and ABC radio and was a commentator for Public Radio International’s “MarketPlace.” His work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The Nation* and other publications.

He played key roles in establishing projects dedicated to developing local reporting of international news for the Society of Professional Journalists and the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Hamilton held a variety of positions in the federal government. He oversaw nuclear non-proliferation issues as a staff member of the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee, served as adviser to the Carter administration on U.S. foreign aid in Asia, and managed a World Bank economic development education program. He served in Vietnam as a member of the Marine Corps.

In 2002, Hamilton was a Shorenstein Fellow at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. He has served as a Pulitzer Prize jurist two times.

Currently Hamilton serves on the board of directors of the International Center for Journalists and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Hamilton has been honored with the Administrator of the Year Award from the Freedom Forum, two Green Eyeshade Excellence in Journalism Awards, the Byline Award from Marquette University and a Martin Luther King Jr. Day diversity award from LSU.

Hamilton earned a bachelor’s degree from Marquette University, a master’s degree from Boston University and a doctorate in American Civilization from George Washington University.

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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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