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## GUTHRIE WINS 2023 RISING SCHOLAR AWARD

Jason Lee Guthrie of Clayton State University was named the 2023 Rising Scholar Award winner by the editors of *American Journalism*, the peer-reviewed quarterly journal of the American Journalism Historians Association.

The annual award is given annually to a scholar who shows promise in extending their research agenda. Guthrie's research involves examining the newspaper columns and editorial cartoons of the folksinger Woody Guthrie.

"I was surprised and honored to receive the Rising Scholar award this year. AJHA has been an incredible support to me in my young career. I am very thankful to be recognized by an organization that represents the best of academia not only in their scholarship but also in their collegiality and camaraderie," Guthrie said.

"Despite our name, *American Journalism* does not support research on journalism alone," said Nicholas Hirshon, associate editor of *American Journalism*. "Dr. Guthrie's important work on the newspaper columns and editorial cartoons of the quintessential American folksinger holds significance for the histories of both journalism and music. *American Journalism* does not restrict its focus to one type of media, and neither did Woody Guthrie consider himself only a musician. I'm thrilled that we can stand by Dr. Guthrie as he embarks on work that will help us better understand a seminal media figure."

Guthrie will receive a \$2,000 award during the AJHA 42nd annual convention, to be held Sept. 28-30 in Columbus, Ohio.

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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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