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**Rising Scholar Award Winner Announced**

The American Journalism Historians Association selected Candi Carter Olson, assistant professor of media and society at Utah State University, as its Rising Scholar Award winner for her research project, “The Rights of the Women of Zion, and the Rights of the Women of All Nations: The Woman’s Exponent and the Utah Women’s Press Club.”

This award helps validate Olson’s beliefs that the Utah Woman’s Press Club and the women who produced the “Woman’s Exponent” are worthy of broader attention.

“Awards like the Rising Scholar award give some reinforcement that telling these stories is important,” Olson said. “These women were leading voices for Utah’s women, and they mixed faith and progressive activism in a way that drew attention to the area and made them leaders in Utah’s fledgling state government, the national suffrage movement, and the Mormon church.”

The Rising Scholar Award recognizes the achievements and potential of an untenured scholar and is accompanied by \$2,000 in research funding. Olson will be recognized at AJHA’s annual conference Oct. 6-8 in St. Petersburg, Fla. Olson encourages other researchers to become members of AJHA.

“AJHA has been one of the most supportive groups that I’ve encountered in academia. The feedback that is given at the conference is top-notch, and the relationships I’ve built with other scholars has changed my thinking and my own work,” said Olson. “I think all scholars should attend the AJHA conference at least once just to see what an academic conference should look like.”

American Journalism is the quarterly academic journal of the American Journalism Historians Association. Founded in 1981, AJHA seeks to advance education and research in mass communication history. For more information on AJHA and its journal, visit <http://www.ajhaonline.org>.

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