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AJHA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS

The American Journalism Historians Association elected a new second vice president and three new board members during its 37th Annual Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dr. Aimee Edmondson of Ohio University will serve as second vice president during 2018-19, beginning a three-year tenure which will culminate in her serving as the organization's president in 2020-21.

Elected to the board were Dr. Gerry Lanosga from Indiana University; Dr. Will Tubbs from the University of West Florida; and Dr. Ken Ward from Lamar University.

Noting that she would be president of AJHA when its annual convention comes to Columbus, Ohio, in 2020, Edmondson said she was "eager to help continue the important work of the AJHA, especially in advocating for the teaching of media history in our journalism and communications schools."

"The work of the AJHA is more important than ever given that our profession has been under such heavy fire from this White House," she said. "As media scholars, we must continue to educate our students and the public about the important role of the press throughout our history."

AJHA's new president will be Dr. Ross Collins from North Dakota State University, who was initially elected to serve as second vice president in 2016 and served as first vice president from October 2017-October 2018.

Dr. Donna Lampkin Stephens from the University of Central Arkansas will serve as first vice president. The new administrative secretary is Dr. Erika Pribanic-Smith from the University of Texas-Arlington, and Dr. Carolyn Edy from Appalachian State University will continue as treasurer.

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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