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### **AJHA ANNOUNCES RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS**

The American Journalism Historians Association has awarded four Joseph McKerns Research Grants.

The recipients were Michael Fuhlhage, Wayne State University; Amy Lauters, Minnesota State University Mankato; Raymond McCaffrey, University of Arkansas; and Pamela Walck, Duquesne University.

Fuhlhage's grant will go toward his project, "News as Open Source Intelligence at the Dawn of the Confederacy."

"I'm so grateful to AJHA for this affirmation of the value of my research," Fuhlhage said. "Donald Shaw, who's been a great mentor to me, once told me that it's crucial to maintain momentum. This funding will enable me to dive deeper into the use of news as an intelligence subsidy."

Lauters' grant will go toward "Building Community through Media: The Manchester Guardian." It will allow her to travel to Manchester, England, to gather oral history.

"I'm grateful for the support of AJHA as I move forward with this project. ... I'm very happy the organization is able to offer competitive research grants of this kind. It can really make a difference for scholars like me who need just that bit of extra help to complete a project, visit an archive, or collect materials."

McCaffrey's project, "Louis Stark and the Birth of the Labor Beat in U.S. Journalism," looks at *The New York Times* reporter who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1942 for pioneering work in covering the rise of the U.S. labor movement.

"I am so very thankful for this grant, which will help me travel to an archive housing the personal papers of my research subject," McCaffrey said. "It is just one more sign of the tremendous support and guidance that the American Journalism Historians Associations and its members give to history scholars, particularly those who are just starting out in the field."

Walck will apply her funding toward "More Than Paper: Newspaper dolls, WWII Propaganda and the Shaping of Female Identity."

"It's quite validating to be named a recipient of this grant," Walck said. "When my co-author and I first started looking at WWII and paper dolls, we thought we were onto something interesting, but just weren't sure. And frankly, historic research funding is often hard to come by. So it's reassuring to not only have financial assistance to pursue this new line of study, but also the support of peers that confirms this is indeed an idea worth developing."

Named for the late Dr. Joseph McKerns, who taught at both The Ohio State University and Southern Illinois University and was AJHA president in 1986-87, the McKerns Grant provides research assistance, while also recognizing and rewarding the winners. Up to four grants for up to \$1,250 apiece are awarded upon review and recommendation of the Research Grant Committee.

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.

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