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AJHA hosts annual Southeast Symposium

The American Journalism Historians Association hosted its annual Southeast Symposium Feb. 1 and 2 in Panama City Beach, Florida.

The Southeast Symposium was developed by founding members of AJHA in the 1980s as a means of offering graduate and undergraduate students an opportunity to present their original media history research.

This year, the symposium enjoyed strong participation as 22 students representing six schools – the University of Alabama, University of Florida, Samford University, Augusta University, Mercer University, and the University of West Florida – presented their original research.

Six of these presenters were recognized with awards.

Mackenzie Bryan of the University of Florida won the award for best undergraduate paper for “How the Media Shaped the Political and Racial Narratives of the Louis vs. Schmeling Rematch.” Augusta University’s Jordan Stenger placed second while Alex Sigers of Augusta placed third.

In the graduate division, Serena Bailey of the University of Alabama took first for “Can a Flapper be a Wife? A 1920s Marriage Editor Asks.” Nicole Morales and Tonya Ott-Fulmore, both of Alabama, placed second and third, respectively.

The 2019 Southeast Symposium was organized by former AJHA president Dianne Bragg of the University of Alabama, with the help of Leonard Teel (Georgia State), Bernell Tripp (University of Florida), Debbie VanTuyll (Augusta University), and Julie Williams (Samford University), Berrin Beasley (University of North Florida), David Bulla (Augusta University), Jay Black (Mercer University), Bradford Hinchey (Georgia State University, alumnus) and Willie Tubbs (University of West Florida).

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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