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AJHA ANNOUNCES TOP PAPERS FOR 2021 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Scholars representing five North American universities will be honored for research papers they will present at the American Journalism Historians Association (AJHA) 2021 National Conference. The [40th annual AJHA convention](#) will take place virtually Oct. 8-9.

Madeleine Liseblad of California State University, Long Beach, and Gregory Pitts of Middle Tennessee State University won the Wm. David Sloan Award for Outstanding Faculty Paper for “‘A Good Honest Journeyman Newspapering’: Billboard’s Lee Zhito Exposes Editorializing at George A. Richards’ ‘Station of the Stars’.”

Both the Jean Palmegiano Award for Outstanding International/Transnational Journalism History and the Maurine Beasley Award for Outstanding Paper on Women’s History went to Elisabeth Fondren of St. John’s University for “When Paris Hears the ‘Alerte’: New York Evening Sun War Correspondent Leonora Raines, Military-Press Tensions, and Reporting the French Home Front (1914-1918).”

Alexia Little of the University of Georgia also won two awards, the Robert Lance Memorial Award for Outstanding Student Paper and the Wally Eberhard Award for Outstanding Paper on Media and War, for “Unconquering the Banner: The Negotiation of Civil War Memory in Confederate Displays.”

The J. William Snorgrass Award for Outstanding Paper on Minority Journalism History went to Michael Fuhlhage, Darryl Frazier, Keena Neal, and Anna Lindner of Wayne State University for “‘If Ever Saints Wept and Hell Rejoiced, It Must Have Been Over the Passage of That Law’: The 1850 Fugitive Slave Act in Detroit River Borderlands Newspapers, 1851-1852.”



Madeleine Liseblad (top) and Gregory Pitts authored the top faculty paper.



Alexia Little received top student paper honors.

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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