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COMMUNICATION HISTORIAN WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Kimberley Mangun, associate professor at the University of Utah, will be presented with the Eugene Asher Award for Distinguished Teaching at the American Historical Association's 130th annual meeting in Atlanta in January 2016.

The award, named for the late Eugene Asher, recognizes outstanding teaching and advocacy for history teaching. Mangun, the first communication historian to win this esteemed award, feels fortunate to be recognized.

"I am incredibly honored to receive this prestigious teaching award, especially since it has traditionally been given to professors of history," she said. "The prize committee's recognition of the discipline of communication history and the outstanding work individuals do in this area is very gratifying."

Mangun teaches an undergraduate mass communication history course and a graduate seminar on historical research methods. Jennifer Jones, one of Mangun's former graduate students, praised her former professor for offering a rich and nuanced experience in her course.

"Dr. Mangun gave me the academic space and guidance to piece together news articles, letters to the editor, personal correspondence and even want ads for a more complete telling of history," Jones expressed. "The rigor of her personal scholarship became her expectation for mine. I am a better student, teacher, historian, and journalist because of her."

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 ajhaonline.org.

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