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AJHA announces Research Grant Awards

Three scholars have received Joseph McKerns Research Grant Awards from the American Journalism Historians Association (AJHA) to support their research.

Peter Gloviczki of Coker University, Kevin Lerner of Marist College, and Yong Volz of the University of Missouri each will receive grants of \$1,250.

Gloviczki will use the grant to visit the Vanderbilt Television News Archive in Nashville to further work on his third scholarly book, which is focused on the history and culture of new media technology.

"I'll be using the archives to study coverage of school shootings, coverage of loss and trauma, and coverage of the aftermath of crises in new media culture, spanning about 1989 through 2021," he said.

He is grateful to receive the grant, which he called "a celebration" of his mentors. "Their enduring support and encouragement has made my journalism history research possible," he said.

Lerner is beginning work on a book project about the impact three former New York Times reporters had on perceptions of journalism. After leaving the Times in the 1960s or 1970s, each journalist "went on to make indelible marks on how we think of what journalism can be, and how gigantic institutions like the Times can be limiting to that vision of what is possible," he said.

The grant will allow him to visit the archives of one of these journalists, David Halberstam, at the Howard Gottlieb Archival Research Center at Boston University.

"I'm really thrilled to have the support of the McKerns grant," Lerner said. "The grant will give me a full week to spend with those papers, which is a huge luxury, particularly in a year when institutional research and travel budgets are so tenuous."

Volz will use the grant to conduct archival research and oral history interviews with founders and key members of the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) as she documents the organization's development in the 1980s and 1990s. She was appreciative of AJHA for seeing the value of her project.

"I hope the study of AAJA can contribute to a better historical understanding of the relationships between professional identity and racial-ethnic identity, between objectivity and activism, and between the journalistic institution and broader social movements. By recovering the history of AAJA, I also want to promote Asian American journalists as an important research area in the broader historiography of American journalism," she said.



Peter Gloviczki



Keven Lerner



Yong Volz

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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