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Pamela E. Walck leads new editorial staff of *American Journalism*

The American Journalism Historian Association is pleased to announce the new editorial team for its flagship publication, *American Journalism*.

Pamela E. Walck, an assistant professor of multiplatform journalism at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa., was named the in-coming editor during the 2019 AJHA conference.

Nicholas Hirshon, an assistant professor of communication at William Paterson University, is the incoming Associate Editor. Matthew Pressman, an assistant professor of journalism at Seton Hall University, is the Book Review Editor. Carrie Teresa, an associate professor of communication and media studies at Niagara University, is the journal's new Digital Media Review Editor.

"I am really excited to continue the important work started by editors who have gone before me at *American Journalism*," Walck said. "This journal has a strong record of publishing important and significant scholarship examining journalism and mass communication history—not just here in the United States, but around the globe. I am humbled and honored to contribute to this long-standing tradition."

Walck is the author of a chapter in the forthcoming *Other Voices: Politics, Culture, and the Irish Diaspora Press in America* (University of Syracuse Press). She has also published several journal articles and book chapters examining journalism pedagogy as well as race relations and media during World War II. She is currently writing her first book, *Voices of the Pittsburgh Courier: Mrs. Robert Vann, and the Men and Women of America's 'Best' Weekly*.

She is a 16-year veteran of the newsroom, where she covered everything from county and state government to the military. During her 12-year stint at the *Savannah Morning News*, she also worked as editor of the government and business desk. She earned her Ph.D. in mass communication at Ohio University.

Since her appointment, Walck has been working with the out-going editor, Ford Risley, on transitioning into the editorship. During that time, she has also worked to establish her editorial team.

Hirshon was formerly the Digital Media Review Editor, and he is the author of *We Want Fish Sticks: The Bizarre and Infamous Rebranding of the New York Islanders* (University of Nebraska Press, 2018). His research on the history of sports media in New York has appeared in *American Journalism*, *Journalism History*, and the *International Journal of the History of Sport*. A former reporter for the *New York Daily News*, Hirshon earned a Master's at the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism and a Ph.D. in mass communication from Ohio University.

Pressman is the author of *On Press: The Liberal Values That Shaped the News* (Howard University Press, 2018), a history of American journalism's

NEWS (Harvard University Press, 2018), a history of American journalism's transformation in the 1960s and 1970s, and he is currently researching a book on the history of the *New York Daily News*. He also won AJHA's 2020 Rising Scholar Award. Pressman earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in history from Boston University. Prior to pursuing an academic career, he was an assistant editor and online columnist at *Vanity Fair*.

Teresa's work on the black press has appeared in the *American Historian*, *American Journalism* and *American Periodicals* and has won numerous research awards, including the AJHA's Margaret A. Blanchard Prize. She published her first book, *Looking at the Stars: Black Celebrity Journalism in Jim Crow America* (University of Nebraska Press), in 2019. Her current research interests are anchored in feminist media studies and ethnomusicology, including the social experiences of women in heavy metal music through (auto)ethnographic methods.

Joining *AJ's* Editorial Advisory Board is Bernell Tripp, an Associate Professor in the Department of Journalism at the University of Florida. Tripp will be replacing board member Linda Lumsden from the University of Arizona.

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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