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AJHA 2025 National Award for Excellence in Teaching goes to Keith Greenwood

Keith Greenwood, associate professor and co-director of the McDougall Center of photojournalism and department chair of Journalism Studies in the Missouri School of Journalism at the University of Missouri, was selected to receive the 2025 AJHA National Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The award honors a college or university professor who excels at teaching in the areas of journalism and mass communication history, makes a positive impact on student learning, and offers an outstanding example for other educators.

Greenwood, who serves on the doctoral faculty with expertise in visual journalism history and preservation, expressed his excitement upon learning he had received the award and his enthusiasm for teaching.

"I truly enjoy teaching journalism and photojournalism history. Every year I am invigorated as students see the history they know in new ways and make new connections to the world they are preparing to enter. Recipients of this award have been amazing and inspirational teachers. To be included among them is an honor."

The selection committee was impressed with his project-based assignments and his focus on connecting the past to the present, which "made his application stand out."

"It was an easy call. The committee noted the many years of dedicated teaching, particularly in the realm of history and photojournalism, and Dr. Greenwood's emphasis on centering practice in historical context. We are thrilled to offer him this award," said Amy Lauters, chair of the AJHA Education Committee.

Greenwood will receive the award at the 44th annual AJHA national convention in Long Beach, California, scheduled for Sept. 25-27.

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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.