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Arkansas State Professor Holly Hall wins Kappa Tau Alpha adviser of year award

Strategic Communications Professor Holly Kathleen Hall received a top honor from the Kappa Tau Alpha national honor society today at the virtual Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication conference.

National KTA President Ed Carter announced that Hall was the 37th winner of the William H. Taft Outstanding Adviser Award at the annual awards ceremony. Hall was elected KTA's vice president in 2016 and served as president from 2018-2020, with Carter serving as vice president.

As an officer, Hall helped choose the Frank Luther Mott/Kappa Tau Alpha Research Award for the best book in journalism and mass communication. She has also reviewed books in other years.

"This award is richly deserved," said Carter, a professor at Brigham Young University. "Holly has always been a pleasure to work with."

Hall was inspired to take on leadership roles in the society after receiving a KTA grant to support a research trip to London in 2012 about the role of super-injunctions in British media law. "Super-injunction, What's Your Function?" was published in Communication Law and Policy in 2013.

The Taft award is named for William H. Taft, a University of Missouri journalism professor who served as KTA's executive director from 1962-1991. The award has been awarded annually since 1945 and comes with a \$500 check.

Kappa Tau Alpha was founded at the University of Missouri and has about 100 chapters at colleges and universities nationwide.