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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. – Dr. Dave Ozmun, professor of communications at Ouachita Baptist University, was recently published in *Routledge Reader on Electronic Media History*. Ozmun's article, "Opportunity Deferred: A 1952 Case Study of a Woman in Network Television News," contributed to a textbook that will be used in universities worldwide. The article was originally published in the *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media*.

"The first publication of Dr. Ozmun's article was an affirmation of his scholarship, and it's especially gratifying to see it included in a book highlighting exceptional academic work," said Dr. Jeff Root, dean of Ouachita's School of Humanities. "Dr. Ozmun's research adds to the strong reputation of the Rogers Department of Communications."

"It's very nice to have an editor look at your piece and think it will work well in a textbook," said Ozmun. "The hardest part was getting it published in the peer review journal, so this is just icing on the cake."

The *Routledge Reader on Electronic Media History* illustrates the growth and development of electronic media research from its earliest appearance to current day and lays the groundwork for future study. Ozmun's piece, exploring Natalie Jones' experience as one of the first female news correspondents, is included in the news, information and political programming section.

Highlighting how academic research both adds knowledge to the field of study and complements the act of teaching, Root said, "Dr. Ozmun is an expert in his field, and his students benefit from both his work in class and his standing as a published author."

"It's fun to do historical research in my area because I have always been a student and enjoyed being a student of the history of broadcasting," Ozmun said. His research interests include history and television news.

Ozmun joined the Ouachita communications faculty in 1987 and teaches a variety of video production and communication classes. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, his Master of Arts degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and his Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Illinois University.

The *Routledge Reader on Electronic Media History* is published by Taylor & Francis Group. For more information, contact Dr. Dave Ozmun at ozmund@obu.edu or (870) 245-5574.