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## ***Democracy's Detectives* wins Mott/KTA book award**

James T. Hamilton's *Democracy's Detectives: The Economics of Investigative Journalism* is the winner of the Frank Luther Mott / Kappa Tau Alpha Research Award for the best book on journalism and mass communication based on original research published in 2016.

"Hamilton provides a fresh and compelling look at the value of investigation journalism in our democracy," said Jeff Fruit, president of Kappa Tau Alpha and a contest judge. "He not only develops and analyzes a unique data set of investigations, but also clearly demonstrates the impact that investigative journalism can have through a case study of one Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter."

Hamilton is the Hearst Professor of Communication at Stanford University. The book is published by Harvard University Press.

The award is in honor of Mott, Pulitzer Prize winner, educator and long-time leader of Kappa Tau Alpha, the national college honor society for journalism and mass communication. The competition has been held annually since 1944.

Other finalists were David Greenberg for *Republic of Spin: An Inside History of the American Presidency*; Sam Lebovic for *Free Speech & Unfree News: The Paradox of Press Freedom in America*; and Anthony M. Nadler, *Making the News Popular: Mobilizing U.S. New Audiences*.

*About Kappa Tau Alpha:* The journalism national honor society was founded at the University of Missouri's School of Journalism in 1910, and the national headquarters have been permanently located at the University of Missouri since 1944. Students must be in the top 10 percent of their journalism-mass communication class to be invited to join KTA.