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The New England Society of Newspaper Editors and the Academy of New England Journalists are proud to sponsor this year's New England First Amendment Institute.

We congratulate the 2013 fellows, who represent some of the best and brightest journalistic talent you’ll find across the six-state region.

NESNE and the Academy think it makes sense to support the top-notch training provided at the Institute. It’s an investment in New England’s newsrooms. There’s never been a more critical time for journalists to dig deep and keep those in power honest and accountable to the voters and taxpayers. That’s what our organizations are all about.

Bill Ketter, Chairman, Academy of New England Journalists
Bill Cole, President, New England Society of Newspaper Editors
Congratulations
2013 Fellows of the
New England First Amendment Institute

The New England Newspaper & Press Association is the professional trade organization for hundreds of daily, weekly and specialty newspapers throughout the six-states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and Rhode Island.

As the principal advocate for newspapers in the region, NENPA provides industry news, advocacy, training, recognition, resources and regional advertising sales for its members. NENPA is proud to serve and represent newspapers throughout New England; helping them to successfully fulfill their mission to engage and inform the public while thriving in today’s evolving media landscape.

Upcoming New England Journalism Events

- New England Newspaper Conference and Awards Oct. 10 Natick, MA
- Watchdog Reporting Workshop Oct. 26 Waterbury, CT
- Advertising training: Selling Solutions Not Ads Oct. 29 Dedham, MA
- Tips and Techniques for Shooting Better News Video Nov. 7 Dedham, MA
- Newspaper Design with Ed Henninger Oct. 30 Dedham, MA
- 2014 New England Newspaper Convention Feb. 7-8 Boston, MA

Please call (781) 320-8042 for more information

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DAY ONE: THE VALUE OF TRANSPARENCY

3:15 WELCOME
Mary Jane Wilkinson, president, NEFAC
Walter Robinson, director, Initiative for Investigative Reporting, Northeastern University School of Journalism

3:30 - 4:00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Brian McGrory, editor, The Boston Globe

4:00 - 6:00 PANEL: TALES FROM THE TRENCHES
Joe Bergantino, director, New England Center for Investigative Reporting
David Jackson, reporter, The Chicago Tribune
Allison Young, investigative reporter, USA Today
Alexandra Zayas, investigative reporter, Tampa Bay Times

Panelists will share their practical experience in investigative work through painstaking interviewing and use of freedom of information laws to unearth corruption and bring truth to light.

Moderator: Walter Robinson, professor of journalism, Northeastern School of Journalism

6:00 ICEBREAKER
Rosanna Cavanagh, executive director, NEFAC

6:30 DINNER

DAY TWO: HOW DO WE HARNESS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAWS AND PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DATA TO FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS?

8:45 - 9:45 PANEL: COMMON PITFALLS IN ACCESSING DOCUMENTS THROUGH FOI REQUESTS AND HOW TO RESPOND
Colin Woodard, reporter, state and national affairs writer, Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram
Tim White, investigative reporter, WPRI
Sean Murphy, investigative reporter, The Boston Globe

What do you do when your public records request goes nowhere fast? Tips and tricks from reporters who are savvy at getting things done.

Moderator: Mary Jane Wilkinson, president, NEFAC

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SAMUEL ADAMS’ IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THE NEW ENGLAND FIRST AMENDMENT INSTITUTE
9:45 - 10:45
PANEL: STAYING OUT OF LEGAL TROUBLE: COMMON ISSUES IN DEFAMATION, INVASION OF PRIVACY, COPYRIGHT AND SUBPOENA AVOIDANCE

- Peter Caruso Sr., managing partner, Caruso & Caruso
- Joseph V. Cavanagh Jr., managing partner, Blish & Cavanagh
- William Chapman, partner, Orr & Reno
- Sigmund D. Schutz, partner, PretiFlaherty

 Moderator: Gregory V. Sullivan, partner, Malloy & Sullivan

10:45 - 12:30
BREAK OUT SESSIONS A

New Hampshire: Gregory V. Sullivan and William Chapman
Massachusetts: Peter Caruso Sr. and Laura Crimaldi, producer, boston.com
Maine: Sigmund Schutz and Dieter Bradbury, deputy managing editor/news, Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram
Rhode Island: Joseph V. Cavanagh Jr. and Rosanna Cavanagh
Vermont: Dan Barrett, staff attorney, ACLU Vermont, and Michael Donoghue, reporter, Burlington Free Press

The specifics of each state’s laws and exemptions will be discussed and hands-on cases will be reviewed in break out sessions with knowledgeable attorneys and journalists from each state.

12:30 - 1:30
BEAT LUNCHES

POLITICS: Thomas Fiedler, dean, Boston University School of Communication
HEALTH CARE: Lynne DeLucia, editor, Connecticut Health Investigative Team
THE RESUME: Walter Robinson, professor of journalism, Northeastern University School of Journalism
COURT REPORTING: Richard Gagliuso, partner, Gagliuso & Gagliuso
BROADCAST: Tim White, investigative reporter, WPRI

An informal discussion over lunch on a passion subject with other fellows and a NEFAC Board member.

1:30 - 2:30
FEDERAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IN THE HEALTH CARE CONTEXT

Lisa Chodekel, co-founder, Connecticut Health Investigative Team

A hands-on training on doing FOIA requests for health care information from a seasoned health care investigative journalist.

2:30 - 3:30
PANEL: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN FOIA AND AVENUES FOR SUCCESS

- Elizabeth Ritvo, partner, Brown Rudnick
- Robert Berthsohe, partner, Prince Lobel Tye
- Sharyl Attkinson, investigative correspondent, CBS News

A look at recent cases under the federal Freedom of Information Act and how they impact your work as a journalist. What to do when the response you get to your request is inadequate.

Moderator: Jonathan Albano, partner, Bingham McCutchen
CONCLUDING REMARKS
Rosanna Cavanagh

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