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The New England First Amendment Coalition thanks The Providence Journal Charitable Legacy Fund for its continued support of the New England First Amendment Institute.

This year’s program is provided in large part due to the fund’s dedication to improving the quality of journalism throughout the region and to offering our 2015 fellows the tools and knowledge needed to become stronger watchdogs.

On behalf of NEFAC, thank you.

THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL Charitable Legacy Fund
Dear 2015 NEFAI Fellows,

Congratulations on being selected as fellows for this year’s New England First Amendment Institute. Since 2011, we have provided this annual three-day investigative journalism training to some of the best and brightest journalists in the region. You are in very good company.

Previous fellows have taken what they’ve learned at NEFAI and helped their newsrooms break compelling investigatory news stories. Former fellow Sean Driscoll of the Cape Cod Times, for example, said he used what he learned about sealed judicial records to “crack open details” about a two-year unsolved homicide case. Driscoll left the institute better equipped to find public records and to use databases to help deepen his reporting. He’s now serving as a point-of-contact for other journalists in his newsroom looking to do the same. Driscoll will be joined on Day Two by Alyssa Dandrea of The Keene Sentinel and Beau Berman of WTAE-Pittsburgh, also former fellows with their own success stories to share.

Thirty-six elite reporters, editors, media attorneys and FOI experts volunteered their time this year to help you become stronger investigative journalists and to write your own success stories.

For the next three days we will be working together to become stronger and more aggressive watchdogs. We will hear each other’s stories, our successes and failures, and take the lessons we learn back to our newsrooms to share with colleagues. We will fight relentlessly for information and report stories the public needs to hear. We will inform our communities in new and compelling ways. We will remind our readers, viewers and listeners why watchdog journalism is needed now more than ever.

Congrats again on being selected as 2015 New England First Amendment Institute fellows. I wish you all a very productive institute.

Sincerely,

Justin Silverman, Esq.
Executive Director
About the New England First Amendment Institute

WHAT IS NEFAI?
The New England First Amendment Institute is an intensive training course for working journalists on freedom of information laws and investigative techniques now in its fifth year. By bringing together highly acclaimed media lawyers and award-winning journalists, we offer our 25 fellows a rich and collegial training program to help them improve their watchdog journalism.

WHY IS IT NEEDED?
We believe that the media — newspapers, television, and online journalism — is part of the fabric of our culture in important ways. However, media hampered by fewer investigative resources to tackle the real needs of our society — education, health care, economic development, affordable housing and public safety, among others — will not be effective in connecting people to civic life or as a vehicle for social betterment. Particularly suffering from the economic forces of our times are smaller media outlets, where the economic downturn has significantly reduced staffing and eliminated training budgets. Enter the New England First Amendment Institute, a nonprofit educational endeavor created to offer a rigorous and intensive training course that media organizations desperately need for their staffs but cannot afford and do not have the manpower to organize.

ABOUT OUR HOST
The New England Newspaper & Press Association (NENPA) provides the facility for our institute each year. NENPA is the professional trade organization for newspapers in the six New England states. The association helps newspapers fulfill their mission to engage and inform the public while navigating and thriving in today’s evolving media landscape. More than 450 publications are members of NENPA and benefit from its wide range of services. The New England First Amendment Coalition is extremely grateful for NENPA’s assistance and contributions to the institute. We encourage you to learn more about NENPA by visiting www.nenpa.com.

HOTEL ↔ NENPA SHUTTLE SCHEDULE
Times are approximate and you should confirm with hotel staff prior to leaving. Additional shuttles may also be provided.

Sunday
Leave Hotel 1:45p
Leave Hotel 2:15p
Leave NENPA 9p

Monday
Leave Hotel 7:45a
Leave Hotel 8:15a
Leave NENPA 5:45p

Tuesday
Leave Hotel 8:15a
Leave NENPA 5:45p

SOCIAL MEDIA
While at the institute, please share what you learn via Twitter and other social media using the following hashtag:

#NEFAI2015

After the event, all contributions will be compiled via Storify and distributed to attendees for future reference. Please also connect with NEFAC in the following ways:

@Five Freedoms
www.tinyurl.com/nefaclinkedin
www.facebook.com/groups/nefirstamendment

James W. Foley Scholarship

The New England First Amendment Coalition established the James W. Foley Scholarship in February 2015 to honor the slain journalist and New Hampshire native. A seasoned war correspondent for Boston-based GlobalPost, James Foley committed himself to the truth and, in his words, “exposing untold stories.” While working in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya and Syria, Foley reported on the lives of those disadvantaged and suffering. His barbaric death in 2014 reminded the nation of the dangers of his craft and the threats against freedom of information.

According to the James W. Foley Foundation:

James W. Foley envisioned a world that respects the dignity and life of each person, regardless of socioeconomic status, cultural background or nationality. His life demonstrated an uncompromising commitment to the freedom of the press and to advocacy for basic human rights.

In honor of James, NEFAC’s James W. Foley Scholarship provides funding for one fellow to attend the institute without travel or lodging expenses. To learn more about James and the foundation his family founded in his name, please visit www.jamesfoleyfoundation.org.

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Former NEFAI Fellows

2011
CONNECTICUT
Richard Campbell
The Register Citizen
Jenne Cho
The Day
JC Reindl
The Day
Alexandra Sanders
New Haven Register
Julie Stagis
Hartford Courant
MAINENew Haven Register

Emily Guerin
The Forecaster
Jesse Nankin
Watchdog
New England
Eric Russell
Bangor Daily News
MASSACHUSETTS
Keith Eddings
Eagle-Tribune
Jim Haddadin
Arlington Advocate
Laura Hutchinson
WWLP 22News
Lyle Moran
Lowell Sun
David Riley
MetroWest Daily News
Rory Schuler
Taunton Daily
Matthew Stout
The Enterprise
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Joseph Cote
Nashua Telegraph
Mark Davis
Valley News
Maddie Hanna
Concord Monitor
RHODE ISLAND
Amanda Milkovits
Providence Journal

2012
CONNECTICUT
Shawn Beals
Hartford Courant
Beau Berman
WTIC-TV
Alexander Goldstein
The Day
Kevin Litten
Republican-American
Erin Logan
WTNH
Francine Silverman
Hearst Newspapers
MAINENew Haven Register
Will Graff
The Forecaster
Lindsay Tice
Sun Journal
MASSACHUSETTS
Alex Bloom
The Enterprise
George Brennan
Cape Cod Times
Fernandes Deirdre
The Boston Globe
David Eisenstadel
The Transcript
Sarah Favot
Lowell Sun
Martine Powers
The Boston Globe
Patrick Ronan
Patriot Ledger
Shaun Sutner
Worcester Telegram & Gazette

2013
CONNECTICUT
Lisa Backus
The Bristol Press
Jenna Carlesso
Hartford Courant
Tina Detelj
WTNH
Jessica Glenza
The Register Citizen
Maggie Gordon
Hearst Newspapers
David Iversen
WTNH
Alec Johnson
Republican-American
Viktoria Sundqvist
The Middletown Press
MAINENew Haven Register

David Harry
The Forecaster
MASSACHUSETTS
Maggie Cassidy
Valley News
Maryalice Gill
Nashua Telegraph
Meg Heckman
Concord Monitor
Annmarie Timmins
Concord Monitor
RHODE ISLAND
Lynn Ardivi
Providence Journal
Ian Donnis
RI Public Radio
Kathleen Mulvaney
Providence Journal
VERMONT
Dan D’Ambrosio
Burlington Free Press
Jennifer Cleveland
Caledonian-Record/Orleans County Record
Andrew Stein
Hartford Courant
MuckRock
Neena Pathak
Schuster Institute
Neal Simpson
The Patriot Ledger
Schuyler Velasco
Christian Science Monitor
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Todd Bookman
NH Public Radio
Sarah Brubeck
Valley News
Christopher Garofolo
Eagle Times
Kathryn Marchocki
NH Union Leader
Kaitlin Mulhere
The Keene Sentinel
RHODE ISLAND
Bill Malinowski
Providence Journal
Mark Reynolds
Providence Journal
VERMONT
Nathan Burgess
Stowe Reporter
Olga Peters
The Commons
Jennifer Reading
WCAX

2014
CONNECTICUT
Jason Bagley
TruthInAdvertising.org
Kelly Catalfo
The Day

Jennifer Swift
New Haven Register
Tess Townsend
The Day
MAINE
Jon Chrise
CBS13/Fox23
Michael Shepherd
Kennebec Journal
MASSACHUSETTS
Sean F. Driscoll
Cape Cod Times
Beryl Lipton
MuckRock
Priyanka McCluskey
The Boston Globe
Alexa Mills
The Boston Globe
Alex Ruppenthal
Medford Transcript
Eli Sherman
Waltham News Tribune
EMILY CORWIN
NH Public Radio
Alyssa Dandrea
The Keene Sentinel
Nora Doyle-Burr
Valley News
Peter McGuire
Forecaster Newspapers
Kerry Miller
Eagle Times
RHODE ISLAND
Randall Edgar
Providence Journal
Paul Grimaldi
Providence Journal
Janine Weisman
Newport Mercury
VERMONT
Taylor Dobbs
Vermont Public Radio
Abby Ledoux
Milton Independent
Allison Teague
The Commons

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for its generosity and continued support
of the First Amendment, the public’s
right to know and the education of
journalists throughout New England.

Your support makes us a stronger
organization and will help this year’s
New England First Amendment Institute
become the most successful yet.

Thank you.
Schedule — October 18

DAY ONE
The Value of Transparency

2:00  Registration

2:45  Welcome
Tom Fiedler | NEFAC president and dean of the Boston University College of Communication

3:00 - 4:30  Keynote Address
Sacha Pfeiffer | The Boston Globe
Michael Rezendes | The Boston Globe
Walter V. Robinson | The Boston Globe

Moderator: Tom Fiedler | NEFAC president and dean of the Boston University College of Communication

4:30 - 6:30  Panel: Tales from the Trenches
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.

Cindy Galli | ABC News
Joe Mahr | Chicago Tribune
Carol Marbin Miller | Miami Herald

Moderator: Tom Fiedler | NEFAC president and dean of the Boston University College of Communication

6:30 - 6:45  Break

6:45  Dinner

Schedule — October 19

DAY TWO
How Do We Harness Freedom of Information Laws and Publicly Available Data to Further Investigations?

8:45 - 9:45  Common Pitfalls in Accessing Documents Through FOI Requests and How to Respond
Jenifer McKim | New England Center for Investigative Reporting
Emily Shaw | The Sunlight Foundation
Tim White | WPRI-Providence

Moderator: Tom Fiedler | NEFAC president and dean of the Boston University College of Communication
9:45 - 10:00  Break

10:00 - 11:00  Tips for Staying Out of Legal Trouble: Common Issues in Defamation and Invasion of Privacy
Robert A. Bertsche | Prince Lobel Tye
Peter J. Caruso, Sr. | Caruso & Caruso
Gregory V. Sullivan | Malloy & Sullivan

11:00 - 11:15  Break

11:15 - 1:15  Break-Out Sessions A
The specifics of each state’s public records and open meeting laws will be discussed and hands-on cases will be reviewed in break-out sessions with knowledgeable attorneys and journalists from each state.

Connecticut
Lynne DeLucia | Connecticut Health Investigative Team Editor
Colleen Murphy | Connecticut FOI Commission

New Hampshire
Jim Kimble | Correspondent for The Union-Leader and The Boston Globe
Gregory V. Sullivan | Malloy & Sullivan

Massachusetts
Mike Beaudet | Northeastern University
Peter J. Caruso, Sr. | Caruso & Caruso

Rhode Island
Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr. | Blish & Cavanagh
Ian Donnis | Rhode Island Public Radio

Maine
Dieter Bradbury | Portland Press Herald
Sigmund Schutz | Preti-Flaherty

Vermont
Michael Donoghue | Burlington Free Press
Allen Gilbert | ACLU of Vermont

12:00  Lunch
Schedule — October 19 (continued)

1:15 - 1:30  Break

1:30 - 3:15  Federal Freedom of Information Act — Panel/Workshop
How do you put the federal information law to use in pursuit of local stories? How do you win federal Freedom of Information Act battles? Examples of vital information made public via the federal Freedom of Information Act. What to do when the data you get doesn’t tell the whole story.

1:30 - 2:30  Panel
Lauren Harper | National Security Archive
Michael Morisy | MuckRock
Sigmund D. Schutz | Preti Flaherty

Moderator: Gregory V. Sullivan | Malloy & Sullivan

2:30 - 3:15  Workshop
Lauren Harper | National Security Archive
Michael Morisy | MuckRock

3:15 - 3:30  Break

3:30 - 4:30  Former Fellows Panel
Beau Berman | WTAE - Pittsburgh
Alyssa Dandrea | The Keene Sentinel
Sean Driscoll | Cape Cod Times

Moderator: Michael Donoghue | Burlington Free Press

4:30 - 4:45  Break

4:45 - 5:45  Writing Workshop and Narrative Flow
Lou Ureneck | Boston University

5:45 - 6:00  Break

6:00 - 7:30  Dinner (Off-Site)
Dinner will be served at Joe’s American Bar & Grill, 985 Boston Providence Highway in Dedham. The restaurant is located adjacent to the conference hotel, the Holiday Inn. Shuttles will be provided for those who need transportation.

7:00  Dinner Address
Jennifer Berry Hawes | The Post and Courier

7:30 - 8:30  Networking/Social (Optional)
Schedule — October 20

DAY THREE
Digging Deeply and Listening Carefully

9:00 - 10:30  Panel: Effective Sourcing
When your FOI request languishes your reporting continues. Developing sources, relationships, knowing how to evaluate what you get.

Bill Malinowski | Providence Journal
Eric Moskowitz | The Boston Globe
Anna Schecter | NBC

Moderator: Michael Donoghue | Burlington Free Press

10:30 - 10:45  Break

10:45 - 12:45  Break-Out Sessions B
Using database technology to analyze publicly available or FOI-request-won data to understand societal, financial, and economic trends is an important tool for the seasoned reporter.

Basic Database Analysis
Catherine Cloutier | The Boston Globe
Maggie Mulvihill | Boston University

Advanced Database Analysis
Matt Kauffman | Hartford Courant

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Schedule — October 20 (continued)

12:45 - 1:45  Lunch

1:15  Lunch Address
      Bill Buzenberg | Former executive director of the Center for Public Integrity

1:45 - 2:00  Photo

2:00 - 4:00  Digging for Gold in Securities and Exchange Commission Documents
      Todd Wallack | The Boston Globe

4:00 - 4:15  Break

4:15 - 5:15  Break-Out Sessions C
      The Confrontational Interview & Transition to Audio or Video
      R.D. Sahl | Boston University

      Thinking Through a Story From Hunch to Headline While Using Available Databases
      Walter V. Robinson | The Boston Globe

5:15  Concluding Remarks
      Justin Silverman | NEFAC executive director
Truth be told.

The Spotlight team uncovers the stories that demand to be told.

We proudly support the New England First Amendment Coalition in its efforts to provide the tools that help reveal the truth.

To read the Spotlight team’s award-winning coverage, visit BostonGlobe.com/Investigations
In late July 2001, the four-member Boston Globe Spotlight Team began an investigation into the serial sexual abuse of children over three decades by one Catholic priest, John Geoghan, and whether there was evidence that Boston’s cardinals and bishops knew of his crimes and did nothing to stop him. The reporters quickly learned that Geoghan was but one of scores of priests whose molestation of children had been covered up by Church officials, often by making "hush" payments to the victims. For several months, working in secret, the team interviewed scores of victims and obtained incriminating Church personnel documents laying out the cover-up in damning detail. When the Globe began publishing Spotlight’s work in January 2002, hundreds of victims in Boston alone came forward, and thousands more across the country and around the world as the scandal spread, even reaching into the Vatican itself. In all, nearly 250 priests just in the Boston Archdiocese were proven to have abused children, and more than 8,000 in the United States. In 2003, the team’s work won the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service. A movie about their reporting, "Spotlight," will be released in theatres nationwide starting on November 6.

SACHA PFEIFFER
Reporter,
The Boston Globe
Sacha Pfeiffer is a columnist and reporter covering nonprofits, philanthropy and wealth, and was on the Spotlight investigative team that won the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for its stories on clergy sex abuse. She has also been a senior reporter and host of “All Things Considered,” and “Radio Boston” at WBUR, Boston’s NPR station, and a host of NPR’s nationally syndicated “On Point” and “Here & Now.” At WBUR she won a national Edward R. Murrow Award for broadcast reporting. Pfeiffer was a John S. Knight journalism fellow at Stanford University and co-authored “Betrayal: The Crisis in the Catholic Church.”

MIKE REZENDES
Reporter,
The Boston Globe
Michael Rezende is a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter and political writer for The Boston Globe. Since joining the Globe he has played a key role in many of its most significant investigations, including those probing the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, financial corruption in the nation’s charitable foundations, and the plight of mentally ill state prisoners. As a member of the Globe Spotlight Team, he shared a 2003 Pulitzer Prize for investigating the cover-up of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church. Rezendes and the Spotlight Team were also Pulitzer Prize finalists for a series of stories on unscrupulous debt collectors. More recently, Rezendes exposed the deaths of three mental health patients at Bridgewater State Hospital due to the illegal use of isolation and restraints. His stories resulted in reforms, the appointment of a new commissioner at the Department of Correction, and criminal indictments against three prison guards who stand accused of killing a patient.

WALTER V.
ROBINSON
Editor at Large,
The Boston Globe
Walter V. Robinson is editor at large at The Boston Globe. Robinson, who led the Boston Globe Spotlight Team that won the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for its investigation of the sexual abuse of children by Catholic priests, returned in 2014 to the newspaper after seven years as Distinguished Professor of Journalism at Northeastern University. In the mid-1970s Robinson covered politics and government for the Globe, and went on to cover the White House and presidential elections in 1984, 1988, 1992 and 2000. In 1990 and 1991, he served as the Globe’s Middle East Bureau chief during the first Persian Gulf War. In 1992, Robinson became the Globe’s city editor, and then for three years the metro editor. As a journalism professor, Robinson and his investigative reporting students produced 26 Page One investigative stories for The Boston Globe. Robinson is a 1974 graduate of Northeastern University, which awarded him an honorary Doctorate of Journalism in 2005. He has been a journalism fellow at Stanford and a four-time juror for the Pulitzer Prize investigative reporting award. He is co-author of "Betrayal: Crisis in the Catholic Church."
2015 NEFAI Faculty

MIKE BEAUDET
Investigative Reporter/Professor, Northeastern University

Investigative reporter Mike Beaudet worked for FOX25 from 1996 until September of this year. He recently left to focus on teaching investigative journalism at Northeastern University, where he is a professor of the practice and oversees a team of student journalists. The Northeastern investigative reporting team revealed how the Massachusetts ban on texting and driving is ineffective and also exposed problems with faulty ankle bracelets worn by accused and convicted criminals in Massachusetts. He began his career at FOX25 as a general assignment reporter and is best known for his groundbreaking investigative work with Fox Undercover. Beaudet has won 15 New England Emmys, most recently in 2014 for a series of reports exposing government dysfunction. In 2013, Beaudet and his team were once again recognized for Outstanding Investigative Report for a compilation of stories. One of those reports showed the public, for the first time, video of a disabled student receiving painful electric shocks at the controversial Judge Rotenberg Center. Beaudet’s reporting has also been repeatedly recognized by The Associated Press and the Radio Television Digital News Association. In 2011, he and his team were awarded an Associated Press Award and an Edward R. Murrow Award for investigative reporting for their investigation of a state worker who ran marathons while claiming to be too injured to work. In 2005, Beaudet and the FOX25 investigative unit were awarded the prestigious Award of Excellence by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the highest honor given at MADD’s National Media Awards for coverage of drunk driving and underage drinking issues. Prior to FOX25, Beaudet, a Massachusetts native, worked at WMUR-TV in Manchester, N.H., and at WLBZ-TV in Bangor, Maine. He has also worked for Urban News Service, covering politics at the Massachusetts State House for radio stations across New England. Beaudet is a graduate of Emerson College and earned his master’s degree from Northeastern University.

BEAU BERMAN
Reporter, WTAE-Pittsburgh

Beau Berman is a Pittsburgh native who grew up in Shadyside, attending Schenley High School and Penn State University and now serves as a general assignment reporter at WTAE TV. He is a three-time Edward R. Murrow Award-winning and four-time Emmy nominated reporter who returned home after reporting in Texas and Connecticut. Berman was one of the first reporters at Sandy Hook Elementary School after the tragedy and also reported from the shoreline as Hurricane Sandy pummeled Connecticut in 2012. In 2013, he also broke the story of Justina Pelletier, launching a national discussion about parental rights and medical/government intervention. His reporting on the 16-month custody battle earned him a 2014 Edward R. Murrow Award for Investigative Reporting and 2015 Edward R. Murrow Award for Continuing Coverage. In Texas, his series of reports on a loophole in fire extinguisher laws led directly to passage of a new state law, called the “Ariel Corley Memorial Act,” named for a teen who died in a car fire. The reporting earned him a 2011 Edward R. Murrow Award for Investigative Reporting. Also in Texas, Berman interviewed oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens and the real-life Erin Brockovich. In 2011, Berman was interviewed by the national NPR radio show “This American Life” about his role in breaking several stories related to the retaliatory arrest and trial of two nurses. He was one of 12 American journalists selected in fall 2012 as a RIAS Berlin Kommission Fellow, spending two weeks in Germany, Belgium and the Czech Republic. In his free time, Berman enjoys travel, thus far visiting 15 countries on three continents, including Portugal, Switzerland and Zimbabwe. He’s a former ice hockey player who now spends downtime on the basketball court or on the pavement training for his third marathon. Berman lives with his dog Benny in Pittsburgh’s east end.

Featured Speaker

JENNIFER BERRY HAWES
Reporter, The Post and Courier

Jennifer Berry Hawes is a projects writer for The Post and Courier who worked on the Pulitzer Prize-winning team that produced “Till Death Do Us Part.” During her stints focusing on health care, religion, courts, features and education reporting, she has won numerous national awards. They include a George Polk Award, National Headliner Award and an ASNE Award for Local Accountability Reporting. She also is a past South Carolina Journalist of the Year and the Religion Writers Association’s Cornell Reporter of the Year. Today, she works on the newspaper’s Watchdog & Public Service Team.

ROBERT A. BERTSCHE
Partner, Prince Lobel Tye LLP

Robert A. Bertsche represents companies and individuals engaged in online, print, and electronic media, including newspapers, magazines, websites, bloggers, book publishers, broadcasters, and filmmakers, among others. A partner at the Boston law firm of Prince Lobel Tye LLP, he serves as outside general counsel to the New England Newspaper and Press Association and the New England First Amendment Coalition, and is on legal advisory board to the Student Press Law Center. He chairs Prince Lobel’s media and intellectual property practice groups, which provide services including prepublication and pre-broadcast review; litigation and advice in
such areas as libel, access, privacy, reporters’ privilege, copyright and trademark infringement; and counsel on issues including website compliance, social media, sweepstakes, and advertising. He works closely with Prince Lobel’s employment, corporate, insurance, criminal law, and real estate lawyers to provide a wide gamut of services to media clients nationwide. A graduate of Wesleyan University and Harvard Law School, Bertsche worked as a daily newspaper reporter and magazine editor before deciding his future might be brighter as a lawyer. He has been listed as one of the “Best Lawyers in America” every year since 2006, and has been repeatedly granted “super lawyer” status as well. He is an adjunct faculty member at Boston College, where he teaches communication law.

DIETER BRADBURY
Deputy Managing Editor / News, Portland Press Herald / Sunday Maine Telegram

Dieter Bradbury is deputy managing editor/news at the Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram. He oversees the paper’s city desk and metro coverage, and directs several special beat reporters assigned to health care, energy, the environment, state government and Maine’s delegation in Washington, D.C. He also leads the database team in producing databases and data visualizations for the newspaper’s web products. Before he became an editor in 2010, Bradbury worked for 21 years as a reporter at the Press Herald, covering the municipal, public safety, general assignment and environmental beats. His reporting work has won numerous awards from the Maine Press Association, and he was a finalist for the national Edward J. Meeman and John B. Oakes awards in 1997 for a series of stories on the threat of mercury pollution to the Maine environment. Bradbury is the editor of a year-long special project on the aging of Maine’s population, The Challenge of Our Age, which won national awards this year from the Scripps Howard Foundation, the Society of Features Journalism and Associated Press Media Editors. He attended the University of Redlands in California and is a 1980 graduate of the University of Southern Maine with a degree in communication.

“Talk of the Nation,” as well as the expansion of “All Things Considered” and the extension of NPR’s newscasts services to 24 hours a day. During his tenure, the NPR news division was honored with nine DuPont-Columbia Batons and 10 Peabody Awards. He was also senior vice president of news at American Public Media / Minnesota Public Radio from 1998-2006. Buzenberg launched American RadioWorks, public radio’s major documentary and investigative journalism unit, and “Speaking of Faith,” public radio’s signature program on religion. He also began Public Insight Journalism, an innovative use of technology to draw knowledge from the audience. A former Peace Corps volunteer, Buzenberg has won numerous awards, including the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award, public radio's highest honor. He was co-editor of the memoirs of the late CBS News President Richard Salant (“Salant, CBS, and the Battle for the Soul of Broadcast Journalism”). A graduate of Kansas State University, Buzenberg has also been a fellow at the University of Michigan, the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, and the Institute of Politics at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government as well as a 2015 fellow at the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy.

Peter J. Caruso, Sr., has represented the media in some of the most high-profile court cases in Massachusetts history since 1977. Caruso has represented print professionals in a vast spectrum of media litigation, including defamation, media and the Internet law, newspaper access, advertising acceptance, news reporting, copyright and publications law. A Massachusetts Bar fellow and a member of the American Bar Association and its Forum on Communications Law, Caruso has argued cases before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, and the U.S. Court of Appeals. Caruso has also represented media organizations throughout New England, including the New England Newspaper Association and the New England Press Association, and was media counsel in the Willie Horton, Pam Smart, and Alan Eagleson cases. Caruso has been inducted into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame.

JOSEPH V. CAVANAUGH, JR.
Managing Partner, Blish & Cavanagh

Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr., is managing partner for the Providence, R.I.-based law firm, Blish & Cavanagh. An expert in civil litigation, Cavanagh has advised print and broadcast media clients on litigation avoidance, libel and slander actions, obtaining media access to judicial proceedings and court/government documents, freedom of information laws, public access law and prior restraint. Cavanagh is a frequent lecturer and speaker, and has participated in
Catherine Cloutier uses data to tell stories and create multimedia projects for The Boston Globe. Previously, she was a local news producer for Boston.com and covered crime and breaking news for the Erie (Penn.) Times-News. Cloutier is a graduate of Boston College and the University of Southern California’s Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, where she participated in the Annenberg Graduate and News21 fellowship programs.

Alyssa M. Dandrea has been the cops and courts reporter at The Keene Sentinel in Keene, N.H., since August 2013. She previously covered local news at the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript in Peterborough N.H., where she earned the 2012 Rookie of the Year Award from the N.H. Press Association for excellence in her first year of professional reporting. She has also won awards from the association in the following reporting categories: business, education, investigative, crime and feature writing. Dandrea graduated from Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, N.H., in 2011 with a B.A. in mass communication, with concentrations in journalism and media studies. As a university senior, she received the Marlin Fitzwater Medallion for contributions to the public discourse. She is a Vermont native.

Lynne Delucia is the editor and co-founder of the Connecticut Health Investigative Team, an in-depth news website focusing on issues of health and safety. Prior to launching C-HIT.org in December 2010, DeLucia worked at the Hartford Courant for 17 years, holding the positions of assistant bureau chief, bureau chief, state editor and an assistant managing editor. DeLucia was the supervising editor of the Courant’s team coverage of the Connecticut lottery shootings, which won the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for breaking news. Before joining the Courant, she worked at the New Haven Register as a reporter and city editor. DeLucia is a board member of the New England First Amendment Coalition. In 2014, she was inducted into the Society of Professional Journalists CT Chapter Hall of Fame and also received the Judith Vance Weldon Brown Spirit of Journalism Award from the New England Society of News Editors.

Michael Donoghue has been an award-winning news and sports writer for the Burlington Free Press for over 40 years. Most recently, he was selected as the 2013 New England Journalist of the Year from the New England Society of News Editors and in 2015 received the Matthew Lyon First Amendment Award. Donoghue has been an adjunct professor of journalism and mass communications at St. Michael’s College in Colchester, Vt., since 1985. Donoghue served as an officer, including executive director, with the Vermont Press Association from 1979 to 2015. He is a former board member for the New England Press Association and has served continuously as state chairman of Project Sunshine in Vermont since it was started by the Society of Professional Journalists in 1990. Donoghue is often credited as being a driving force behind the improvement to Vermont’s open government (public records and meetings) legislation. He has made his own successful legal arguments to judges about keeping courtrooms open and not sealing court documents. Donoghue and the Free Press have been honored for his work on a local, state, regional and national level. Donoghue was selected in 2007 as the winner of the Yankee Quill Award, the top lifetime honor for print and electronic journalism in New England. He has been inducted into five Halls of Fame, including as a charter member for the New England Press Association’s Hall of Fame and as a charter member for the Society of Professional Journalists/National Freedom of Information Coalition Hall of Fame.

Ian Donnis has been the political reporter for Rhode Island Public Radio since 2009. The Washington Post has called him one of Rhode Island’s best political reporters. Besides reporting, Donnis tweets at @IanDon, hosts RIPR’s weekly “Political Roundtable,” and contributes to the station’s On Politics blog at ripr.org/programs/politics. He was for many years a regular panelist on WPR/WNAC-TV’s “Newsmakers,” is an occasional guest on RI-PBS’s “A Lively Experiment,” and has been a political debate panelist for each of Rhode Island’s three commercial television stations. Donnis previously worked for the Providence Phoenix, the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, and The Associated Press.

Sean F. Driscoll is a reporter for the Cape Cod Times in Hyannis, covering the towns of Mashpee and Falmouth, including the Woods Hole scientific community. A 2000 graduate of Indiana University, he has worked at the Marion (Ind.) Chronicle-Tribune, the Rockford
(Ill.) Register Star and as a freelancer before joining the Times in June 2013. Driscoll's reporting has included coverage of the ongoing battle over municipal wind turbines in Falmouth, public records issues involving police discipline, a dispute over an oyster farm in Pponessett Bay and the re-opening of Penikese Island as a treatment center for troubled boys. In 2014, he launched a nonprofit index in the Times, using publicly available tax returns to develop a tracking system for Cape Cod's 50 largest nonprofits, which includes more than 2,000 data points related to their financial performance. The index was used as a launch pad for news coverage on the Cape's nonprofit industry. He's reported on municipal and state pension systems in Illinois, public employee unions and covered police and courts, including one death penalty case.

THOMAS FIEDLER
Dean, Boston University
College of Communication

Tom Fiedler began his tenure as dean of the College of Communication on June 1, 2008, following a distinguished career in journalism. After graduating from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy with a bachelor's in engineering, he earned a master's in journalism at Boston University. Later, he joined the Miami Herald, where he would work for more than 30 years, as an investigative reporter, a political columnist, the editorial page editor, and finally, the executive editor, from 2001 to 2007. In 1988, Fiedler received the Society of Professional Journalists' top award for coverage of that year's presidential campaign highlighted by his reporting on Gary Hart's campaign-killing affair with a Miami model. As the newspaper's executive editor, Fiedler was a stickler for journalism ethics, particularly after reporters working for the Herald's Spanish-language sister publication, El Nuevo Herald, were found to be on the payroll of a U.S. government-owned anti-Castro news service in 2006. Fiedler also pushed his reporters and editors to embrace the Internet as a critical means of news delivery, rather than as just an appendage of the newspaper. He has also embraced new media as a Visiting Murrow Lecturer and Goldsmith Fellow at Harvard University's Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics, and Public Policy, where he investigated the impact of the Web on the presidential primary system and taught a graduate course on the intersection of media, politics and public policy. In addition, Fiedler co-directed a project, sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation and the Knight Foundation, exploring the future of journalism education. In 2003, Fiedler received a BU College of Communication Distinguished Alumni Award, and in 2005, the college presented him with the Hugo Shong Lifetime Achievement Award in Journalism. In 2006, he was elected a member of BU’s Board of Overseers.

CINDY GALLI
Producer, ABC News

Cindy Galli is an award-winning investigative producer at ABC News with a specialty in consumer investigations. She has spent her entire career reporting on issues that affect consumers — first at KGO-TV in San Francisco, then “Inside Edition.” At ABC News, she covers everything from ineffective product recalls to abusive debt collectors. She also heads up collaborative investigative projects between ABC and network affiliates around the country.

ALLEN GILBERT
Executive Director,
ACLU of Vermont

Allen Gilbert has been executive director of the ACLU of Vermont since 2004. Before that he worked in journalism, as a reporter and then city editor at the Rutland Herald and as assistant editor of the Sunday Herald-Times Argus. He taught writing at several Vermont colleges, and lived abroad for three years, teaching American studies at a German university. For 14 years he was a principal in PressKit of Montpelier, a communications and public policy research firm. Gilbert has also been a commentator on Vermont Public Radio. He holds a bachelor’s degree in history from Harvard and a master’s degree in education from the College of William and Mary.

MATTHEW KAUFFMAN
Reporter, Hartford Courant

Matthew Kaufman has been a reporter at the Hartford Courant since 1986 and is currently assigned to the paper’s investigative desk, where he works on longer-term projects, from deaths in group homes to racial profiling in traffic stops. He also specializes in computer-assisted reporting and manages the newsroom’s databases and Intranet. His blog, The Scoop, covers investigative and data-driven journalism and is home to Claim Check, the Courant’s political ad fact-checking column. He also serves as an advisor to the reporting staff on freedom of information issues. In 2007, Kaufman was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Investigative Reporting for a series he co-authored on mentally ill troops sent to war. He has also received a Polk Award, the Selden Ring Award, the Worth Bingham Prize and the Heywood Broun Award, and has twice been a finalist for the Gerald Loeb Award. He was also named a “master reporter” by the New England Society of Newspaper Editors. Outside the paper, Kaufman teaches investigative reporting at Quinnipiac University.

LAUREN HARPER
Associate FOIA Project Director,
National Security Archive

Lauren Harper is the associate FOIA project director at the National Security Archive, focusing on FOIA advocacy and open government, as well as on U.S.-Iraq relations. Harper has been with the Archive since 2011. She co-authored several of the Archive’s renowned FOIA audits, including 2015’s “Most Agencies Falling Short on Mandate for Online Records,” and 2014’s “Half of Federal Agencies Still Use Outdated Freedom of Information Regulations.” Harper has co-edited or contributed to several National Security Archive Electronic Briefing Books, and writes regularly for the Archive’s blog, Unredacted. In addition, she works with senior analyst Joyce Battle on the Archive’s document collection on U.S. policy towards Iraq. She holds a master of arts degree in Middle Eastern studies and a master of public policy degree, both from the University of Chicago, and received her bachelor of arts from Scripps College.
JAMES KIMBLE
Correspondent, The Boston Globe and Union Leader

James Kimble is a correspondent for The Boston Globe and the New Hampshire Union Leader. He covers breaking news, criminal trials and legal issues in New Hampshire. He also writes about newsmakers in the world of politics and stories about the first-in-the-nation primary for the Globe’s weekly political section, Capital. He has previously worked at The Eagle-Tribune where he reported on the Bayview Crematorium scandal and New Hampshire’s first death penalty case in 50 years.

JOE MAHR
Reporter, Chicago Tribune

Joe Mahr is an investigative reporter focusing on regional reporting for the Chicago Tribune. A 1994 graduate of Ohio University, he worked at newspapers in Ohio, Illinois, and Missouri before joining the Tribune in 2009. In 2004, he was one of three reporters for the Toledo Blade who were awarded a Pulitzer Prize in investigative reporting for exposing how the Army covered up the longest-known string of war crimes committed by a battle unit in Vietnam. In 2015, he was one of three reporters named finalists for the Pulitzer Prize in local reporting for showing rampant dysfunction in Chicago’s most lawless suburb, and how outside authorities’ actions — or inaction — made things worse.

BILL MALINOWSKI
Reporter, The Providence Journal

Bill Malinowski has been a reporter at The Providence Journal for 28 years and covered a wide range of topics. He is currently consulting with HBO to produce a film based on his reporting on organized crime. Malinowski received the Master Reporter Award from the New England Society of Newspaper Editors in May 2014 and was honored with the Sevellon Brown Award last year as the top New England journalist, as judged by The Associated Press. Malinowski began working for the Journal’s investigative team in 1995, taking on a number of big projects related to the corruption scandal involving former Gov. Edward D. DiPrete, the first governor in Rhode Island history to be sent to prison. He also did major investigations on police corruption, organized crime, unsolved murders, and street gangs in Providence. After the investigative team disbanded in 2008, Malinowski moved to the Journal’s justice team and continued digging into interesting stories. He spent more than two years covering the demise of Central Falls, the state’s poorest and smallest city, which filed for federal bankruptcy. He quickly discovered that there were many interesting angles to the city’s insolvency. He unearthed widespread abuses in the issuance of disability pensions for police officers and firefighters and learned that three mayors failed to contribute enough money to the retirement plan. In recent months, Malinowski covered Aaron Hernandez, the ex-New England Patriot tight end, who was convicted of first-degree murder.

CAROL MARBIN MILLER
Senior Investigative Reporter, Miami Herald

Carol Marbin Miller is a senior investigative reporter for the Miami Herald, where she has worked since 2000. Marbin Miller holds degrees from Florida State University and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, and has worked at several Florida newspapers, including the Tampa Bay Times and the Palm Beach Post. Marbin Miller has won a number of journalism awards, including the National Newspaper Guild’s Heywood Broun Award, the Society of Professional Journalists’ Eugene S. Pulliam First Amendment Award, the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy at the Kennedy Center at Harvard University’s Goldsmith Prize for Investigative Reporting, the Nieman Foundation’s Worth Bingham Prize for Investigative Journalism, the USC Annenberg Selden Ring Award for Investigative Reporting, the National Headliners’ Award, the Online Journalism Awards’ Knight Award for Public Service, the Green Eyeshade Award, the Sidney Hillman Foundation’s Sidney Award, the Sunshine State Awards’ James Batten Award, and the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors’ Gold Medal for Public Service. A series she co-wrote about assisted living facilities, “Neglected to Death,” was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for public service. Writing largely about children and vulnerable adults — and the state agencies that exist to serve them — Marbin Miller’s stories have often had significant impact: Her work has led to the passage of seven state laws, including measures that reformed the state’s child welfare system, curbed the use of psychiatric drugs among foster children, overhauled the state’s involuntary commitment law, forced the closure of military-style youth boot camps and banned the payment of kickbacks for the referral of psychiatric and substance abuse patients. Marbin Miller’s stories also led to the closure of several privately run psychiatric hospitals and assisted living facilities. One severely disabled teenager was given a new liver after Marbin Miller reported that he had been removed from an organ procurement list because he was in foster care.

JENIFER MCKIM
Reporter, New England Center for Investigative Reporting

Jenifer McKim is the senior investigative reporter at the New England Center for Investigative Reporting, a nonprofit newsroom based at Boston University and WGBH public radio/TV. Her stories on child fatalities and the state Department of Children and Families were recently awarded a 2014 “Publick Occurrences” award from the New England Newspaper and Press Association. Before joining NECIR in September 2013, McKim worked as a social issues and business reporter at The Boston Globe, where she started in 2008. There she received a 2011 Casey Medal for Meritorious Journalism for a story on domestic sex trafficking of minors and a second place nod for the 2013 Casey Medal for Meritorious Journalism chronicling a federal investigation into a global child pornography network. Prior to joining the Globe, McKim worked on the investigative team at the Orange County Register in California where she led a group of reporters to write about lead-tainted imported Mexican candies. The project created awareness about a growing public health threat and was a finalist for the 2005 Pulitzer Prize in Public Service.
Michael Morisy is the founder of collaborative investigative news site MuckRock.com. The site helps anyone file, track, and share public records requests, and has launched major investigations into police militarization, government waste, and prison privatization. Morisy recently finished up his term as a John S. Knight Journalism Fellow at Stanford University. Previously, Morisy was an editor at The Boston Globe, where he launched the technology news site Beta-Boston. Morisy was also a network fellow at the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University.

Eric Moskowitz is a metro reporter for The Boston Globe, specializing in features and enterprise projects. His 2014 story uncovering the long trail of violence, without consequences, that preceded Jared Remy’s murder of Jennifer Martel was a finalist for this year’s IRE Tom Renner Award. He also finished second in the 2015 National Headliner Awards (for feature writing on a variety of subjects by an individual), for the second consecutive year. Prior to aging out this year, he was a two-time finalist for the Livingston Award for Young Journalists. A member of the Globe staff since 2007, Moskowitz contributed to the paper’s Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage of the 2013 attack on the Boston Marathon. He landed the first interview with the Chinese start-up entrepreneur carjacked by the Tsarnaev brothers, and in the years since he has written a series of stories about survivors of the bombing. He previously covered suburban news and breaking news and spent three years on the transportation beat, where he tried with limited success to find time for fun slice-of-life stories (a day in the life of an MBTA customer service representative, a ride-along in the annual bus driver competition known as the “Roadeo”) amid the daily grind of chronicling failing infrastructure and budget deficits. Before joining the Globe, Moskowitz spent nearly two years with The (New Bedford) Standard-Times and four with the Concord Monitor in New Hampshire, where he covered local news and features as well as state politics and parts of two presidential primaries, while earning community newspaper reporter of the year honors from the New England Society of Newspaper Editors. A native of Needham, Mass., and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Moskowitz started as a sports writer, covering the the Cape League in 2000 as an intern for the Cape Cod Times. Reassigned to news the next summer as an Arizona Republic intern, he discovered the pleasure of writing about life beyond the press box, though he still sometimes writes about sports.

Maggie Mulvihill is a clinical professor of journalism at Boston University and a former media lawyer. Mulvihill serves on the Steering Committee of the Reporter’s Committee for Freedom of the Press in Washington, D.C. She was a 2004-2005 fellow at the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University, focusing on government secrecy and its implications for news organizations. Mulvihill is active in freedom of information and open government issues and serves on the board of directors of the New England First Amendment Coalition. She is co-founder and former co-director of the New England Center for Investigative Reporting and is an award-winning journalist with more than 20 years experience in print and broadcast reporting in New England. Mulvihill has taught journalism at the Harvard University Summer School and Emerson College and is currently a fellow at the Hariri Institute for Computing and Computational Science and Engineering, where she is working to build a computational journalism program at BU. In 2014, she was appointed to the U.S. Freedom of Information Act Advisory Committee.

Colleen Murphy is the executive director and general counsel of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission. Previously, she served as managing director and associate general counsel of the commission and was responsible for strategic planning and the legal and administrative operations of the commission. For a period in 2005, she also served as the interim general counsel of Connecticut’s newly formed Office of State Ethics. She was the general secretary and a member of the Organizing Committee of the National Privacy and Public Policy Symposium. Murphy is also a director of the Connecticut Foundation for Open Government, Inc. She has taught a course on privacy law at the University of Connecticut and co-taught a course on comparative freedom of information law at the University of Connecticut Law School. Murphy is a member of the executive committee of the Connecticut Bar Association’s Administrative Law Section and a member of the association’s Media and the Law Committee. She is a member of the Connecticut Information Policy Planning Committee and the Steering Committee of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws. In addition, Murphy is a Connecticut Bar Foundation James W. Cooper Fellow. In 2008, she was recognized by the Connecticut Law Tribune as one of the high-achieving “Women in the Law” in Connecticut.

R.D. Sahl joined Boston University after more than 40 years in broadcast journalism. He was evening anchor at Boston-based New England Cable News Network — the largest regional news network in the country. He has anchored and reported for television stations in Los Angeles and Hartford, Conn. He began his career in radio in his hometown of Boulder, Colo. Sahl’s assignments have taken him to stories down the block and around the world. He’s reported from Haiti, Japan, Cuba, the former Soviet Union, Poland, France, Germany, Italy and The Holy See. His work has been honored with numerous regional Emmy awards.
ANNA SCHECTER
Investigative Producer, NBC

Anna Schecter is an award-winning producer for NBC News known for her investigations that expose abuse of power here in the United States and abroad. She won two Emmy Awards, a Peabody, and a George Polk Award for her reporting on rape and sexual assault of Peace Corps volunteers, the organization’s inadequate support for victims, and its “blame-the-victim” mentality. The investigation led to a congressional probe and a bill signed into law that mandates better protection of volunteers. Schecter has investigated unsafe working conditions in Bangladesh factories that manufacture clothing for American brands and corrupt African dictators who were invited to the White House. She was the first to confront Naomi Campbell about “blood diamonds” that Liberian warlord Charles Taylor gave to her, and her interview was broadcast during Taylor’s war crimes trial. Schecter has reported on human rights abuses in China and won an Overseas Press Club Citation for Excellence for her work exposing the black market trade of Chinese bodies used in museum exhibitions around the United States. Schecter did her graduate work at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies campus in Nanjing, China. She received her bachelor’s degree in Mandarin and French from Middlebury College.

SIGMUND D. SCHUTZ
Partner, PretiFlaherty

In addition to a practice focus on environmental law and civil litigation, Sigmund D. Schutz also concentrates in media law as an attorney for the Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram and for print and broadcast media in Northern New England. He is a partner at PretiFlaherty in Portland, Maine. In the realm of media law, Schutz’s victories include: winning a First Amendment challenge to closed jury selection in the Kennebunk Zumba prostitution case, defending eight media organizations in federal court against claims of libel, invasion of privacy, and violation of civil rights, and winning access to state and federal public records and the dismissal of claims by a celebrity chef against a New York Times reporter. Schutz is listed in the “Best Lawyers in America in First Amendment Law,” and writes the Maine chapters of the Media Law Resource Center’s 50-state “Survey of Media Libel Law” and the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press Open Government Guide. In addition to serving as a director of NEFAC, Schutz is also the clerk of the Maine Freedom of Information Coalition and is a fellow of both the Litigation Counsel of America and the Maine Bar Foundation.

EMILY SHAW
Deputy Policy Director, Sunlight Foundation

Emily Shaw is the deputy policy director at the Sunlight Foundation, where she helps the organization lead the charge to make useful public information available online. Shaw writes and speaks regularly on topics related to public data access. She has presented before a wide variety of local and national audiences and regularly provides insights to media outlets across the country. Before coming to the Sunlight Foundation, Shaw served as a professor of political science at Thomas College in Waterville, Maine. She has worked for a range of civil and human rights organizations including Human Rights Watch, the ACLU, the American Friends Service Committee and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Shaw holds a Ph.D. in political science (UC Berkeley) and retains a great love for formal academics, but now sees the blog as her classroom and the world as her library.

GREGORY V. SULLIVAN
President, Malloy & Sullivan Lawyers Professional Corp.

Gregory V. Sullivan has served as general counsel for the Union Leader Corporation for the past 35 years. He also currently serves on the New Hampshire Supreme Court’s Committee on the Judiciary and the Media, as well as the Committee for Public Access to Courts, and is president of the Hingham, Mass.-based media law firm, Malloy & Sullivan. Sullivan has argued before the New Hampshire Supreme Court in several landmark First Amendment and public access cases. He has appeared with media and First Amendment experts on a special media segment for WSBE, Rhode Island’s PBS station. He is also an instructor at the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications in Manchester, N.H., and a faculty member of Suffolk University Law School in Boston, where he teaches First Amendment and media law.

LOU URENECK
Journalism Professor, Boston University

Lou Ureneck’s most recent book, “The Great Fire,” tells the story of the American rescue of tens of thousands of refugees from the first genocide of the 20th Century. Publisher’s Weekly praised it as “fresh, haunting and potent.” Ureneck’s previous books are “Backcast,” which won the National Outdoor Book Award for literary merit, and “Cabin,” which has been called a modern-day Walden. A former Nieman Fellow, Fulbright Fellow and editor at the Portland Press Herald and Philadelphia Inquirer, Ureneck is a professor of journalism at Boston University, where he specializes in business and economics reporting.

TODD WALLACK
Reporter, The Boston Globe

Todd Wallack is an investigative reporter for The Boston Globe’s Spotlight Team, specializing in data journalism, public records and financial reporting. Wallack was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2013 for his work covering the deadly outbreak of meningitis traced to a specialty pharmacy in Framingham. He has won a number of other awards, including first place from the national Education Writers Association and Association of Health Care Journalists, as well as a “Laurel” from the Columbia Journalism Review. Wallack, a graduate of Northwestern University, has

TIM WHITE
Reporter, WPRI 12

Tim White is an award-winning investigative reporter for the CBS affiliate in Providence, R.I., where he has been since 2006. White is the recipient of three New England Emmy Awards for investigative reporting. He was honored for a 2010 series of stories probing government waste in Rhode Island. He won his second Emmy for 2012 coverage of Providence’s troubled pension system. A 2014 probe into a lack of accountability at a local fire district led to his third Emmy honor. In 2011, he was nominated for another Emmy for his documentary on the 1975 “Bonded Vault” heist and its impact on organized crime. In 2015 White won a regional Edward R. Murrow award for investigative reporting. Prior to joining the Target 12 team, White was the managing editor at WBZ-TV in Boston, the city’s CBS affiliate. White is also the executive producer and host of “Newsmakers” — a weekly current affairs program — and he has moderated many live debates.

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SAMANTHA ALLEN
Reporter, Telegram & Gazette

Samantha Allen is the crime and public safety reporter at the Telegram & Gazette of Worcester, Mass. Before joining the T&G last fall, she worked at newspapers in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire, including The Sun of Lowell and The Telegraph of Nashua. Allen is a graduate of the Ithaca College journalism program at the Roy H. Park School of Communications. In 2014, she received the MacGregor Fiske Award from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts, which recognizes an “outstanding journalist” early in her career. She was also accepted into the 2014 health coverage fellowship at Babson College, sponsored by the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation. Her seven-month long investigation into a police-involved fatal car crash, and her battle for public records regarding a fire chief’s retirement in Westford, Mass., helped the Sun win a first place award in the Right-to-Know category from the New England Newspaper & Press Association in 2014.

JORDAN BAILEY
Reporter, Courier Publications

Jordan Bailey is an investigative reporter for Courier Publications LLC’s three Midcoast Maine newspapers: The Courier Gazette, Camden Herald and The Republican Journal. She began working for the company in 2013 as a copy editor and was soon promoted to reporter covering environmental, education, and municipal beats before volunteering to take the new investigative position the company created in early 2015. One of her investigations, into violations by facilities licensed to discharge wastewater into Penobscot Bay, led to Maine Department of Environmental Protection levying a fine on a Belfast company and requiring that it repair its wastewater system. Some other topics Bailey has investigated include local school concussion management and drug policies, the use of foreign student visa holders by area employers, and the use of inmate labor by local correctional facilities and businesses. Before her time with Courier Publications, Bailey held several jobs ranging from overnight staff at a women’s homeless shelter to Acadia National Park trail crew to environmental educator teaching students in Boston Public Schools and around Mount Desert Island. She also volunteered as reporter and co-editor for a free bimonthly newspaper in Portland, Maine. Bailey holds a degree in philosophy from Boston College. She lives in Belfast, Maine, and enjoys hiking in her spare time.

JEREMY BLACKMAN
Reporter, Concord Monitor

Jeremy Blackman writes about criminal justice and legal affairs for the Concord Monitor. Since joining the paper in 2013, he’s undertaken several enterprise assignments, including multi-day projects on gang activity, homelessness and addiction recovery. He previously worked for the PBS NewsHour and the Point Reyes Light, and graduated from UC Berkeley in 2009 with a degree in human geography.

JENNIFER BOGDAN
Reporter, The Providence Journal

Jennifer Bogdan joined the The Providence Journal in June 2014 as a state house reporter. She has covered Rhode Island’s quest to hang on to a share of gambling revenue, the state budget, the push for marijuana legalization and efforts to reform the child welfare system. She previously covered casinos and tourism for The Press of Atlantic City, including the state’s first foray into legalized online gambling. Her work was recognized by the New Jersey Press Association in 2013 when she was part of a three-person team winning first place for online coverage of the Miss America competition. Her career began at the Observer-Dispatch in Utica, N.Y., where she worked her way up to become the lead investigative reporter and produced a number of pieces on failed flood control efforts in the Mohawk Valley. Bogdan is a native of Trenton, N.J., and has a master’s degree from the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland and a bachelor’s degree from Loyola University Maryland. In her spare time, she enjoys running half marathons and hanging out with her cat, Walter Cronkite.

LINDSAY BOYLE
Reporter, The Day

A graduate of Ohio University’s E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Lindsay Boyle has lived and worked as a journalist in Ohio, New York, Connecticut and Ghana, Africa. Most recently she worked in Utica, N.Y., as an issues and Herkimer County reporter, earning recognition from the state’s Associated Press Association for a feature about a quirky elderly couple living off the grid. Boyle covers cops for The Day and is deeply interested in the way web-based infographic tools, when combined with meaningful databases, can bring a new dimension to stories. She also is a cursed Cleveland sports fan and likely will be quite depressed on day one of the institute — the Browns are playing the Broncos. Smile at her, or something.

APRIL BURBANK
Reporter, Burlington Free Press

April Burbank is an accountability reporter for the Burlington Free Press, focusing on state politics and government. She joined the Burlington Free Press in 2013, shortly after graduating from Wheaton College in Illinois and working at internships at the Washington Examiner and USA Today. April is a native Vermonter and was recently named “Rookie of the Year” for 2013-2014 by the Vermont Press Association.

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SUZANNE CARLSON
Reporter, Hartford Courant

Suzanne Carlson covers West Hartford town news for the Hartford Courant. Carlson has been a reporter at the newspaper since 2013 and she also covered East Hartford. A Connecticut native, Carlson previously wrote for the Journal Inquirer and has reported on crime, politics, and social issues.

JONATHAN DAME
Reporter, Newton TAB

Jonathan Dame is staff reporter for the Newton TAB, covering local government, elections, features and breaking news in Newton, Mass. He previously covered the same topics in Needham, Mass., as a staff reporter for the Needham Times. A Cambridge native, Dame studied sociology, economics and women’s and gender studies at Boston College, earning his bachelor’s degree in 2014.

MEGAN DOYLE
Reporter, Concord Monitor

Megan Doyle has been a reporter at the Concord Monitor in New Hampshire for more than two years. She writes primarily about city government, but also business and social issues like homelessness. Doyle has also worked for the South Bend Tribune in Indiana, NBC News in London and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. A Midwest native, Doyle graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2013. She likes hiking and eating grilled cheese sandwiches.

LOLA DUFFORT
Reporter, Rutland Herald

A recent New England transplant, Lola Duffort is the education reporter for the Rutland Herald in Vermont, one of the country’s oldest family-owned newspapers. She primarily covers rural and urban school districts as they struggle to comply with sweeping new education legislation, but as a staffer at a small daily, her beats also include a quasi-public mental health agency and a resort town’s municipal politics. Born in France, but raised in Florida, she is a graduate of McGill University in Montreal, where she studied philosophy and political science — although the bulk of her education took place at the McGill Daily, where she edited the news section and covered labor and the city’s media landscape. After graduating, she freelanced full-time for the Miami Herald, covering municipal politics in the Miami metropolitan area’s affluent suburbs as well as a scandal-plagued housing authority in the agricultural sector. She has also written a number of crime, business, and health stories. She is most interested in policy reporting, especially where education, labor, inequality, and the environment are concerned.

NICOLE DUNGCA
Reporter, The Boston Globe

Nicol Dungca is the transportation reporter for The Boston Globe. Previously, she covered education at The Oregonian and has also written for The Times-Picayune and The Providence Journal.

LESLEY ENGLE
News Manager, Fox44/ABC22

Lesley Engle is the news manager for Local 44 (WFFF) and Local 22 (WVNY) in Colchester, Vt. She oversees the daily news operations for the two stations, which each have a morning, evening and nighttime news presence in the Burlington, Vt.-Plattsburgh, N.Y., TV market (No. 98 in the nation). The stations are seen from Montreal, throughout Vermont and into portions of New York and New Hampshire. Sometimes the news is non-stop, including the three-week prison break at the Clinton Correctional Facility. Engle approves scripts for newscasts and reporter packages, while working with reporters to improve storytelling. She supervises newsroom personnel and editorial content and also is involved in both short and long-term planning. Engle is called upon to do multiple special projects, including elections — before, during and after. She majored in broadcast journalism and minored in English at Lyndon State College. Engle was hired out of LSC to serve as an assignment editor at WMTW-TV (ABC/ Portland, Maine). She moved to Local 44/Local 22 as the assignment manager and was later elevated to news manager.

JENNA FISHER
Reporter, Brookline TAB

Jenna Fisher has been a general assignment reporter for the Brookline TAB outside of Boston since 2014. Fisher comes to the TAB by way of the Christian Science Monitor, where she worked for a number of years on the national news, the opinion page and on the international news desks editing and overseeing regional coverage for CSMonitor.com and the weekly magazine. Prior to the Monitor, she worked at the Utne Reader. She lived and worked in Kazakhstan as a US Peace Corps volunteer; she also worked for an educational nonprofit. Fisher holds a bachelor’s of science from Virginia Tech, where she worked as a reporter for the Collegiate Times and as editor-in-chief of The Woove magazine. She received her master’s degree from Columbia University’s journalism school.

SUSAN HAIGH
Reporter, The Associated Press

Sue Haigh is the political writer and statehouse reporter for The Associated Press in Hartford, Conn., where she has worked since June 2002. She previously covered the state Capitol for two Connecticut newspapers, The Day of New London and the Norwich Bulletin. Between
the AP and the newspapers, she has covered 21 legislative sessions in Connecticut. Prior to working at the Capitol, Haigh covered the education, municipal government and police/fire beats at the Norwich Bulletin. During her time in Hartford, Haigh covered the corruption investigation and subsequent resignation of former Gov. John G. Rowland; former WWE wrestling executive Linda McMahon’s two failed $50 million races for the U.S. Senate; the aftermath of the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre and its legislative implications, including new gun control and mental health measures; as well as numerous state budget battles and elections. Haigh earned a bachelor’s degree in international relations from Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., where she was editor of the school’s weekly newspaper. She later earned a master’s degree in public policy from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. A native of Vermont, Haigh is an avid skier and can frequently be found on the slopes at Killington when the Connecticut General Assembly isn’t meeting. She lives in Norwich with her husband Jim.

ESTEBAN L. HERNANDEZ
Reporter, New Haven Register

Esteban L. Hernandez is the New Haven City Hall reporter for the New Haven Register. He has been working at the Register since December 2014, joining the metro staff after spending nearly two years working for the Register Citizen in Torrington, Conn. Before joining the New Haven Register, Hernandez reported extensively on heroin use in Litchfield County and on the tax collector in the city of Torrington, which is the only city in the state of Connecticut with a private tax collector. Hernandez is a bilingual reporter (Spanish) who has received three awards from the Connecticut Society of Professional Journalists, including a first-place award for investigative reporting. In addition to his city hall beat, Hernandez is interested in covering the Latino community at-large. Hernandez is a graduate of the University of Colorado.

ALEX KUFFNER
Reporter, The Providence Journal

Alex Kuffner covers energy and the environment for The Providence Journal. He joined the Journal’s staff in 2000 and has worked in the paper’s South County and East Bay bureaus, on the Politifact Rhode Island desk and on the business staff. A native of Sydney, Australia, Kuffner grew up in Hong Kong and has an undergraduate degree in East Asian studies and a graduate degree in journalism, both from Columbia University. He was a 2005 fellow with the International Reporting Project, in which he traveled to India to report on water shortages, and a 2010 fellow at the Metcalf Institute for Marine and Environmental Reporting’s annual science workshop.

COURTNEY LAMDIN
Editor and Reporter, Milton Independent

Courtney Lamdin is editor and reporter at the weekly Milton Independent newspaper, covering anything from crime and local government to profiles on local personalities. After graduating with a journalism degree from St. Michael’s College, Lamdin landed in Milton, where she’s worked for six years, the last five as editor. Her work has earned numerous accolades from the Vermont Press Association and New England Newspaper & Press Association. She also represents Northwest Vermont on the VPA board and serves on the Town of Milton Economic Development Commission as a business representative. Lamdin has also worked as a part-time adjunct professor at her alma mater, where she oversaw production of the same college newspaper she once served as editor. In her daily job, Lamdin is constantly amazed by total strangers’ willingness to share their stories, and she believes there’s always one to tell. She thanks her mom for urging her to take that journalism elective in high school, where her reading of “All the President’s Men” catapulted her on a mission to hold leaders accountable and seek out the truth. When she’s not on deadline, Lamdin enjoys hanging out with her cat, cooking a mean chili and watching true crime documentaries.

STEPH MACHADO
Reporter, WPRO-Providence

Steph Machado is a reporter for WPRI in Providence, R.I. A Boston-area native, Machado started her career in Burlington, Vt., where she was the state house reporter for WVNY and WFFF. There, Machado covered political stories including Bernie Sanders’ presidential bid, the passage of historic GMO labeling legislation and the sexual assault arrest of a state senator. Machado carries her own camera and, most memorably, traveled one-woman-band style to Washington, D.C., earlier this year to interview Sanders one-on-one before his presidential campaign announcement. Machado is a 2013 graduate of the Newhouse School at Syracuse University with degrees in broadcast journalism and Spanish language. She loves open government and holding politicians accountable.
ALLISON MANNING
Senior Writer, Boston.com

As a senior writer for Boston.com, Allison Manning writes about the intersection of crime, the courts, policing and drug addiction. She’s written about a police chief abandoning the battle on heroin users, the rape trial of a prep school graduate, a police officer who threatened to shoot a wrong-way driver in the head, and Massachusetts’ woeful public records laws. Prior to returning to Boston, she spent five years working for The Columbus Dispatch in Ohio, where she wrote about kids and guns, how violence affects families, and several large police departments, all while documenting about 100 murders a year. She won news-writing awards from The Associated Press in 2013 and 2014. A Boston University graduate, she got her first job as a reporter at The Patriot Ledger in Quincy, Mass. She loves data, public records, her fiancée and her dog — in roughly that order.

JORDAN MAYBLUM
Reporter, Wellesley Townsmn

Jordan Mayblum has been reporting for the Wellesley (Mass.) Townsmn for approximately 2.5 years, covering the town government, schools and the people of one of Boston’s more affluent suburbs. In his time in Wellesley he’s reported on everything from complex, document-sourced stories about an unpopular school staffing change to the viral story of a Boston Marathon runner who, after flipping Wellesley’s “kissing” tradition upside down, launched a search to find the mystery man she kissed during the race. Prior to joining the Townsmn, Mayblum attended Lasell College in Newton, Mass., after living in the Baltimore area for most of his life: Yes, he’s a Ravens fan. No, he’s not sorry about it.

JAN RANSOM
Reporter, The Boston Globe

Jan Ransom covers the Boston Police Department and crime for The Boston Globe. Ransom joined the Globe earlier this year following a stint in her hometown as a reporter for the New York Daily News. Her career began shortly after she graduated from Howard University in 2010 when she was hired as an intern at the Philadelphia Daily News. Ransom would go on to become one of the paper’s police reporters and later a City Hall reporter where she covered the mayor, city council and various government agencies. After three years, Ransom moved onto the New York Daily News where she covered upper Manhattan neighborhoods and wrote about politics, police, development and more. Ransom hopes to continue to hone her investigative skills and keep the public informed by shedding light on important matters concerning how government works.

DAVE SHERWOOD
Reporter, Reuters and the Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting

Dave Sherwood reports for Reuters from Maine and eastern Canada. He is also a regular contributor to the Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting, a non-partisan, non-profit group of investigative journalists based in Hallowell, Maine. His reporting from the U.S., Canada and Latin America has been featured in The New York Times, The Miami Herald, the Christian Science Monitor, Maine Public Radio and PRI’s “The World,” among others. Sherwood is a native Spanish and English speaker and previously worked for five years as a journalist based in San José, Costa Rica. He began his career more than a decade ago as the outdoor writer for the Kennebec Journal and Central Maine Morning Sentinel in Augusta, Maine.

PATRICK SKAHILL
Reporter, WNPR Connecticut

Patrick Skahill is a reporter at WNPR. He covers science with an emphasis on health care and the environment. Prior to becoming a reporter, he was the founding producer of WNPR’s “The Colin McEnroe Show,” which began in 2009 and won a PRNDI award in 2011. Skahill’s reporting has appeared on NPR’s “Morning Edition,” “Here & Now,” and “All Things Considered.” He worked for two years as a print reporter at Stonebridge Press in Massachusetts, where he covered crime and education.

ROBERT WOLFE
Staff Writer, Valley News

Rob Wolfe is a staff writer at the daily Valley News, where he chases breaking stories and features alike in Vermont and New Hampshire. He has reported on local government, presidential politics, labor disputes, shaky investments by town governments, undocumented immigrants, fraternity branding, and the world’s (maybe) most overqualified shoe-shine man. He studied feature writing at Columbia University’s journalism school.

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