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SCHEDULE

Luncheon Begins	12:30
Welcoming Remarks	12:40
Thomas Fiedler, former NEFAC president and dean of the Boston University College of Communication	
Introduction of Emcee	
Luncheon Served	12:45
Presentation of the Antonia Orfield Citizenship Award	1:00
Acceptance and remarks by 2018 Citizenship Award recipient Hyde Square Task Force	
Presentation of the Michael Donoghue Freedom of Information Award	1:15
Acceptance and remarks by 2018 FOI Award recipient Todd Wallack of The Boston Globe	
Presentation of the Stephen Hamblett First Amendment Award	1:35
Acceptance and remarks by 2018 First Amendment Award recipient Jane Mayer of The New Yorker	
Closing Remarks	2:00



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ABOUT THE NEW ENGLAND FIRST AMENDMENT COALITION

Mission

The goal of the New England First Amendment Coalition is to defend, promote and expand public access to government and the work it does. The coalition is a broad-based organization of people who believe in the power of transparency in a democratic society. Its members include lawyers, journalists, historians, librarians and academics, as well as private citizens and organizations whose core beliefs include the principles of the First Amendment. The coalition aspires to advance and protect the five freedoms of the First Amendment, and the principle of the public's right to know, in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. In collaboration with other like-minded advocacy organizations, NEFAC also seeks to advance understanding of the First Amendment across the nation and freedom of speech and press issues around the world.

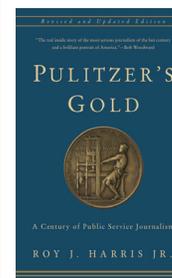
History

NEFAC was formed in 2006 by a group of journalists concerned that

citizens, to say nothing of reporters, are routinely denied access to the work of government: public documents, meetings, hearings. Efforts in each of the six New England states to combat this growing trend had up until this point been marginally effective. The founders saw a need for a unified, region-wide organization that would speak in one robust voice across the six New England states. We've been making strides ever since.

What We Do

In addition to our annual investigative journalism institute and awards luncheon, NEFAC advocates for improved access laws and provides expert testimony on important legislative reform. NEFAC mentors law school students, helping them learn how to defend journalists and counsel them during their legal battles. We publish the NEFAC Report, a free monthly newsletter with original reporting from journalists and publishers within New England. We draft and join advocacy letters and amicus briefs, and write white papers on FOI and First Amendment policies.



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ABOUT STEPHEN HAMBLETT AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

Stephen Hamblett's first newspaper job was as a summer reporter at his hometown paper, the Nashua Telegraph. It must have been a rewarding experience because soon after he graduated from Harvard, he signed on at The Providence Journal. That was in 1957, and Hamblett never looked back.

Hamblett rose from advertising department clerk to publisher in a career fueled by qualities for which he became famous — quick wit, dedication to excellence, warmth, good humor, passion for his community and deep-seated belief in the wonder of newspapers.

During his leadership, The Providence Journal prospered financially and journalistically, the two most fundamental measures of a newspaper's success. The Journal's strong financial health drew the attention of the Belo Corporation, which acquired The Providence Journal Co. in 1997.

The publisher's job is a tightrope act, at once community booster and — via the newsroom — community watchdog. Hamblett walked that rope with skill and integrity for 12 years, from 1987 to 1999, never flinching at either responsibility.

Howard G. Sutton, who succeeded Hamblett in 1999, said, "Steve Hamblett ran The Providence Journal during an era of hectic change in the media business. He did so with vision, compassion, decisiveness, ingenuity, and calm, leading the firm around numerous economic shoals as it became a truly national media

company, all the while maintaining the Journal's long commitment to high-quality journalism and community improvement."

One of the many proofs of the newspaper's commitment to journalistic excellence came on Hamblett's watch in 1994 with the award of a Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting on "pervasive corruption within the Rhode Island court system."

"The Journal newsroom held Steve in high regard," said Thomas E. Heslin, former executive editor of The Providence Journal. "He was widely respected as a great businessman, but he knew that good journalism is good business. The newsroom always knew it had his support."



Hamblett

A national figure as well as a local one, he served on the boards of the Associated Press, Inter-American Press Association and the Smithsonian Institution.

As single-minded and hardworking an executive as he was, he left plenty of room for his family, his friends, an occasional drink, a good cigar and a joke. His passing in December 2005 at age 71 generated obituaries from coast (the Los Angeles Times) to coast (The New York Times) and all points in between.

Hamblett's memory lives on in dozens of ways. Add to them The Stephen Hamblett First Amendment Award, which is given each year to an individual who has promoted, defended or advocated for the First Amendment throughout his or her career.

It's a matter of facts.

Unfettered access to public records is a cornerstone to journalism—and one of the bedrocks of a free society. No one understands this better than our colleague, **Todd Wallack**. Todd, we congratulate you on winning the 2018 Michael Donoghue Freedom of Information Award. And we salute all the New England journalists who uphold and embody the First Amendment every day.

The Boston Globe



PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE HAMBLETT FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

2017 Margaret Sullivan | The media columnist for The Washington Post and former public editor of The New York Times, Sullivan is a tireless advocate for the First Amendment and freedom of the press.

2016 Patrick Leahy | A U.S. senator from Vermont, Leahy is well-known for his work to strengthen the federal Freedom of Information Act and improve transparency within the court system.

2015 Nancy Gertner | Gertner is a retired federal judge and advocate for the First Amendment and increased transparency within the judicial system.

2014 James Risen | Risen is a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist for The New York Times who's done ground-breaking work on domestic spying and faced

legal peril for refusing to disclose a source.

2013 Philip Balboni | Balboni co-founded GlobalPost, which has correspondents filing stories from more than 50 countries. Earlier in his career, Balboni conceived and launched New England Cable News.

2012 Martin Baron | Baron has been executive editor of The Washington Post since 2012. He was previously editor of The Boston Globe, which won six Pulitzer Prizes under his leadership.

2011 Anthony Lewis | Lewis, who died in 2013, was a journalist, teacher and a long-time New York Times columnist. He won the Pulitzer Prize twice and is credited with creating the field of legal journalism.

HAMBLETT FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD RECIPIENT JANE MAYER

Jane Mayer, a writer for The New Yorker since 1995, covers politics, culture, and national security for the magazine. Mayer is perhaps best known for her accountability journalism and her ability to expose the underpinnings of powerful institutions.

Her most recent book, "Dark Money," is about the Koch brothers' deep influence on conservative politics.

Mayer previously worked at The Wall Street Journal, where she

covered the bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, the Persian Gulf War, and the fall of the Berlin Wall. In 1984, she became the paper's first female White House correspondent.

A Yale University alumna, Mayer first worked as a journalist for two small weekly newspapers in Vermont, The

Weathersfield Weekly and The Black River Tribune, before moving to the daily Rutland Herald.

She speaks frequently about the value of investigative journalism — at news organizations of all sizes — and the need for a watchdog press.

In addition to "Dark Money," Mayer also wrote the 2008 best-seller "The Dark Side: The Inside

Story of How the War on Terror Turned into a War on American Ideals." The book is based on her New Yorker articles and was named one of the top 10 works of journalism of the decade.



Mayer

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ABOUT MICHAEL DONOGHUE AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AWARD

Michael Donoghue is an award-winning news and sports writer. He worked for more than 40 years at the Burlington Free Press and now is a freelancer.

He was selected as the 2013 New England Journalist of the Year by 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

Donoghue has served as an officer, including executive director, with the Vermont Press Association since 1979. 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. Donoghue is the first vice president of the New England First Amendment Coalition.

The FOI Award is given each year to New England journalists who protect or advance the public's right to know under federal or state law.

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NEFAC Demands City of Boston Increase Press Access to Demonstrations on Common

A coalition of First Amendment advocates today demanded increased press access to public demonstrations on the Boston Common and asked city officials to revise policies that excluded journalists from a controversial rally in August. With another rally scheduled on Nov. 18, the groups encouraged city officials to make "significant changes" to comply with the First Amendment while ensuring public safety. "We need to make sure that access is provided moving forward and journalists are allowed to do their job," said Justin Silverman, executive director of the New England First Amendment Coalition. 1

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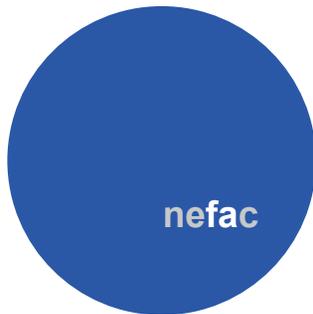


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PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE DONOGHUE FOI AWARD

2017 Sun Journal | The Sun Journal of Lewiston, Maine, uncovered and successfully fought a state court policy that required all dismissed criminal cases to be sealed after 30 days in violation of the public records law.

2016 Jenifer McKim | A reporter for the New England Center for Investigative Reporting, McKim was recognized for her series "Out of the Shadows," an investigation into child abuse and neglect.

2015 James W. Foley (posthumously) | A seasoned war correspondent, New Hampshire native Foley

worked in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya and Syria, reporting on the lives of the disadvantaged and their suffering.

2014 Brent Curtis | A reporter for the Rutland (Vt.) Herald, Curtis fought for access to certain police records and helped make Vermont police departments more transparent.

2013 Don Stacom | Stacom, of the Hartford Courant, pursued stories about police misconduct through the Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission, prompting a shakeup of the New Britain, Conn., police department.

DONOGHUE FOI AWARD RECIPIENT TODD WALLACK

A graduate of Northwestern University, Todd Wallack has worked for The Boston Globe since 2007. He is currently an investigative reporter for the Globe's Spotlight Team, specializing in data journalism, public records and financial reporting.

Wallack has won national awards from Scripps Howard and the Sigma Delta Chi Foundation for his work on public records and has been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize three times.

Prior to his time at the Globe, Wallack spent much of his career as a business reporter and worked for the San

Francisco Chronicle, Boston Herald, Boston Business Journal, Network World, and the Dayton (Ohio) Daily News.

Wallack will be honored for his body of work from 2017 that included stories about online accessibility to criminal records, transparency within the MBTA and the overuse of certain public record law exemptions to keep information secret.

His reporting led to a lawsuit by The Boston

Globe to compel the release of mugshots and arrest reports and he exposed the reluctance of state officials to share details of investigations that have grown cold.



Wallack



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ABOUT ANTONIA ORFIELD AND THE CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Antonia Orfield Citizenship Award is given to an individual from one of the six New England states who has fought for information crucial to the public's understanding of its community or what its government is doing (or not doing) on its behalf. The candidate should have shown tenacity or bravery in the face of difficulty in obtaining information that the public has a right to know.

Orfield was an author, mother, optometrist, clinical professor and active citizen. She worked to improve the schools in the communities she lived in, serving on one of the first elected local school councils in Chicago. She also sought to advance her



Orfield

profession and improve the lives of her patients through the use and teaching of therapeutic non-surgical methods of vision therapy. As a researcher, she knew the importance of access to data to analyze, draw conclusions and challenge existing assumptions of screening and treatment protocols. Dr. Orfield operated a vision clinic in Mather Elementary School in Dorchester, Mass., which documented the improvement of children's grades and test scores with unconventional vision-related remedies to learning problems. The findings were published in several articles and in "Eyes for Learning," her 2007 book.

PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE ORFIELD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

2017 Donna Green | Green successfully fought for the right to electronic records under the New Hampshire Right to Know Law, prevailing in the state's highest court.

2016 Michael A. Champa | By prevailing in a public records case heard by the Massachusetts Supreme Court, Champa uncovered systemic failures and inequities in the state's special education services.

2015 Harriet Cady | A long-time open government activist whose advocacy led to several Right to Know lawsuits, Cady helped create the watchdog

group Right to Know New Hampshire and frequently speaks about FOI concerns.

2014 Kit Savage | Savage's investigation uncovered violations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, which formed the basis of a complaint to the Connecticut Department of Education.

2013 David Lang | After a nine-year crusade, Lang exposed the mismanagement of health insurance premiums, resulting in a court order to refund \$53 million to New Hampshire public employees.

ORFIELD CITIZENSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT HYDE SQUARE TASK FORCE

A team of youth volunteers at the Hyde Square Task Force last year found a 1993 state mandate that required the owners of the TD Garden to hold fundraisers every year to benefit the city's recreational facilities.

Under the supervision of a director at the Hyde Square Task Force, the group of teenagers were investigating ways to pay for a new recreation center and ice skating rink in their neighborhood.

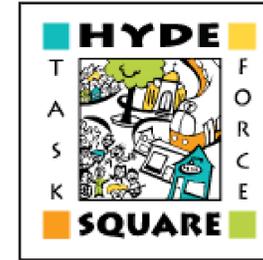
Through public record requests, the teens found that the state mandate had been ignored for more than 20 years. The city, they determined, was owed \$14 million, enough money to cover the cost of building a new rec center and rink.

TD Garden eventually agreed to pay

\$1.65 million to the state Department of Conservation and Recreation. The state contributed \$1 million to a new center and the city committed another \$2 million. The Hyde Square Task Force volunteers are continuing to call for additional funding.

The Hyde Square Task Force was founded in the late 1980s by a coalition of neighbors and community leaders who wanted to address the

violence and economic and social challenges facing the Hyde/Jackson Square community in Jamaica Plain, a Boston neighborhood. The organization now engages more than 1,000 youth in college and career preparation, Afro-Latin arts and cultural enrichment, and community-building initiatives.



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More than a third of Americans are unable to name a single right guaranteed by the First Amendment. Through our Featured Speaker Program, we're providing that education.

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