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Dear NEFAI 2019 Fellow,

Congratulations on being selected to attend this year’s New England First Amendment Institute. Since 2011, we have provided this exclusive annual three-day investigative journalism training to more than 200 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.

Consider these words from Brad Kane, editor at the Worcester Business Journal, about how his newsroom benefited from reporter Grant Welker’s fellowship last year:

“WBJ’s content has remarkably improved since Mr. Welker attended the NEFAC session . . . I see it every day as our entire editorial department — led by Grant — has a far better understanding of what public documents are available and where to find them.”

Welker will speak on Day Two about his projects, including a report on the use of tax breaks and a localized look at national prescription opioid data. He’ll be on our Former Fellows panel with Brian Amaral of The Providence Journal (NEFAI 2018) and Zeninjor Enwemeka of WBUR-Boston (NEFAI 2016).

In all, 34 elite reporters, editors, media attorneys and FOI experts volunteered their time this year to help you 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 experiences, 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 know. 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 a 2019 New England First Amendment Institute Fellow. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to help you accomplish your goals during the next three days. I wish you a very productive Institute.

Sincerely,

Justin Silverman
Executive Director
**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 ninth 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, radio and online journalism — are 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 serving 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 non-profit educational endeavor created to offer a rigorous, intensive and tuition-free training course that media organizations desperately need for their staffs but cannot provide and do not have the manpower to organize.

**ABOUT OUR HOST**
Northeastern University is generously providing a home for NEFAI 2019. For more than 40 years, the university's School of Journalism has combined academic excellence with practical experience, preparing students to be analytical thinkers and successful communicators. The New England First Amendment Coalition is extremely grateful for Northeastern's assistance and contributions to the Institute. We encourage you to learn more about the university by visiting www.northeastern.edu.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**
While at the Institute, please share what you learn via Twitter and other social media using the following hashtag: #NEFAI2019
Please also become a NEFAC member at nefac.org/join and connect with our coalition in the following ways:

- @Five Freedoms
- www.tinyurl.com/nefaclinkedin
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**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 Foley, NEFAC’s James W. Foley Scholarship provides funding for one Fellow to attend the Institute without travel or lodging expenses. To learn more about Foley and the organization his family founded in his name, please visit www.jamesfoleyfoundation.org.

**Scholarship Recipients**

**2019** | Haven Orecchio-Egresitz, Berkshire Eagle (Mass.)
**2018** | Joe Glauber, WMTW-Portland (Maine)
**2017** | Caitlin Andrews, Concord Monitor (N.H.)
**2016** | Katie Jickling, Herald of Randolph (Vt.)
**2015** | Nate Holst, WMTW-Portland (Maine)
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
360 Huntington Avenue, Boston
Unless otherwise noted in the schedule, all New England First Amendment Institute sessions will occur at the Cabral Center (27), the Curry Student Center (50) and the Egan Engineering and Science Research Center (60). Parking will be provided on Sept. 22 and Sept. 24 at the Gainsborough Garage (45) and Renaissance Garage (62).

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NEFAC thanks ABC News for its continued support of New England journalism.
DAY ONE
The Value of Transparency

2:00  Registration [Cabral Center]

2:45 - 4:00  Keynote Address [Cabral Center]
Casey Frank | Miami Herald

Introduction: Thomas Fiedler | Boston University (formerly)

4:00 - 4:15  Break

4:15 - 6:00  Panel: Tales from the Trenches [Cabral Center]
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.

Jennifer Levitz | The Wall Street Journal
Wesley Lowery | The Washington Post
Lisa Yanick Litwiller | Hearst Connecticut Media Group

Moderator: Thomas Fiedler | Boston University (formerly)

7:30  Dinner [Off-Site — Maggiano’s Little Italy]
Dinner will be served at Maggiano’s Little Italy, 4 Columbus Avenue in Boston. A shuttle will be provided from the institute hotel to the restaurant at 6:45 p.m. and from the restaurant back to the hotel at 9:30 p.m.

Shuttle Available
Hotel->Institute 7:15 a.m.
Institute->Restaurant 4:45 p.m.
Restaurant->Hotel 8:30 p.m.

Schedule — September 23
DAY TWO
How Do We Harness FOI Laws and Public Data to Further Investigations?

8:15 - 8:30  Announcements [Curry Student Center - Room 440]

8:30 - 9:30  Pitfalls in Accessing Documents Through FOI Requests and How to Respond [Curry Student Center - Room 440]

Judy Meyer | The Sun Journal
Jenifer McKim | New England Center for Investigative Reporting
Tim White | WPRI-Providence

Moderator: Michael Donoghue | Vermont Press Association

9:30 - 9:45  Break
9:45 - 11:15  **Web Scraping**  [Curry Student Center - Room 440]

Maggie Mulvihill | Boston University

11:15 - 11:30  **Break**

11:30 - 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**  [Curry Student Center - Room 348]
Mike Savino | WFSB-Hartford
Mary Schwind | Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission

**Maine**  [Curry Student Center - Room 335]
Judy Meyer | The Sun Journal
Sigmund Schutz | Preti Flaherty

**Massachusetts**  [Curry Student Center - Room 346]
Peter J. Caruso, Sr. | Caruso and Caruso, LLP
Laura Crimaldi | The Boston Globe

**New Hampshire**  [Curry Student Center - Room 336]
Caitlin Andrews | Bangor Daily News (formerly of Concord Monitor)
Gilles Bissonnette | ACLU of New Hampshire

**Rhode Island**  [Curry Student Center - Room 340]
Raymond A. Marcaccio | Oliverio & Marcaccio, LLP
Amanda Milkovits | The Providence Journal

**Vermont**  [Curry Student Center - Room 440]
Michael Donoghue | Vermont Press Association
Lia Ernst | American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont

12:15  Lunch  [Served in Curry Student Center - Room 440]

1:15 - 1:30  **Break**

1:30 - 3:00  **Tips for Staying Out of Legal Trouble: Common Issues in Defamation and Invasion of Privacy**  [Curry Student Center - Room 440]

Robert Bertsche | Prince Lobel Tye
Gregory V. Sullivan | Malloy & Sullivan

3:00 - 3:15  **Break**

3:15 - 4:15  **Former Fellows Panel**  [Curry Student Center - Room 440]

Brian Amaral | The Providence Journal
Zeniinjor Enwemeka | WBUR-Boston
Grant Welker | Worcester Business Journal

Moderator: Michael Donoghue | Vermont Press Association
Schedule — September 23-24

5:15 - 8:30 (or later) Dinner and Presentation [Off-Site – Lincoln Tavern & Restaurant]
Dinner will be served at Lincoln Tavern & Restaurant, 425 W. Broadway in South Boston. Shuttles will be provided for those who need transportation from the Institute to the restaurant. A shuttle will also be provided from the restaurant to the Institute hotel at 8:30 p.m. though you are welcome to stay later.

5:45 - 6:45 Featured Speaker
Scott Higham | The Washington Post

6:15 Dinner

DAY THREE
Digging Deeply and Listening Carefully

8:15 - 8:30 Announcements [Egan Research Center – Room 440]

8:30 - 10:00 Panel: Effective Sourcing [Egan Research Center – Room 440]

*When your FOI request languishes your reporting continues. Developing sources, relationships, knowing how to evaluate what you get.*

Cindy Galli | ABC News
Tara O’Neill | Hearst Connecticut Media Group
Phillip Martin | WGBH-Boston

Moderator: Michael Donoghue | Vermont Press Association

10:00 - 10:15 Break

10:15 - 12:15 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 [Egan Research Center – Room 206]
Brooke Williams | Boston University

Advanced Database Analysis [Egan Research Center – Room 306]
Matt Kauffman | Hartford Courant

12:15 - 1:45 Lunch [Egan Research Center – Room 440]

12:45 Featured Speaker
Maria Hiassen

1:45 - 2:30 Photo/Break

2:30 - 3:30 Break-Out Sessions C

The Confrontational Interview & Transition to Audio or Video [Egan Research Center – Room 206]
Mike Beaudet | WCVB-Boston, Northeastern University

Writing Workshop and Narrative Flow [Egan Research Center – Room 306]
Jeff Howe | Northeastern University

3:30 - 3:45 Concluding Remarks [Egan Research Center – Room 440]
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The first-class training provided at the Institute is an investment in New England’s newsrooms. There has never been a more critical time for journalists to dig deep in order to keep those in power honest and accountable to the voters and taxpayers. That’s what organizations like NEFAC and the Academy are all about.

George Geers, Chairman  
Academy of New England Journalists

Founded in 1960, the Academy of New England Journalists honors -- with the Yankee Quill Award -- those journalists from the region who have made extraordinary contributions to a free press and the welfare of their communities. Each year the Academy's Selection Committee, which is comprised of past Quill winners and representatives of New England journalism organizations, select recipients of the award.

The Yankee Quill is the highest honor bestowed on journalists in our region, recognizing the lifetime achievement of those who have had a broad influence for good, both inside and outside the newsroom.
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Maria Hiaasen, widow of Capital Gazette shooting victim Rob Hiaasen, earned a bachelor of arts in journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1982. There, she directed the news staff at the university's student radio station while working part-time on the news staff at WQDR-FM in Raleigh, N.C. She contributed to “Our Forgotten Warriors,” WQDR’s 1981 George Foster Peabody Award winning series on Vietnam veterans. She joined the Palm Beach Post in the late 1980s. There, she worked as a police and general assignment reporter in the paper’s south county bureau. A former freelancer for the Baltimore Sun, she taught English for 16 years, most recently at Dulaney High School in Timonium, which selected her as the school’s nominee for teacher of the year in 2016. For eight years, she led Dulaney’s student newspaper, The Griffin, a Columbia Student Press Association Gold Medal winner. In 2017, she was recognized as a teacher mentor by the University of Maryland’s Philip Merrill Presidential Scholars Program.
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Mike Beaudet is a journalism professor at Northeastern University in Boston and an investigative reporter at WCVB-TV, Boston’s ABC affiliate. He’s worked in local television news for more than 25 years. Beaudet started his career in radio covering politics at the Massachusetts State House and also made stops at television stations in Bangor, Maine, and Manchester, N.H. Before joining WCVB-TV he was an investigative reporter and anchor at WFXT-TV FOX25 in Boston. Beaudet has won numerous awards, including 18 New England Emmys. His most recent two Emmys came in 2019 following a series of investigations exposing government ineptitude and dysfunction. One of those reports about questionable lawmaker travel was produced with Northeastern students in his investigative reporting seminar. Beaudet’s reporting has also been recognized repeatedly by the Associated Press and the Radio Television Digital News Association. Beaudet’s research at Northeastern focuses on the future of local television news and finding new ways to grow the audience and engage younger viewers both on-air and online.

Gilles Bissonnette has been with the ACLU of New Hampshire since 2013. While at the ACLU-NH, Bissonnette has testified before the New Hampshire legislature on more than 100 bills impacting civil liberties. He has also achieved significant litigation victories.

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 Internet law, newspaper access, advertising acceptance, news report-
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campaign highlighted by his reporting on Gary Hart’s campaign-kill- ing affair with a Miami model. And in 1992 he shared a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting on a religious cult-turned-criminal enterprise. The newspaper won three additional Pulitzer Prizes during his time as executive editor. After leaving Miami he was awarded a Goldsmith Fellowship and an appointment as a visiting lecturer at Harvard’s Kennedy School. Fiedler earned an engineering degree at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1968, served as an officer in the merchant marine and the Naval Reserve, and in 1971 received a master’s degree in journalism at Boston University. In addition to serving on the board of the New England First Amendment Coalition, he is president of the board of directors for The Conversation, a website where journalists and academics collaborate on a daily newsletter.

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City Hall reporter. While there, his reporting received two first places awards from the New England Newspaper & Press Association for business and economic reporting; second place awards for racial and ethnic reporting, personality profile and courts and crime reporting; and a third place award for obituary reporting. While at the Sun, Welker co-wrote a book about the Market Basket customer and employee uprising in 2014, which was named general business book of the year by 800-CEO-READ, a top business book of the year by Forbes, and a starred review by Publishers Weekly. Welker’s career started as a reporter at The Herald News in Fall River, where he was named a GateHouse reporter of the year, and received NENPA awards for first place for transportation reporting, second place for social issues, second place for government reporting, third place for general news, first place for business and economic reporting, and honorable mention for environmental reporting and education reporting. Welker is a journalism graduate of the University of Connecticut and a former intern at the Hartford Courant. He lives in Worcester with his wife, Angela, and son, Theodore.

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Justin Papp is a reporter with Hearst Connecticut Media Group covering education and general assignments for the Norwalk Hour, as well as arts and culture for Hearst’s Sunday Arts & Style section and housing issues statewide. Papp has been with Hearst for more than four years in a variety of roles. He was hired in 2015 as an editorial assistant at the Stamford Advocate. He went on to cover Town Hall, crime and education at weekly newspapers in New Canaan, Darien, Westport and Fairfield. He was hired at the Norwalk Hour in June 2018. In 2013, Papp graduated with a degree in English literature from the University of Connecticut at Storrs. In 2019, Papp won four New England Soci

Orrin Schonfeld has served for 14 years as the Assistant News Director at WPTZ/NBC 5 in the Burlington, Vt./Plattsburgh, N.Y. market. The station, which reaches almost 300,000 households, covers all of Vermont, into New Hampshire and northeastern New York. The South Burlington-based station works closely with other Hearst stations across New England. Growing up in the home of a working news person, Schonfeld was exposed to the excitement of covering news and witnessed firsthand the role journalists play in a democratic society. Having caught the news bug by age 15, he started working as a freelance still photographer shooting crime scenes and fires by riding along with a New York City based company “Action Movie News” as staffers shot video they’d sell to local television stations. A year later he had an official summer job with AMN as a video sound man. From there, during high school and college summers were spent working as a soundperson with the newly launched CNN until he was able to start picking up fill-in shifts on CNN’s New York Assignment desk. His career in New York continued with stints with several syndicated news magazine that failed to get any traction and survive more than a single season. Schonfeld then jumped at the opportunity to create a show from scratch when the 24-hour local cable news channel launched in the Washington DC area. During the ensuing four years Schonfeld honed his skills covering local news. Then it was on to a year that started with Fox News Edge and morphed into Fox News Channel when it launched in New York. Up next was four years at ABC News/NewsOne before heading back to Baruch College to earn a master’s degree in business journalism. It wasn’t long after wrapping his course work that Schonfeld joined NBC 5 in Vermont.

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Cat Viglienzoni jumped at the opportunity to create a show from scratch and was promoted to its producer/reporter. “The Weekend” de-
buted in September 2013. She split her time between hard news and features in the “At Issue” and “Destination Recreation” segments, as well as enterprising her weekly “Sunday Science” series. In 2016, Viglienzoni moved to full-time reporting for the evening news, focusing on covering the news of the day, while also maintaining her interest in science news. In spring 2017, she accepted the promotion to executive producer and noon anchor. In spring 2018, she went back to her first love, reporting. Her current reporting focuses on public policy investigations and (still!) science news. She is also the primary fill-in anchor for the evening and morning newscasts.

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