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### **NEFAI 2022 Event Page**

[nefac.org/nefai-2022](https://nefac.org/nefai-2022)

### **NEFAI 2021 Schedule, Documents and Presentations**

<https://www.nefac.org/nefai-2022-curriculum>

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# The Academy of New England Journalists

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The Academy of New England Journalists is a proud sponsor of The New England First Amendment Institute. Congratulations to the 2022 First Amendment Institute fellows, who are among the very best and brightest journalists in our six-state region.

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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The Day  
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Dear NEFAI 2022 Fellow,

Congratulations on being selected to attend this year's New England First Amendment Institute. Since 2011, we have provided this exclusive annual investigative journalism training program to nearly 300 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 in many ways. Consider these words from Anastasia Lennon at The New Bedford Light about how the Institute helped her report on secret court proceedings in Massachusetts:

Beyond the technical process of petitioning for access to show cause hearings, I learned to be more persistent and try all avenues in order to get the information I needed. This meant not just filing records requests with the police, but also going to the court and getting records from the clerks. Tips from panelists on working with sources also helped in my cultivating of a source, which ended up being very helpful for a while in obtaining information for subsequent stories.

Lennon (NEFAI 2021) will speak on Oct. 24 about her experiences since attending the Institute last year. She'll be on our Former Fellows panel with Brad Petrishen (NEFAI 2017) at the Worcester Telegram & Gazette and Tiffany Tan (NEFAI 2020) at VTDigger.

In all, 40 elite reporters, editors, media attorneys and FOI experts volunteered their time this year to help you write your own success stories.

Congrats again on being selected as a 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 NEFAI 2022.

Sincerely,

**Justin Silverman**  
*Executive Director*

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# About the New England First Amendment Institute

## WHAT IS NEFAI?

Founded in 2011, the New England First Amendment Institute provides intensive training for 25 specially selected journalism fellows in the use of freedom of information laws and investigative techniques. In a rich and collegial environment, the fellows interact with acclaimed media lawyers and award-winning journalists to acquire knowledge designed to enhance their watchdog journalism skills. The 2022 Institute will be held at Northeastern University in Boston from Oct. 23 to Oct. 25.

## WHO IS IT FOR?

NEFAI is designed for both up-and-coming and veteran print, digital and broadcast journalists working in New England. Applicants should have at least two years of professional news reporting experience and long-term plans to stay within the profession.

## WHAT DOES IT COST?

The 25 fellows selected for this year's Institute will attend at no cost. A limited number of scholarships are available to cover hotel and travel expenses, if necessary to attend.

## SUPPORTERS

Primary support for our Institute is generously provided by the following:



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## Former Fellows

### CONNECTICUT

2011

**Richard Campbell**  
The Register Citizen  
**Jenna Cho**  
The Day  
**JC Reindl**  
The Day

**Alexandra Sanders**  
New Haven Register  
**Julie Stagis**  
Hartford Courant

2012

**Shawn Beals**  
Hartford Courant  
**Beau Berman**  
WTIC-TV  
**Alexander Goldstein**  
The Day  
**Kevin Litten**  
Republican-American

**Erin Logan**  
WTNH

**Fran Silverman**  
Hearst Newspapers

2013

**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

**Jason Bagley**  
TruthInAdvertising

**Kelly Catalfamo**  
The Day

**Jennifer Swift**  
New Haven Register

**Tess Townsend**  
The Day

**Lindsay Boyle**  
The Day

**Suzanne Carlson**  
Hartford Courant

**Susan Haigh**  
The Associated Press

**Esteban Hernandez**

New Haven Register  
**Patrick Skahill**  
WNPR-Connecticut

2016

**Julia Bergman**  
The Day

**Anna Bisaro**  
New Haven Register

**Mikaela Porter**  
Hartford Courant

2017

**Stephen Busemeyer**  
Hartford Courant

**Jill Konopka**  
WVIT-Hartford

**Kaitlyn Krasselt**  
Norwalk Hour

**Martha Shanahan**  
The Day

**Skyler Frazer**  
New Britain Herald

**Ben Lambert**  
New Haven Register

**Barry Lytton**  
The Stamford

**Advocate**  
**Erica Moser**  
The Day

2019

**Kimberly Drellich**

The Day  
**Meghan Friedmann**  
Hearst Connecticut

Media Group  
**Jo Krocker**  
Hearst Connecticut

Media Group  
**Justin Papp**  
Hearst Connecticut

Media Group  
**Eric Russell**  
Bangor Daily News

2012

**Will Graff**  
The Forecaster

**Lindsay Tice**  
Sun Journal

**Matthew Curren**  
WGME

2013

**David Harry**  
The Forecaster

**Jon Chrisos**  
CBS13/Fox23

**Michael Shepherd**  
Kennebec Journal

2014

**Jordan Bailey**  
Courier Publications

**Nate Holst**  
WMTW-Portland

2015

**Verónica Del Valle**  
Hearst Connecticut

**Currie Engel**  
Hearst Connecticut

**Alex Putterman**  
Hartford Courant

**Elizabeth Regan**  
The Day

### MAINE

2011

**Susan Cover**  
Maine Today  
**Emily Guerin**  
The Forecaster

**Jesse Nankin**  
Watchdog

**Eric Russell**  
New England

**Eric Russell**  
Bangor Daily News

2012

**Will Graff**  
The Forecaster

**Lindsay Tice**  
Sun Journal

**Matthew Curren**  
WGME

2013

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Hartford Courant

**Elizabeth Regan**  
The Day

**David Sherwood**

Maine Center for  
Public Interest

Reporting  
**Matthew Daigle**  
Sun Journal

**Stephanie Grinnell**  
The Republican

Journal  
**Kyle Jones**  
WMTW News

**Joshua Moore**  
Maine Center for

Public Interest

Reporting  
**Marina Villeneuve**  
Associated Press

**Abigail Adams**  
Lincoln County News

**Charles Eichacker**  
Kennebec Journal

**Callie Ferguson**  
The Forecaster

**Anne Berleant**  
Penobscot Bay Press

**Joe Glauber**  
WMTW-Portland

**Rachel Ohm**  
Morning Sentinel

**Keith Eddings**  
Eagle-Tribune

**Jim Haddadin**  
Arlington Advocate

**Laura Hutchinson**  
WWLP 22News

**Lyle Moran**  
Lowell Sun

**Amanda Post**

WGME-Portland

**Sarah Craighead**  
Dedmon

Machias Valley News

Observer  
**Dan Lampariello**  
WGME-Portland

**Patty Wight**  
Maine Public Radio

**Molly Shelly**  
The Morning Sentinel

**Terry Stackhouse**  
WMTW News 8

**Andrea Swiedom**  
Sun Media

**Lynda Clancy**  
Penobscot Bay Pilot

**MASSACHUSETTS**

2011

**Keith Eddings**  
Eagle-Tribune

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Lowell Sun

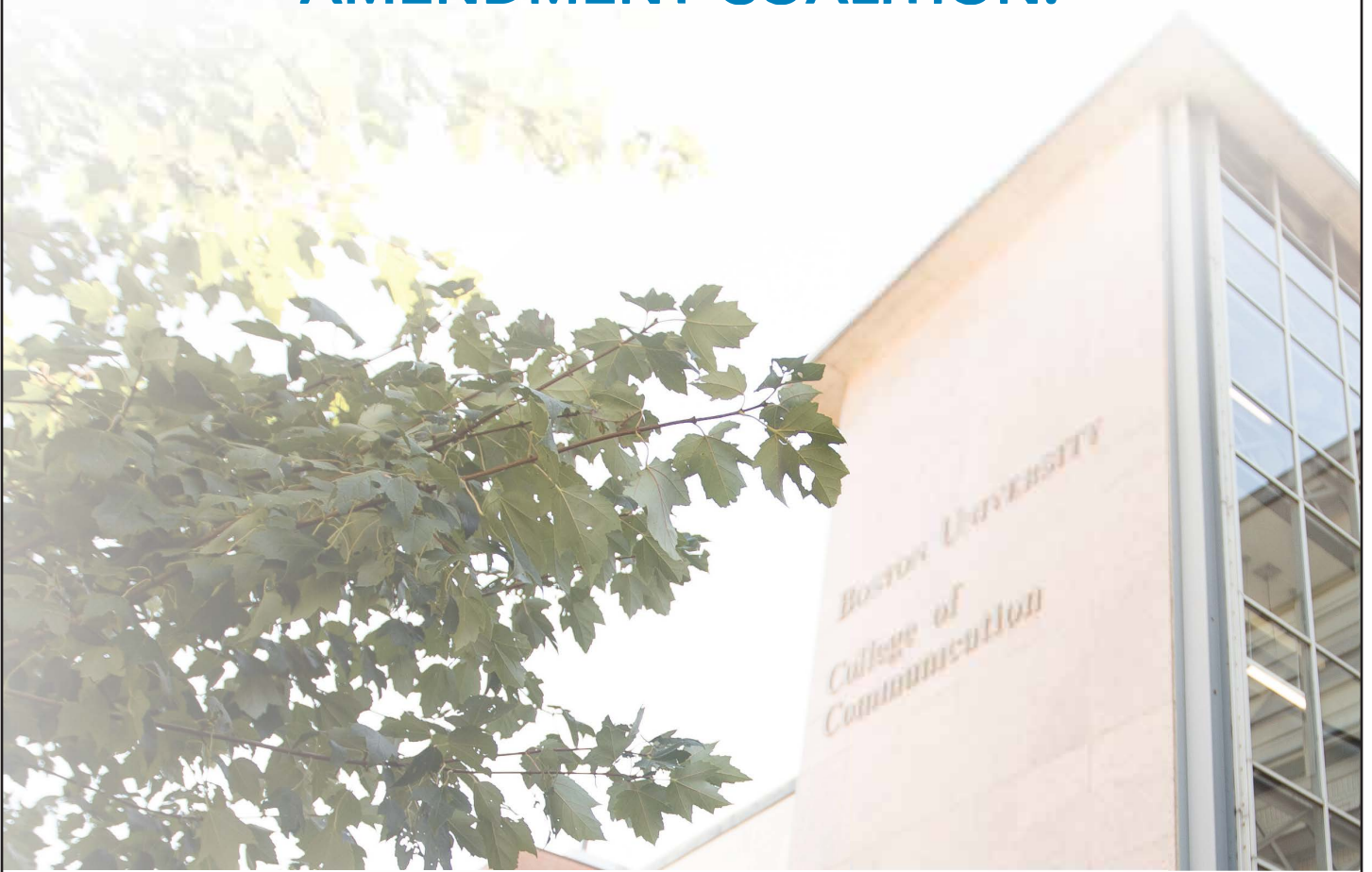
# Former Fellows Continued

<b>David Riley</b> MetroWest Daily News	<b>Allison Manning</b> Boston.com	2020	<b>Kaitlin Mulhere</b> The Keene Sentinel	2021	<b>Kim Kalunian</b> WPRI-Providence	<b>Colin Flanders</b> The Essex Reporter and Colchester Sun
<b>Rory Schuler</b> Taunton Daily	<b>Jordan Mayblum</b> Wellesley Townsman	Daily Hampshire Gazette	2014	<b>Julia Furukawa</b> N.H. Public Radio	2019	<b>Stephanie Gorin</b> NBC5-Vermont
<b>Matthew Stout</b> The Enterprise	<b>Jan Ransom</b> The Boston Globe	<b>Vernal Coleman</b> The Boston Globe	<b>Emily Corwin</b> NH Public Radio	<b>Amanda Gokee</b> New Hampshire Bulletin	<b>Jessica Botelho</b> WJAR-Cranston	<b>Katie Jickling</b> The Herald
2012	2016	<b>Jessica Hill</b> Cape Cod Times	<b>Alyssa Dandrea</b> The Keene Sentinel	<b>Cassidy Jensen</b> The Concord Monitor	<b>Laura Damon</b> The Newport Daily News	<b>Elizabeth Murray</b> Burlington Free Press
<b>Alex Bloom</b> The Enterprise	<b>Zeninjor</b> Enwemeka	<b>Jennifer</b> Huberdeau	<b>Nora Doyle-Burr</b> Valley News	<b>Jordan Phelan</b> Eagle Times	<b>Hannah Dickison</b> WPRI-Providence	2017
<b>George Brennan</b> Cape Cod Times	<b>Enwemeka</b> WBUR	<b>Huberdeau</b> The Berkshire Eagle	<b>Peter McGuire</b> Forecaster	<b>Jack Rooney</b> Keene Sentinel	<b>Nadine Maya Sebai</b> The Public's Radio	<b>Alicia Freese</b> Seven Days
<b>Deirdre Fernandes</b> The Boston Globe	<b>Jordan Frias</b> Boston Herald	<b>Lucia Maffei</b> Boston Business Journal	<b>Kerry Miller</b> Eagle Times		2020	<b>Tommy Gardner</b> Stowe Reporter
<b>David Eisenstadter</b> The Transcript	<b>Phil Marcelo</b> Associated Press	<b>Samantha</b> Mercado	2015	<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	<b>Madeleine List</b> Providence Journal	<b>Hilary Niles</b> Independent
<b>Sarah Favot</b> Lowell Sun	<b>Tom Relihan</b> The Recorder	<b>Mercado</b> Patch.com	<b>Jeremy</b> Blackman	2011	2021	<b>Adam Silverman</b> Burlington Free Press
<b>Martine Powers</b> The Boston Globe	<b>Susan Spencer</b> Worcester	<b>Dasia Moore</b> The Boston Globe	<b>Blackman</b> Concord Monitor	<b>Amanda</b> Milkovits	<b>Jeremy Bernfeld</b> The Public's Radio	<b>Greg Sukiennik</b> New England Newspapers
<b>Patrick Ronan</b> Patriot Ledger	<b>Worchester</b> Telegram & Gazette	<b>Shira Stoll</b> NBC 10 Boston	<b>Megan Doyle</b> Concord Monitor	<b>David</b> Scharfenberg	<b>Lauren Clem</b> The Valley Breeze	2018
<b>Shaun Sutner</b> Worcester	<b>Gerry Tuoti</b> Gatehouse Media	<b>Julia Taliesin</b> Somerville Journal	<b>Rob Wolfe</b> Valley News	<b>Karen Ziner</b> Providence Journal	<b>Sarah Guernelli</b> WPRI-Providence	<b>Catherine Buni</b> Independent
Telegram & Gazette	2017	2021	2016	2012	<b>Rachel Nunes</b> Patch	<b>Staci DaSilva</b> WFFF-Burlington
<b>Ryan Walsh</b> WWLP	<b>Collin Binkley</b> Associated Press	<b>Dugan Arnett</b> The Boston Globe	<b>Peter Biello</b> NH Public Radio	<b>Lynn Arditi</b> Providence Journal	<b>Amy Russo</b> Providence Journal	<b>Xander Landen</b> VTDigger
2013	<b>Amanda Drane</b> Berkshire Eagle	<b>Greta Jochem</b> The Berkshire Eagle	<b>Tim Camerato</b> Valley News	<b>Ian Donnis</b> RI Public Radio		2019
<b>Doug Fraser</b> Cape Cod Times	<b>Melissa Hanson</b> MassLive	<b>Anastasia Lennon</b> New Bedford Light	<b>Meghan Foley</b> The Keene Sentinel	<b>Kathleen</b> Mulvaney	<b>VERMONT</b>	<b>Liam</b>
<b>Wes Lowery</b> The Boston Globe	<b>Brad Petrishen</b> Telegram & Gazette	<b>Alex Newman</b> Patch	<b>Allie Morris</b> Concord Monitor	Providence Journal	2011	<b>Elder-Connors</b> Vermont Public Radio
<b>Joshua Miller</b> The Boston Globe	<b>Greg Ryan</b> Boston Business Journal	<b>Emma Platoff</b> The Boston Globe	<b>Ella Nilsen</b> Concord Monitor	2013	<b>John Briggs</b> Burlington Free Press	<b>Christopher Mays</b> Brattleboro Reformer
<b>Shawn Musgrave</b> MuckRock	2018	<b>Tiana Woodard</b> The Boston Globe	2017	<b>Bill Malinowski</b> Providence Journal	<b>Shay Totten</b> Seven Days	<b>Alex Nuti-de Biasi</b> Journal Opinion
<b>Neena Pathak</b> Schuster Institute	<b>Sarah Betancourt</b> Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism		<b>Caitlin Andrews</b> Concord Monitor	<b>Mark Reynolds</b> Providence Journal	2012	<b>Orrin Schonfeld</b> WPTZ-Burlington
<b>Neal Simpson</b> The Patriot Ledger	<b>Michael Bonner</b> The Standard Times	<b>NEW</b> <b>HAMPSHIRE</b>	<b>Allison DeAngelis</b> Eagle-Tribune	2014	<b>Dan D'Ambrosio</b> Burlington Free Press	<b>Cat Viglienzoni</b> WCAX-Burlington
<b>Schuyler Velasco</b> Christian	<b>Lisa Creamer</b> WBUR-Boston	2011	<b>Casey McDermott</b> NHPR	<b>Randal Edgar</b> Providence Journal	<b>Jennifer Cleveland</b> Caledonian-Record	2020
Science Monitor	<b>Dialynn Dwyer</b> Boston.com	<b>Joseph Cote</b> Nashua Telegraph	<b>Paige Sutherland</b> NHPR	<b>Paul Grimaldi</b> Providence Journal	<b>Andrew Stein</b> Vermont Digger	<b>Devin Bates</b> Local 22/44
2014	2019	<b>Mark Davis</b> Valley News	2018	<b>Janine Weisman</b> Newport Mercury	2013	<b>Tom Garriss</b> WPTZ NBC 5
<b>Sean F. Driscoll</b> Cape Cod Times	<b>Jennifer Lu</b> Independent	<b>Maddie Hanna</b> Concord Monitor	<b>Breanna Edelstein</b> The Eagle Tribune	2015	<b>Nathan Burgess</b> Stowe Reporter	<b>Anna Merriman</b> Valley News
<b>Beryl Lipton</b> MuckRock	<b>Angela Rowlings</b> Boston Herald	2012	<b>Sierra Hubbard</b> The Keene Sentinel	<b>Jennifer Bogdan</b> Providence Journal	<b>Olga Peters</b> The Commons	<b>Christopher Ross</b> Addison County
<b>Priyanka</b> McCluskey	<b>Bridget Turcotte</b> The Daily Item	<b>Maggie Cassidy</b> Valley News	<b>Meg McIntyre</b> The Keene Sentinel	<b>Alex Kuffner</b> Providence Journal	<b>Jennifer Reading</b> WCAX	Independent
<b>McCluskey</b> The Boston Globe	<b>Grant Welker</b> Worcester Business Journal	<b>Maryalice Gill</b> Nashua Telegraph	2019	<b>Steph Machado</b> WPRI-Providence	2014	<b>Tiffany Tan</b> Bennington Banner
<b>Alexa Mills</b> The Boston Globe	2019	<b>Meg Heckman</b> Concord Monitor	<b>Hadley Barndollar</b> Portsmouth Herald	2016	<b>Taylor Dobbs</b> Vermont Public Radio	2021
<b>Alex Ruppenthal</b> Medford Transcript	<b>Amanda Burke</b> Fall River	<b>Annmarie</b> Timmins	<b>Paul Cuno-Booth</b> The Keene Sentinel	<b>Jacqueline</b> Tempera	<b>Abby Ledoux</b> Milton Independent	<b>Dom Amato</b> WCAX-Burlington
<b>Eli Sherman</b> Waltham	<b>Jo C. Goode</b> Fall River	2013	<b>Mary McIntyre</b> NHPR	2017	<b>Allison Teague</b> The Commons	<b>Jack Lyons</b> VT Digger
<b>Samantha Allen</b> Worcester	<b>Lotan</b> The Boston Globe	<b>Todd Bookman</b> NH Public Radio	<b>Leah Willingham</b> Concord Monitor	<b>Kate Bramson</b> Providence Journal	2015	
Telegram & Gazette	<b>Haven</b> Berkshire Eagle	<b>Sarah Brubeck</b> Valley News	2020	<b>Susan Campbell</b> WPRI-Providence	<b>April Burbank</b> Burlington Free Press	<b>REGIONAL</b>
<b>Jonathan Dame</b> GateHouse Media	<b>Orecchio-Egresitz</b>	<b>Christopher</b> Garofolo	<b>Olivia Belanger</b> The Kenne Sentinel	<b>Derek Gomes</b> Newport Daily News	<b>Lola Duffort</b> Rutland Herald	2021
<b>Nicole Dungca</b> The Boston Globe		<b>Kathryn</b> Marchocki	<b>Madeline Hughes</b> The Eagle-Tribune	<b>Diana Pinzon</b> WPRI-Providence	<b>Lesley Engle</b> Fox44/ABC22	<b>Maya Ergas</b> Shwayder
<b>Jenna Fisher</b> GateHouse Media		<b>Marchocki</b> NH Union Leader	<b>Alexander LaCasse</b> Seacoast Media Group	2018	<b>Courtney Lamdin</b> Milton Independent	<b>Kyle Stucker</b> Gannett New England
				<b>Brian Amaral</b> Providence Journal	2016	
				<b>Parker Gavigan</b> WJAR-Cranston	<b>Jess Aloe</b> Burlington Free Press	

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**Boston University** College of Communication

# NEFAI 2022 Schedule

## Local FOI Workshops

### CONNECTICUT

October 4 | 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission  
165 Capitol Avenue, Suite 1100, Hartford

Valicia Harmon | Connecticut FOI Commission  
Mike Savino | American Business Media

*Required Viewing: (1) Introduction to Public Records  
(2) Public Record Appeals (3) Introduction to Open Meetings*

### MAINE

October 11 | 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Preti Flaherty  
45 Memorial Circle, Augusta

Judith Meyer | Sun Media Group  
Sigmund Schutz | Preti Flaherty

*Required Viewing: (1) Introduction to Public Records  
(2) Public Record Appeals (3) Introduction to Open Meetings*

### MASSACHUSETTS

October 12 | 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
WBUR  
890 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston

Peter J. Caruso, Sr. | Caruso & Caruso  
Todd Wallack | WBUR-Boston

*Required Viewing: (1) Introduction to Public Records  
(2) Public Record Appeals (3) Introduction to Open Meetings*

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

October 19 | 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.  
Nackey S. Loeb School  
749 E. Industrial Park Drive, Manchester

Gilles Bissonnette | ACLU of New Hampshire  
Paul Cuno-Booth | Independent Journalist

*Required Viewing: (1) Introduction to Public Records  
(2) Public Record Appeals (3) Introduction to Open Meetings*

### RHODE ISLAND

October 13 | 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
Oliverio & Marcaccio  
30 Romano Vineyard Way, Suite 109, N. Kingstown

Raymond A. Marcaccio | Oliverio & Marcaccio  
Amanda Milkovits | The Boston Globe

*Required Viewing: (1) Introduction to Public Records  
(2) Public Record Appeals (3) Introduction to Open Meetings*

### VERMONT

November 11 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Seven Days  
255 So. Champlain Street, Burlington

Lia Ernst | ACLU of Vermont  
Courtney Lamdin | Seven Days

*Required Viewing: (1) Introduction to Public Records  
(2) Public Record Appeals (3) Introduction to Open Meetings*

## Introduction to R — Prep Session

*Fellows will have the option of attending either Basic Database Analysis or Introduction to R during the Institute. Those choosing Introduction to R must attend a 90-minute prep session prior to the Institute.*

October 21 | 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Remote (Contact Justin for Zoom Info)

Maggie Mulvihill | Boston University

## October 23

<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Registration</b> [Curry Student Center – Room 333]
<b>2:45 p.m. - 4 p.m.</b>	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> [Curry Student Center – Room 333]  Sewell Chan   The Texas Tribune  Introduction: Karen Bordeleau   Arizona State University
<b>4 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>4:15 p.m. - 6 p.m.</b>	<b>Panel: Tales from the Trenches</b> [Curry Student Center – Room 333]  <i>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.</i>  Lauren Chooljian   New Hampshire Public Radio Matt Rocheleau   Hearst Connecticut Media Group Eric Tucker   Associated Press  Moderator: Karen Bordeleau   Arizona State University
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Dinner</b> [Tuscan Kitchen, 64 Seaport Boulevard, Boston]

## October 24

<b>8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Announcements</b> [Curry Student Center – Room 333]
<b>8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Common Pitfalls in Accessing Documents Through FOI Requests and How to Respond</b> [Curry Student Center – Room 333]  Callie Ferguson   Bangor Daily News Andrew Ryan   The Boston Globe Todd Wallack   WBUR-Boston  Moderator: Mike Stanton   University of Connecticut
<b>9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Web Scraping</b> [Curry Student Center – Room 333]  Maggie Mulvihill   Boston University  <i>Required Viewing: (1) Web Scraping 101 (2) Web Scraping 102</i>
<b>11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>



# October 24 (continued)

**11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

## **Beat Break-Out Sessions**

CLIMATE [Curry Student Center – McLeod 1]

Beth Daley | The Conversation

EDUCATION [Curry Student Center – McLeod 2]

Jacqueline Rabe Thomas | Hearst Connecticut Media Group

*Required Viewing: (1) FERPA and Public Records*

DEMOCRACY AND ELECTIONS [Curry Student Center – Room 342]

Geoff Foster | Common Cause Massachusetts

HEALTH [Curry Student Center – Room 344]

Felice Freyer | The Boston Globe

*Required Viewing: (1) HIPAA and Public Records*

TRAUMA JOURNALISM [Curry Student Center – Room 346]

Jenifer McKim | GBH News Center for Investigative Reporting

*Required Viewing: (1) Interviewing Traumatized Sources*

12:15 p.m.

Lunch [Served in Curry Student Center – Room 333]

**1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

## **Break**

**1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Tips for Staying Out of Legal Trouble** [Curry Student Center – Room 333]

Gregory V. Sullivan | Malloy & Sullivan

*Required Viewing: (1) How to Respond to a Subpoena (2) How to Avoid Libel in Your Reporting (3) How to Balance Newsgathering with Privacy*

**3 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

## **Break**

**3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.**

**Former Fellows Panel** [Curry Student Center – Room 333]

Anastasia Lennon | New Bedford Light

Brad Petrishen | Worcester Telegram & Gazette

Tiffany Tan | VTDigger

Moderator: Edward Fitzpatrick | The Boston Globe

## October 24 (continued)

5:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Dinner and Presentation** [Westin Copley, 10 Huntington Avenue, Boston]

5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Keynote Speaker

*NEFAC's Shirley Leung, a reporter at The Boston Globe, will be leading a conversation with Sacha about her career, bringing stories to life through audio and how fellows can incorporate different media into their own reporting.*

Sacha Pfeiffer | NPR

Introductions: Edward Fitzpatrick | The Boston Globe

6:15 p.m.

Dinner

## October 25

8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

**Announcements** [Curry Student Center – Room 333]

8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

**Panel: Effective Sourcing** [Curry Student Center – Room 333]

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

Vanessa de la Torre | New England News Collaborative

Cindy Galli | ABC News

Phillip Martin | GBH News Center for Investigative Reporting

Moderator: Maggie Mulvihill | Boston University

10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

**Break**

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

**Database Analysis Break-Out Sessions**

*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 [Curry Student Center – Room 346]

Brooke Williams | Boston University

*Required Viewing: (1) Class Introduction and Database Basics*

INTRODUCTION TO R [Curry Student Center – Room 344]

Maggie Mulvihill | Boston University

*Required: Attend Introduction to R Prep Session Prior to Institute*

## October 25 (continued)

**12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.**      **Lunch and Presentation** [Curry Student Center – McLeod Suites]

12:45 p.m.      Keynote Speaker

Mark Walker | The New York Times, IRE

**1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**      **Photo/Break** [Location TBD]

**2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**      **Media Break-Out Sessions**

CONFRONTATIONAL INTERVIEWS AND TRANSITION TO A/V  
[Curry Student Center – Room 346]

Tim White | WPRI-Providence

WRITING WORKSHOP AND NARRATIVE FLOW  
[Curry Student Center – Room 344]

Jeff Howe | Northeastern University

**3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.**      **Concluding Remarks** [Curry Student Center – Room 333]

Justin Silverman | New England First Amendment Coalition



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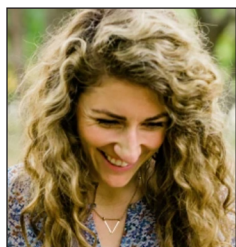
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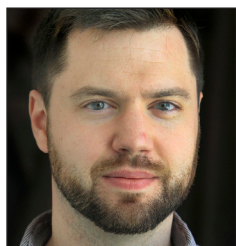
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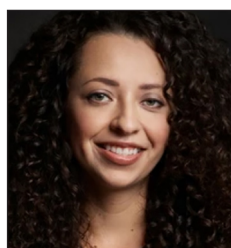
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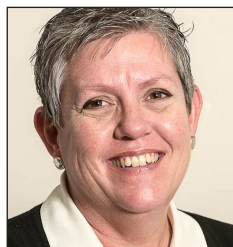
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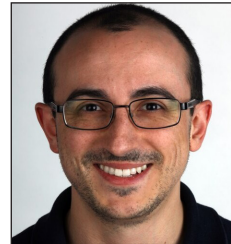
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grants returned home. After her investigation into the air quality in schools during the pandemic, the governor reversed course and dedicated millions in state spending for ventilation upgrades. A series of about youth crime during the pandemic — and how a backlog of court cases was preventing children from getting connected to help — resulted in the governor announcing the day after the story was published that more judges would be hired and cases processed faster. Her team at Connecticut Public recently won a national Sigma Delta Chi award for fact checking the claims being made around youth crime and a Public Media Journalists Association award for Best Continuing Coverage of special education during the pandemic. At The Connecticut Mirror she investigated housing discrimination, school spending, prison conditions, and pay raises for the top brass at public colleges. She has won three national awards from the Education Writers Association and a Theodore Driscoll Award for Investigative Reporting from the Connecticut Society for Professional Journalists for her work at the Connecticut Mirror. She has a masters in public policy from Trinity College and a journalism degree from Bowling Green State University. She has taught classes at UConn's School of Business and will soon teach journalism at Wesleyan University. She lives in Hartford with her husband, two children, and three dogs. She is a hater of the prepared statement, a tantrum negotiator, is generally well-caffeinated, and will work for tips.



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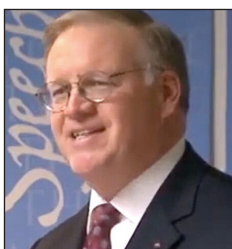


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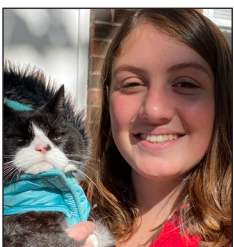


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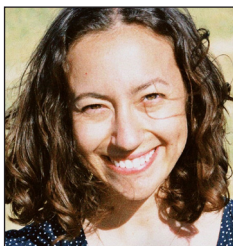


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