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Dear 2014 Institute Fellows,

Congratulations on being selected as a fellow 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 reporters in the region. You are in very good company.

Previous fellows — some of whom will be sharing their stories during the institute — have taken what they've learned at NEFAI and helped their newsroom break compelling investigatory news stories. Former fellow Amanda Milkovits of the Providence Journal said NEFAI led her to stories such as the cover-up of civilian complaints at a local police department, and the bungled attempt to hide the DUI arrest of a member of a politically prominent family. Andrew Stein of the Vermont Digger said he found the institute's SEC presentation of particular value as it helped him track over the course of a year the financial challenges of a local energy company that ultimately shut down. Will Graff of The Forecaster used the backgrounding, research and sourcing skills he acquired at NEFAI to examine health inspection shortcomings in public school cafeterias and, according to his editor, delve more deeply into the problems facing Maine's shellfish industry. Thirty-seven elite reporters, editors and media attorneys volunteered their time this year to help you achieve just as impressive results.

This year's faculty is here to not only educate, however, but to inspire. Marty Kaiser, who will be giving the keynote address, said in a 2009 speech that "even the best news organizations, the ones dedicated to genuine reporting, the truth seekers, even they are in a fight for survival these days. So what do we do?"

For the next three days we will be working together to become stronger journalists 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 — through enterprising stories like those mentioned above — why watchdog journalism is needed now more than ever.

Thank you for joining us this year and I wish you all a very productive institute.

Sincerely,

Justin Silverman, Esq.
Executive Director

About the New England First Amendment Institute

The New England First Amendment Institute is an annual intensive training course for working journalists on freedom of information laws and investigative techniques. By bringing together highly acclaimed media lawyers and award winning journalists, we offer 25 fellows a rich and collegial training program to better prepare them to practice watchdog journalism. We train our fellows on state and federal freedom of information laws with a case study method. We also train participants on database reporting skills, understanding SEC documents, as well as common pitfalls in FOI requests and how to respond. It is our goal to inspire our fellows to go out and change the culture of journalism in their newsrooms and reinvigorate investigative journalism.

Former NEFAI Fellows

2011	<u>NEW HAMPSHIRE</u>	Lindsay Tice	<u>VERMONT</u>	Neal Simpson
<u>CONNECTICUT</u>	Maddie Hanna	Sun Journal	Andrew Stein	The Patriot Ledger
Jenne Cho	Concord Monitor	<u>MASSACHUSETTS</u>	Vermont Digger	Joshua Miller
The Day	Mark Davis	Ryan Walsh	Dan D'Ambrosio	The Boston Globe
JC Reindl	Valley News	WWLP	Burlington Free Press	Wes Lowery
The Day	Joseph Cote	George Brennan	Jennifer Cleveland	The Boston Globe
Richard Campbell	Nashua Telegraph	Cape Cod Times	Caledonian-	Neena Pathak
The Register Citizen	<u>RHODE ISLAND</u>	Shaun Sutner	Record/Orleans	Schuster Institute
Alexandra Sanders	Amanda Milkovits	Worcester Telegram &	County Record	Shawn Musgrave
New Haven Register	Providence Journal	Gazette		MuckRock
Julie Stagis	Karen Ziner	Patrick Ronan	2013	<u>NEW HAMPSHIRE</u>
The Hartford Courant	Providence Journal	Patriot Ledger	<u>CONNECTICUT</u>	Todd Bookman
<u>MAINE</u>	David Scharfenberg	Fernandes Deirdre	Maggie Gordon	NH Public Radio
Susan Cover	Providence Phoenix	The Boston Globe	Hearst Newspapers	Christopher Garofolo
Maine Today	<u>VERMONT</u>	Sarah Favot	Tina Detelj	Eagle Times
Emily Guerin	Shay Totten	Lowell Sun	WTNH	Sarah Brubeck
The Forecaster	Seven Days	Alex Bloom	David Iversen	Valley News
Eric Russell	Anne Galloway	The Enterprise	WTNH	Kaitlin Mulhere
Bangor Daily	Vermont Digger	Martine Powers	Alec Johnson	Keene Sentinel
Jesse Nankin	John Briggs	The Boston Globe	Republican-American	Kathryn Marchocki
Watchdog	Burlington Free Press	David Eisenstadter	Jessica Glenza	NH Union Leader
New England	2012	The Transcript	The Register Citizen	<u>RHODE ISLAND</u>
<u>MASSACHUSETTS</u>	<u>CONNECTICUT</u>	<u>NEW HAMPSHIRE</u>	Viktoria Sundqvist	Mark Reynolds
Matthew Stout	Beau Berman	Maryalice Gill	The Middletown Press	Providence Journal
The Enterprise	WTIC-TV	Nashua Telegraph	Jenna Carlesso	Bill Malinowski
Keith Eddings	Francine Silverman	Meg Heckman	The Courant	Providence Journal
Eagle-Tribune	Hearst Newspapers	Concord Monitor	Lisa Backus	<u>VERMONT</u>
David Riley	Erin Logan	Annmarie Timmins	The Bristol Press	Nathan Burgess
MetroWest Daily	WTNH	Concord Monitor	<u>MAINE</u>	Stowe Reporter
News	Kevin Litten	Maggie Cassidy	David Harry	Jennifer Reading
Jim Haddadin	Republican-American	Valley News	The Forecaster	WCAX
Arlington Advocate	Shawn Beals	<u>RHODE ISLAND</u>	Matthew Curren	Olga Peters
Lyle Moran	Hartford Courant	Ian Donniss	WGME	The Commons
The Sun	Alexander Goldstein	RI Public Radio	<u>MASSACHUSETTS</u>	
Laura Hutchinson	The Day	Kathleen Mulvaney	Schuyler Velasco	
WWLP 22News	<u>MAINE</u>	Providence Journal	Christian Science	
Rory Schuler	Will Graff	Lynn Arditi	Monitor	
Taunton Daily	The Forecaster	Providence Journal	Doug Fraser	
			Cape Cod Times	

Schedule — November 16

DAY ONE

The Value of Transparency

3:15 Welcome

Tom Fiedler | NEFAC president and dean of Boston University College of Communications

3:30 - 4:30 Keynote Address

Martin Kaiser | editor and senior vice president of Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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.

Megan Twohey | Reuters

David DesRoches | Formerly of Darien Times

Michael Kirk | PBS

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

6:30 Dinner

Schedule — November 17

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

Todd Wallack | The Boston Globe

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

Schedule — November 17 (continued)

9:45 - 10:45 **Tips for Staying Out of Legal Trouble: Common Issues in Defamation and Invasion of Privacy**

Sigmund Schutz | Preti Flaherty
Peter J. Caruso, Sr. | Caruso & Caruso
Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr. | Blish & Cavanagh
William Chapman | Orr & Reno

Moderator: Greg Sullivan | Malloy & Sullivan

10:45 - 12:30 **Break-Out Sessions A**

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

Connecticut

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

New Hampshire

Greg Sullivan | Malloy & Sullivan
William Chapman | Orr & Reno

Massachusetts

Peter J. Caruso, Sr. | Caruso & Caruso
Laura Crimaldi | The Boston Globe

Rhode Island

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

Maine

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

Vermont

Dan Barrett | ACLU of Vermont
Michael Donoghue | Burlington Free Press

12:30 - 1:30 **Beat Lunches**

Politics

Tom Fiedler | NEFAC president and dean of Boston University College of Communications

Schedule — November 17 (continued)

Health

Lynne DeLucia | Connecticut Health Investigative Team editor

Court Reporting

Richard Gagliuso | Gagliuso & Gagliuso

Broadcast

Michael Beaudet | Fox

1:30 - 3:30 Federal Freedom of Information Act — Workshop/Panel

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 Workshop

Shawn Musgrave | MuckRock

Maggie Mulvihill | Boston University

2:30 - 3:30 Panel

Robert Bertsche | Prince Lobel Tye

Liz Ritvo | Brown Rudnick

Shawn Musgrave | MuckRock

Moderator: Jon Albano | Bingham McCutchen

3:30 - 4:30 Writing Workshop and Narrative Flow

Dick Lehr | Boston University

4:30 - 6:00 Former Fellows Panel

Shawn Musgrave | MuckRock

Fran Silverman | TruthInAdvertising.org

Viktorija Sundqvist | The Middletown Press / The Register Citizen

Moderator: Michael Donoghue | Burlington Free Press

6:00 Dinner

6:30 Dinner Address

Carol Leonnig | The Washington Post

Schedule — November 18

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.

Eric Moskowitz | The Boston Globe
Anna Schechter | NBC News
Bill Milanowski | The Providence Journal

10:30 - 12:30 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

Advanced Database Analysis
Matt Kauffman | Hartford Courant

12:30 - 1:00 Lunch Break

1:00 - 3:00 Digging for Gold in Securities and Exchange Commission Documents

Todd Wallack | The Boston Globe

3:00 - 4:30 Break-Out Sessions C

The Confrontational Interview & Transition to Audio or Video
Mal Leary | Maine Capitol Connection
R.D. Sahl | Boston University

Thinking Through a Story from Hunch to Headline
While Using Available Databases
Mike Rezendes | The Boston Globe

4:30 Concluding Remarks

Tom Fiedler | NEFAC president and dean of Boston University College of Communications

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Congratulations to the 2014 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.

***William B. Ketter**, 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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2014 NEFAI Keynote Speaker

MARTIN KAISER

Editor/Senior Vice President - Digital Content
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Marty Kaiser is editor / senior vice president of digital content for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. Under his leadership, the Journal Sentinel has a national reputation for investigative journalism and digital innovation. Kaiser has created the company's digital vision and has led the development and implementation of multiple digital products. His passion for anticipating the changing needs of readers and advertisers has better positioned the Journal Sentinel to grow advertising and readership, and strengthen its relevance to the community.

Kaiser's newsroom won three Pulitzer Prizes in the last six years, and has been honored as a finalist six other times from 2003 through 2014. In recent years, the Journal Sentinel has won awards in almost every major U.S. journalism contest. Columbia Journalism Review said last year that the Journal Sentinel has one of the most acclaimed watchdog teams in the country, period.

In 2010, he was named a vice president of Journal Communications, the parent company of the Journal Sentinel.

Editor & Publisher magazine named Kaiser its Editor of the Year in 2009 — recognizing his ability to increase investigative and enterprise reporting while developing one of the most respected newsroom cultures in the nation.

In 2011, the Milwaukee Press Club honored him with its Headliner Award for leadership in Wisconsin, only the second time a journalist has

been selected in the 55-year history of the award.

He joined the company as managing editor of the Milwaukee Journal, predecessor to the Journal Sentinel and was named Journal Sentinel editor and senior vice president in 1997. Before arriving in Milwaukee, Kaiser was associate managing editor of the Baltimore Sun. He

previously served in editing and reporting positions at the Chicago Sun-Times, and at Florida newspapers in Sarasota and Clearwater.

He is a member of the board of the American Society of News Editors Foundation, and the advisory board of the Center for Journalism Ethics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In

2010, Kaiser completed his term as president of the American Society of News Editors. During a tumultuous time, he was instrumental in refocusing the almost century old organization on a digital future, revitalizing the organization's finances and

reinstating the editors' annual convention.

Kaiser is a nationally recognized speaker on journalism, digital innovation and leadership. He was honored in 2009 at the University of Georgia by being selected to give the school's annual Ralph McGill Lecture. In 2010, Penn State University chose him to give its annual Oweida Lecture on journalism ethics.

He earned his B.A. from The George Washington University, in Washington, D.C., and completed the Northwestern University Kellogg Graduate School of Management Executive Program.



2014 NEFAI Faculty



JONATHAN M. ALBANO
Partner, Bingham McCutchen

Jonathan Albano is a partner in the litigation area of Bingham McCutchen LLP in Boston. Albano's practice includes representing newspapers, entertainment and news broadcasters, publishers, universities, nonprofit organizations, and individuals in cases involving a variety of constitutional issues, including free speech rights; the public's right of access to information; and privacy, defamation and equal protection claims. He is a contributing author to the "Survey of Privacy and Related Claims Against the Media," the "Massachusetts Tort Handbook," and the "Massachusetts Journalists' Court and Legal Handbook." He has tried to completion jury trials, bench trials and arbitrations and has argued over 40 appeals.



DAN BARRETT
Staff Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont

Dan Barrett runs the ACLU of Vermont's litigation program. He frequently litigates questions of open records, free speech and access to government proceedings. Prior to joining the ACLU, he served as a law clerk for the Hon. Janet Bond Arterton of the United States District Court for the District of Vermont.



MIKE BEAUDET
Investigative Reporter, FOX25

Investigative reporter Mike Beaudet has been with FOX25 since 1996. 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 composite 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. He teaches journalism at Northeastern where he is a professor of the practice.



ROBERT A. BERTSCHE
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Robert A. Bertscche 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 boards to the Student Press Law Center and the New England First Amendment 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, Bertscche 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 /
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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.



PETER J. CARUSO, SR.

Managing Partner,
Caruso & Caruso

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. CAVANAGH, 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 numerous seminars and public panels on civil trial practice and First Amendment law. A founding director of Access/R.I., a coalition of individuals and organizations dedicated to improving access to government information in Rhode Island, Cavanagh has successfully litigated cases in federal and Rhode Island and Massachusetts state courts as senior trial lawyer and head of civil litigation/trial practice at the firm. Cavanagh is also a founding director of the New England First Amendment Coalition, and is frequently honored in the peer-review based rating publication, "The Best Lawyers in America."



WILLIAM CHAPMAN

Partner, Orr & Reno

A senior member of Orr & Reno, a Concord, N.H.-based litigation group, William Chapman has represented New Hampshire newspapers, national publications such as The New York Times, The Boston Globe, USA Today, Fortune, and The Associated Press, and national print publishing companies. Chapman is a member of the New Hampshire Supreme Court's Committee on the Judiciary and the Media, and the New Hampshire Bar Association Ethics Committee, and frequently participates in libel privacy seminars, sponsored by the American

Newspaper Publisher Association, Practicing Law Institute, the New England Press Association, and the New Hampshire Bar Association. An award-winning First Amendment lawyer, Chapman's writing has appeared in "Tapping Officials' Secrets Compendium" by the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, the 50-State Survey of Libel Law and New Hampshire Bar News.



CATHERINE CLOUTIER

Data Producer,
The Boston Globe

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.



LAURA CRIMALDI

Reporter, The Boston Globe

Laura Crimaldi is a Metro reporter for The Boston Globe, where she covers local and breaking news, courts, and law enforcement. Crimaldi joined the Globe in 2012 as a news producer for Boston.com, one of the newspaper's websites. She has also been a member of the staff at The Associated Press in Providence, R.I., the Boston Herald, and The MetroWest Daily News in Framingham, Mass. Crimaldi began her career in journalism in 2001 at her hometown newspaper, The Milford Daily News in Milford, Mass. For her coverage of the foreclosure crisis in Boston, Crimaldi received the Sevellon Brown Public Service Award and was named a finalist for the Livingston Award for Young Journalists. She has been a member of the New England First Amendment Coalition board of directors since 2010. Crimaldi is a graduate of Smith College and lives in Winthrop, Mass., with her husband, Boston Herald photographer Mark Garfinkel.



LYNNE DELUCIA

Editor, Connecticut Health
Investigative Team

Lynne DeLucia is editor of the Connecticut Health Investigative Team (C-HIT), a news website featuring health and safety news and investigative stories. A non-profit online journalism venture based in New Haven, C-HIT partners with journalism students at the University of Connecticut and Quinnipiac University, and runs summer investigative reporting workshops for high school students. The driving force behind the website, DeLucia has more than 35 years of journalism experience. As state editor of The Hartford (Conn.) Courant, she led the paper to a Pulitzer Prize in 1999 for breaking news coverage of a shooting rampage. DeLucia has also worked as a reporter and city editor for the New Haven (Conn.) Register.



DAVID DESROCHES
Reporter, fergusonfiles.com

A native of central Virginia, David DesRoches is the recipient of a dozen awards at the state, regional and national level, mostly related to investigative reporting and First Amendment issues in the

fields of education, governance and the criminal justice system. Many of these accolades were tied to his exposure of a special education debacle in Darien, Conn., which led to a systematic overhaul of public school programming, numerous resignations and also sparked the creation of a statewide task force to explore how to better provide special education services. His penetrative reporting in the Darien Times newspaper has been cited as one of the most comprehensive examinations of the special education system in the United States, which is based on federal regulations that suffer from lax enforcement. Privacy laws that protect children's identities intensify the complexities of special education and its coverage by news media, leading to an opaque system fraught with fraud and in which accountability suffers. He is currently working on several projects, including fergusonfiles.com, an online news site covering racial tensions and inequities in the United States. He is also working on a documentary film about special education, and he is developing a website called *The Wool and The Beacon* (Wool-Beacon.com) with other investigative journalists to focus on what's working and what's broken in public education.



IAN DONNIS
Reporter,
Rhode Island Public Radio

Ian Donniss 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, Donniss 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 WPRI/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. Donniss previously worked for the Providence Phoenix, the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, and The Associated Press. His reporting has been recognized by the AP, the New England Press Association, the Rhode Island Press Association, and Rhode Island for Community & Justice.



MICHAEL DONOGHUE
Reporter, Burlington Free Press

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. Donoghue has been an adjunct professor of journalism and mass communications at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vt., since 1985. Donoghue has been an officer with the Vermont Press Association since 1979 and a former board member for the New England Press Association. He 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. As president of the Vermont Press Association, he was a leader in the successful fight to allow cameras in Vermont courtrooms in the mid-1980s. Donoghue 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.



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.



RICHARD GAGLIUSO
Partner, Gagliuso & Gagliuso

Rick Gagliuso has represented newspapers and other media outlets in New Hampshire since the 1980s. His work has spanned virtually the entire range of legal services required by the print and online media, including pre-publication review, advice and representation in mat-

ters related to defamation, invasion of privacy, newsgathering practices, the reporter's privilege, and access to public records and proceedings, and transactional work. He has also represented non-media clients in cases related to libel and privacy and other First Amendment issues. His work also includes commercial and industrial construction as well as general commercial, corporate, and transactional work. In addition to his law practice, he has an active mediation and arbitration practice and has served on the Construction and Commercial Panels of the American Arbitration Association. After working in larger law firms for many years, Gagliuso is currently a principal in the Merrimack law firm of Gagliuso & Gagliuso P.A. He is a past member and chair of the New Hampshire Judicial Council and currently serves on the Hearings Committee of the Attorney Discipline System. He has also served on the boards of directors or trustees of a number of trade and civic organizations, including Symphony New Hampshire. In 2000, the New Hampshire Bar Association conferred upon him its President's Award for Special Service to the Profession and the Public. Gagliuso grew up in Concord, N.H., graduated from Harvard College in 1976, and earned his law degree from Boston University School of Law in 1979. He resides in Amherst, N.H.



MATTHEW KAUFFMAN
Reporter, The 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, Kauffman 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, Kauffman teaches college courses in investigative reporting and computer-assisted reporting.



MICHAEL KIRK
Producer, PBS

Michael Kirk is an award-winning documentary filmmaker. His programs have won three Peabody, two Polk, two DuPont-Columbia, 12 Emmy and eight Writers Guild of America awards. A former Nieman

Fellow in Journalism at Harvard University, Kirk was the original senior producer of the long-running PBS series "Frontline." In 1987 he created his own production company, the Kirk Documentary Group. Since then he has produced more than 60 programs for Frontline. His most recent productions include "Losing Iraq," tracing the U.S. role in the Iraq war from the 2003 invasion to the violent rise of the radical Jihadist group ISIS; "United States of Secrets: The Program," the dramatic inside story of how the U.S. government came to monitor and collect the communications of millions of peo-

ple around the world — including ordinary Americans — and the lengths they went to trying to hide the massive surveillance program from the public; and "League of Denial: The NFL's Concussion Crisis," a two-hour investigation revealing how, for years, the NFL worked to refute scientific evidence that the violent collisions at the heart of the game are linked to alarming incidence of early-onset dementia. In addition, Kirk produces programs focused on social and cultural issues in America. "Death by Fire" details the controversial case of one man at the center of the death penalty debate; "Caring for Your Parents" follows five families caring for their elderly parents; "Navy Blues" examines gender politics in the military; "The Way the Music Died" goes behind the scenes of the recording industry; and the groundbreaking "Misunderstood Minds" shares the personal stories of five families confronting the challenges of their children's learning disabilities, filmed over the course of two years. Kirk frequently lectures on topics ranging from current events to issues confronting journalism. He has appeared on a variety of television programs, including "Charlie Rose," the "Today" show, Bill O'Reilly's "The O'Reilly Factor," CNN/MSNBC/Fox news programs, and hundreds of radio broadcasts, among them "Fresh Air" on National Public Radio.



MAL LEARY
Managing Editor, Maine Capitol Connection Channel

Mal Leary has been a journalist throughout his life, working in Washington, D.C. while in college and in Maine as both a reporter and editor. He has won numerous awards

for his reporting, both in broadcast and in print. Leary has written for several state newspapers on government issues in Maine through the Capitol News Service, which he owned and operated for years. CNS also provided radio reports on state government and the state's congressional delegation to stations across the state. Leary wrote a column on government activities for MaineBiz, the state's business newspaper for several years and participates regularly in several journalism and political science seminars at Maine colleges and universities. He has been a long-time member of the Society of Professional Journalists and the Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors. He is the SPJ Sunshine chairman in Maine and is currently the vice president of the Maine Freedom of Information Coalition and is treasurer and a director of the National Freedom of Information Coalition. He serves on the Maine Legislature's Right to Know Advisory Committee and has since its creation in 2004. Leary currently works for the Maine Public Broadcasting Network as the managing editor of the Maine Capitol Connection Channel that provides statewide TV coverage of state government. He also contributes to Maine Public Radio's news programming. He is married with three grown children, several grandchildren and lives in Augusta in sight of the Capitol dome.



DICK LEHR
Author and Professor of Journalism, Boston University

Dick Lehr is an author and professor of journalism at Boston University. He previously spent nearly two decades at The Boston Globe, where he was a member of the newspaper's investigative Spotlight Team, a projects reporter, and a magazine writer. Lehr

was a Pulitzer Prize finalist in investigative reporting and has won numerous journalism awards. His most recent book is “The Birth of a Nation: How a Legendary Director and Crusading Editor Reignited America’s Civil War.” He is coauthor of the New York Times best-seller, “Black Mass: Whitey Bulger, The FBI, and A Devil’s Deal” and its sequel, “Whitey: The Life of America’s Most Notorious Mob Boss.” His other books include “The Fence: A Police Cover-up Along Boston’s Racial Divide,” and “Judgment Ridge: The True Story Behind The Dartmouth Murders.” Lehr has degrees from Harvard College and the University of Connecticut School of Law. He has been a visiting journalist at the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism at Brandeis University and a John S. Knight journalism fellow at Stanford University.



CAROL LEONNIG

Reporter, Washington Post

Carol Leonnig is an award-winning investigative and government accountability reporter who has worked at the Washington Post since 2000. She was part of a team of national security reporters that won

the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service in 2014 for revealing the NSA’s expanded spying on Americans. In the same year, she and two teammates won the George Polk Award for uncovering more than \$150,000 in lavish gifts and cash that Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell and his wife took from a businessman whose company the couple were helping. Their revelatory coverage culminated in the couple being indicted this year on bribery and corruption charges and then convicted on 20 felony counts. In 2011, Leonnig and her Post colleague Joe Stephens were the first to reveal in a series of stories how the Obama administration pressed to approve a \$535 million federal loan to Solyndra, a solar panel manufacturer whose leading investor was a top Obama fundraiser. Their stories were the first to document how White House aides for the senior-most White House advisers pressured staff to approve the Solyndra loan despite staff fears the company had a high risk of failing. At the Post, Leonnig helped lead a reporting team that uncovered how city and federal officials for years left D.C. residents in the dark as the levels of lead in their drinking water reached record-breaking, toxic levels. The year-long coverage won the Selden Ring Award for public service in investigative journalism. Leonnig previously worked on the staff of The Charlotte Observer, covering the governor of North Carolina, the legislature and then Congress. Her first paid reporting job was in 1987 at The Philadelphia Inquirer, where she went to work as a part-time stringer in her senior year at Bryn Mawr College. She joined the staff as a full-time correspondent after graduation. She has done numerous radio and television interviews, including National Public Radio, CNN, “The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer,” Fox News, and MSNBC. She lives in Washington with her husband and two young daughters.



JENIFER MCKIM

Reporter, New England Center for Investigative Reporting

Jenifer McKim is the assistant managing editor and 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 “Public 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. McKim was a 2008 fellow at the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University and is a graduate of Wesleyan University in Connecticut. She started her journalism career at the San Juan Star in Puerto Rico and speaks fluent Spanish.



BILL MALINOWSKI

Reporter, Providence Journal

Bill Malinowski has been a reporter at The Providence Journal for 28 years and covered a wide range of topics. Most recently, he received the Master Reporter Award from The New England Society of Newspaper

Editors last May and was honored with the Sevellon Brown Award as this year’s 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 has been covering Aaron Hernandez, the ex-New England Patriot tight end, who has been charged with first-degree murder. Malinowski also has been writing extensively about gun violence in Providence. Prior to arriving in Providence in April 1985, Malinowski was a reporter at The Denver Post and Tempe (Ariz.) Daily News. He is a native of Norwich, Conn., and a graduate of Connecticut College and Northwestern University. Malinowski lives in Barrington, R.I., with his wife, Mary Murphy, a photographer at the Journal.



ERIC MOSKOWITZ

Reporter, The Boston Globe

Eric Moskowitz is a Metro reporter for The Boston Globe, specializing in feature writing and enterprise projects. He is a two-time finalist for the Livingston Award for Young Journalists and this past year

placed second in both the National Headliner Awards (for feature

writing on a variety of subjects by an individual) and the Best American Newspaper Narrative Writing Contest. That competition, sponsored by the Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference, recognized his 2013 story about a Chinese national named Danny who was carjacked by the suspected Boston Marathon bombers, written on deadline after an exclusive interview. Moskowitz's 2014 work has included uncovering the long trail of violence, without consequences, that preceded Jared Remy's murder of Jennifer Martel, and retracing the footsteps of some of the New England volunteers who ventured to Mississippi in 1964 for Freedom Summer, an experience that transformed them more than it changed the Deep South. He previously spent three years on the Globe's transportation beat, writing about news, politics, lore, history, and daily life along the roads, rails, and bridges of Greater Boston. Before joining the Globe in 2007, he spent four years with the Concord (N.H.) Monitor, where he covered local news and features as well as state politics and the primaries, and earned community newspaper reporter of the year honors from the New England Society of Newspaper Editors in 2005. Prior to that, he worked as a suburban reporter for The (New Bedford) Standard-Times. A native of Needham, Mass., and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Moskowitz started out as a sports writer and covered 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

Professor of Journalism,
Boston University

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

Executive Director /
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Connecticut FOI Commission

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SHAWN MUSGRAVE

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Shawn Musgrave is the projects editor at MuckRock, a hybrid investigative outlet and public records service dedicated to making government documents accessible. Musgrave

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MIKE REZENDES

Reporter, The Boston Globe

Michael Rezendes 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 investigated the role played by a prominent Jesuit priest at Boston College, the Rev. Bradley M. Schaeffer, in covering up sexual abuse by a predator priest with ties to Mother Teresa.

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ELIZABETH RITVO
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R.D. SAHL
Associate Professor of
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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. He’s a recipient of the Yankee Quill Award and a member of the Silver Circle of the New England National Academy of Television and Sciences.



ANNA SCHECTER
Investigative Producer, NBC

Anna Schechter 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. Schechter 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. Schechter 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. Schechter did her graduate work at Johns

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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.



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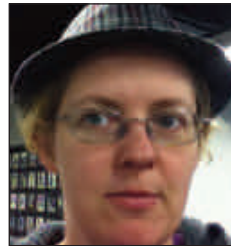
Connecticut Post/Hearst CT Media overseeing Sunday enterprise and investigative stories. She also was a contributing writer for The New York Times Connecticut and regional sections. She was a staff writer at The Hartford Courant covering consumer issues, politics and town news. Silverman has taught journalism at Fairfield University, Quinnipiac University's Graduate School of Communication and Norwalk Community College.



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VIKTORIA SUNDQVIST

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Viktoria Sundqvist is the investigations editor at The Middletown Press and The Register Citizen (of Torrington), two Digital First Media newspapers in Connecticut. Her role is to carry out in-depth reporting and investigative journalism with a focus on freedom of information issues in the state, as well as guide the staff at the three daily DFM Connecticut newspapers — including the New Haven Register — with FOI issues, enterprise reporting and other in-depth projects. Prior to the new investigative position, she was the editor at The Middletown Press for three years, where she helped lead the paper's staff to a digital first workflow and assisted in the transition to a shared copy desk. She is currently filling in as acting editor at the Litchfield County Times. She has also worked as managing editor at The Register Citizen and helped run several weekly newspapers in the state prior to that. A native of Sweden, she came to the U.S. as an au pair in 1998, having already studied mass media in high school at a vocational technical-type program where she earned hands-on experience in writing newspaper articles, requesting public documents, producing talk-radio shows, film editing, photography and graphic design.



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NEFAC Joins Open Government Groups to Blast R.I. Attorney General Opinion

Calling it "a new low" in Rhode Island's enforcement of the Access to Public Records Act (APRA), the New England First Amendment Coalition joined several fellow open government groups to blast an opinion recently issued by the attorney general's office. The advisory opinion, *Clark v. Dep. of Public Safety*, held that public bodies can charge members of the public for the time it takes to compile a letter denying an open records request. [More](#)

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Reporter, Reuters

Megan Twohey is an investigative reporter for Reuters based in New York. She was named a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Investigative Reporting this year for her series on the re-homing of

adopted children. The series prompted new laws and other safeguards for children. Before joining Reuters, she worked at the Chicago Tribune, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, The Moscow Times and National Journal. A native of Evanston, Ill., she now lives in Brooklyn.



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 HealthCare Journalists, as well as a "Laurel" from the Columbia Journalism Review. Wallack, a gradu-

ate of Northwestern University, has worked for The Boston Globe since 2007. He has spent much of his career as a business reporter and previously worked for the San Francisco Chronicle, Boston Herald, Boston Business Journal, Network World, and the Dayton (Ohio) Daily news. He lives with his wife in Somerville, Mass.

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where he did all things web. Before that, he was editor of two online local news websites for two Connecticut shoreline towns. Bagley believes in the profound role of journalism to hold those in power accountable and to provide a voice to the voiceless. His passion for the craft began in high school as part of a small group of aspiring journalists that sought to rehab the school newspaper. He can still recall the paper cuts endured folding the week's news when the school couldn't afford to pay a professional printer. He cannot recall ever complaining.



KELLY CATALFAMO

Reporter, *The Day*

Kelly Catalfamo has been a reporter at *The Day* in New London, Conn., since February 2013. She currently covers the towns of Ledyard and North Stonington, as well as the district's congressional race. She was an

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Reporter, CBS 13 / FOX 23

Jon Chrisos is the investigative and consumer reporter at CBS 13 and FOX 23 in Portland. He also anchors the stations' Sunday night and noon newscasts. Chrisos got his first shot on-air at WABI where he

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EMILY CORWIN

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Emily Corwin is NHPR's Seacoast reporter, doing general assignment reporting across the region. She reports regularly on New Hampshire's prison system, higher education, and regional politics. Previously, Corwin worked on NPR's

StateImpact project covering business and economy in New Hampshire. Corwin received the 2013 Gracie Award for "Best Hard News Feature," for her reporting on New Hampshire's state prison for women. Before coming to NHPR, Corwin was the associate programmer for "Public Radio Remix," with Roman Mars (of "99% Invisible"). She hosted and produced *Youthcast*, a podcast from the Public Radio Exchange; and worked on other freelance projects in Boston.



ALYSSA DANDREA

Reporter, *The Keene Sentinel*

Alyssa M. Dandrea is the cops and courts reporter at *The Keene Sentinel* in Keene, N.H. 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: education, business, investigative and feature writing. Dandrea graduated from Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, N.H., in 2011 with a degree in journalism. As a university senior, she received the Marlin Fitzwater Medallion for contributions to the public discourse. She is a Vermont native.



TAYLOR DOBBS

Reporter, Vermont Public Radio

Taylor Dobbs is the digital reporter for Vermont Public Radio, where he works with VPR's digital news team on stories ranging from breaking news coverage to months-long investigative multimedia pieces. The

team's coverage over the past year includes intensive, document- and data-driven reporting on Vermont's health care exchange, multimedia coverage of many aspects of the state's prominent opiate addiction issues and an investigation into the use and record-keeping associated with Vermont's rapidly growing number of electronic license plate readers. Prior to joining VPR, Dobbs attended Northeastern University's journalism school in Boston, where he covered the Boston Marathon bombing and subsequent manhunt from the streets of Boston, Cambridge and Watertown.



NORA DOYLE-BURR

Reporter, *Valley News*

Nora Doyle-Burr is a staff writer for the *Valley News* in West Lebanon, N.H. As such, she covers city government, education and land use issues in Lebanon, a small city with approximately 13,000 residents.

She holds an M.S. in science and medical journalism from Boston University and a B.A. in English and environmental studies from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. She is a native Vermonter who grew up on a dairy farm turned vegetable and berry farm in Monkton.

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SEAN F. DRISCOLL

Reporter, Cape Cod Times

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 Poponessett Bay and the re-opening of Penikese Island as a treatment center for troubled boys. He recently 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 will be used as a launch pad for new 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.



RANDAL EDGAR

Reporter,
The Providence Journal

Randal Edgar covers state politics for The Providence Journal. He pursued a career in journalism four years out of college, after looking at the newspaper each day and remarking in near disbelief that people were actually paid to report, investigate and write for a living. He grew up in Chelmsford, Mass., and earned a bachelor of science in business administration from the University of Lowell. Edgar previously worked at the Lowell (Mass.) Sun, where he covered several towns, and the Waterbury (Conn.) Republican-American, where he covered education. He lives in East Providence, R.I.



ROSA FLORES

Reporter, CNN

Rosa Flores is a correspondent and substitute anchor for CNN, covering a variety of national, state and local stories. Before joining CNN, she anchored the 4 p.m. newscast at WBRZ-TV, the ABC affiliate in Baton Rouge. Prior to moving to Louisiana's capital city, Flores covered enterprise and breaking news stories at WDSU-TV, the NBC affiliate in New Orleans. Her reporting included extensive coverage of the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Prior to that, she reported for KHOU-TV, the CBS affiliate in Houston and KWTU-TV in Oklahoma City. In 2012, RTDNA awarded her the Michele Clark Fellowship. Flores was also selected to participate in the Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution, and in the Metcalf Institute for Marine and Environmental Reporting Fellowship and oil spill seminar. Also, she is the author of "Progreso," a history book about her hometown on the Texas-Mexico border, and just e-published a bilingual children's book titled "Lilia Goes To School/Lilia Va A La Escuela." Flores is an active member of the National Association of

Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ), who played an active role in founding the organization's Oklahoma City chapter. Speaking frequently at schools and before professional groups, Flores is dedicated to community service work, including creating a motivational series of talks for teenage girls. She earned a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism, bachelor's degree in business administration, and master's degree in accounting at the University of Texas at Austin. Flores is based in New York City.



NELL GLUCKMAN

Reporter, Bangor Daily News

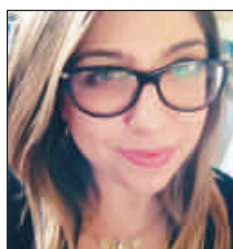
Nell Gluckman is a native of New York City and a graduate of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. She has worked as a reporter in Maine since the summer of 2013 when she became an intern at the Maine Center of Public Interest Reporting. The past year, Nell has worked for the Bangor Daily News, first as a general assignment reporter covering the towns of Ellsworth, Bucksport, Stonington and everything in between, then as a statewide education reporter and now as a political reporter covering the 2nd Congressional District election.



PAUL GRIMALDI

Reporter,
The Providence Journal

Paul Grimaldi is a staff writer at The Providence Journal where he has worked since 2002. He has covered a range of issues in 25 years as a writer and editor for weekly and daily newspapers, magazines and online publications. Among those are: banking, casinos, consumer issues, the defense industry, municipal government, politics, retailing, tax issues and venture capital. He came to The Providence Journal after having worked at The Patriot Ledger, in Quincy, Mass., The MetroWest Daily News, in Framingham, Mass., and The Bulletin in Norwich, Conn. Currently, Grimaldi covers economic development for Rhode Island's largest daily newspaper. He was the 2007 recipient of a National Press Foundation fellowship and a 2008 fellow of the Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism. He has won numerous regional and national awards for his writing on business topics. He holds a bachelor's degree in English from Rhode Island College and a master's degree in journalism from Indiana University. Grimaldi lives in North Attleboro, Mass., with his wife and two children.

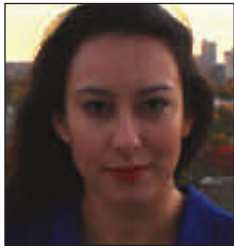


ABBY LEDOUX

Reporter, Milton Independent

Abby Ledoux graduated summa cum laude from Emerson College in December 2013 with a B.S. in journalism and a minor in political science. While at school, Abby was a campus news reporter, covering campus events and alumni profiles for the college website and weekly newsletters. She also hosted a weekly political talk radio show on Emerson's online radio station, WECB, and served as a Beacon Hill news correspondent for Boston.com's "Your Town" in 2012. She moved home to Georgia, Vt., after graduation and began working at the Milton Inde-

pendent, a weekly newspaper, shortly thereafter. She still holds this position, where she covers the neighboring towns of Milton and her hometown, Georgia; she is also responsible for the paper's production design. When she's not reporting on town, school and feature news for the Milton Independent, Ledoux enjoys following politics, practicing yoga and reading voraciously.



BERYL LIPTON

Reporter, muckrock.com

Beryl C.D. Lipton is a reporter at the FOIA-focused news site/tool MuckRock. Her work focuses on the use of public records in the prison system and citizen use of public records laws in general. She

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PRIYANKA MCCLUSKEY

Reporter, The Boston Globe

Priyanka Dayal McCluskey is a business reporter at The Boston Globe, covering health care and life sciences. She previously worked as a health reporter at the Boston Herald and before that covered business

and local news at the Worcester Telegram & Gazette. Originally from New Delhi, McCluskey grew up in Central Massachusetts and studied journalism and political science at Boston University. The New England Society of Newspaper Editors named her New England journalism's "Rising Star" in 2012. When she's not on deadline, she can be found in a hot yoga class, fumbling around in her kitchen, attempting to complete a crossword, or cheering on the Red Sox.

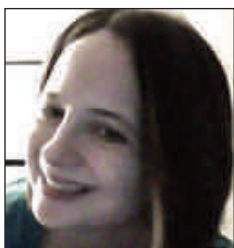


PETER MCGUIRE

Reporter,
Forecaster Newspapers

Peter McGuire is a staff writer for The Forecaster newspapers in Falmouth, Maine, where he covers the communities of

Brunswick and Harpswell. Before joining The Forecaster, McGuire was a staff reporter for the Lewiston Sun Journal, covering five communities, breaking news and courts in Oxford County in Western Maine. He holds a degree in history from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and a master's degree in international relations from Boston University. Prior to launching a career in journalism he worked as a teacher in Rwanda, a research analyst for a U.S. Department of Defense contractor and an organic farmer.



KERRY MILLER

Editor and Reporter,
Eagle Times

Kerry Miller has worked as the assistant editor and a reporter at the Eagle Times daily newspaper in Claremont, N.H., since March of 2013. As a reporter, she spent

much of the last year and a half covering stories of big turmoil in

small towns, including the long-delayed Unity Elementary School in Unity, N.H., and efforts in Charlestown, N.H., to establish an historic district commission to protect the town's historic Main Street from future development. Prior to her time at the Eagle, she worked as a reporter in Fitchburg, Mass., at the Sentinel & Enterprise and for the previous five years worked as an editor and reporter at MidWeek magazine in Honolulu, Hawaii. At the age of five she had her first "almost job" lending a hand at a flower shop owned by a friend of her family. Miller was paid in Juicy Fruit gum, which seemed like a pretty good deal to her.



ALEXA MILLS

Correspondent,
The Boston Globe

Alexa Mills is a correspondent at The Boston Globe and guest faculty at Emerson College. For six years she worked at the

MIT Community Innovators Lab in the MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning, where she taught production and storytelling to city planning students. Also at MIT, she founded CoLab Radio, an online publication in which people who are committed to improving their communities can share their projects and express their ideas. The site publishes work by a mix of practitioners, academics, and individual residents. Mills is a Fulbright Special Scholar. She earned her B.A. in English from Cornell University. She earned her master's in city planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Before attending MIT, Mills directed the SAFE Victim Advocacy Program in the Domestic Violence Unit of the Washington, D.C., city courthouse.



ALEX RUPPENTHAL

Asst. Editor / Reporter,
Medford Transcript

After Alex Ruppenthal ran into a brick wall during a Wiffle ball game and nearly died from a brain injury, he woke up and told

himself, "This being a pro athlete thing could be dangerous." Since age 14 and until about two years ago, Ruppenthal focused on writing about things that happen when people run around fields throwing or kicking things. He then decided to try something new and report about stuff outside of stadiums with obstacles and flying objects, and it's probably just safer for him, too. Ruppenthal is an assistant editor/reporter with the Medford Transcript in Medford, Mass., a WickedLocal.com publication. Originally from Chicago, Ruppenthal is still learning to navigate traffic circles (Rotaries, he means) and has a new appreciation for Paul Revere impersonators after his first Patriot's Day in New England. Before hopping to the East Coast, Ruppenthal worked in brickless newsrooms at the Chicago Tribune, Columbia Missourian, Suburban Life Media, MLB.com and ESPNChicago.com. His work has also appeared in the Daily Herald, Vox Magazine and on the websites of Comcast SportsNet Chicago and Editor & Publisher. Ruppenthal's work has been recognized by the Associated Press Sports Editors, the Hearst Foundation and the Missouri Collegiate Media Association. A Naperville, Ill., native and graduate of the University of Missouri, Ruppenthal enjoys enunciating unmlauts in his second language (German), drinking beer that doesn't taste like water, bowling, syncing sports radio to the TV for better announcers and being the guy who always asks for directions if it gets him there quicker.



MICHAEL SHEPHERD
Reporter, Kennebec Journal

Michael Shepherd is a reporter covering politics and government for the Kennebec Journal in Augusta, Maine. In 2013, the Maine Press Association named him the state's top young journalist. He graduated

with a bachelor's degree in journalism and political science from the University of Maine in 2012, where he was editor-in-chief of The Maine Campus, the twice-weekly student newspaper, from 2010 to 2012. Under his leadership, The Campus was named the region's College Newspaper of the Year by the New England Society of Newspaper Editors in 2011. For 2010, the Society of Professional Journalists named it the best non-daily student newspaper from Maine to Pennsylvania, deeming it a finalist for its national prize. It was runner-up in its region for that award in 2011. Since joining the Kennebec Journal in 2012, he has covered the Maine State House and state and federal campaigns, including a close race for Maine's 2nd Congressional District in 2014. He's a native of Hallowell, a small city near Augusta, and now lives in nearby Gardiner.

also reports on regional, statewide and sometimes national news. Sherman is of a family of journalists from the great state of Vermont and — although spending a portion of his life in Southeast Asia — he has a true New England soul and now works in Massachusetts, but lives in Providence, R.I. He received a B.A. in journalism from Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y. Sherman loves New England sports, politics, palatable beer and spirited discussions.



JENNIFER SWIFT
Reporter, New Haven Register

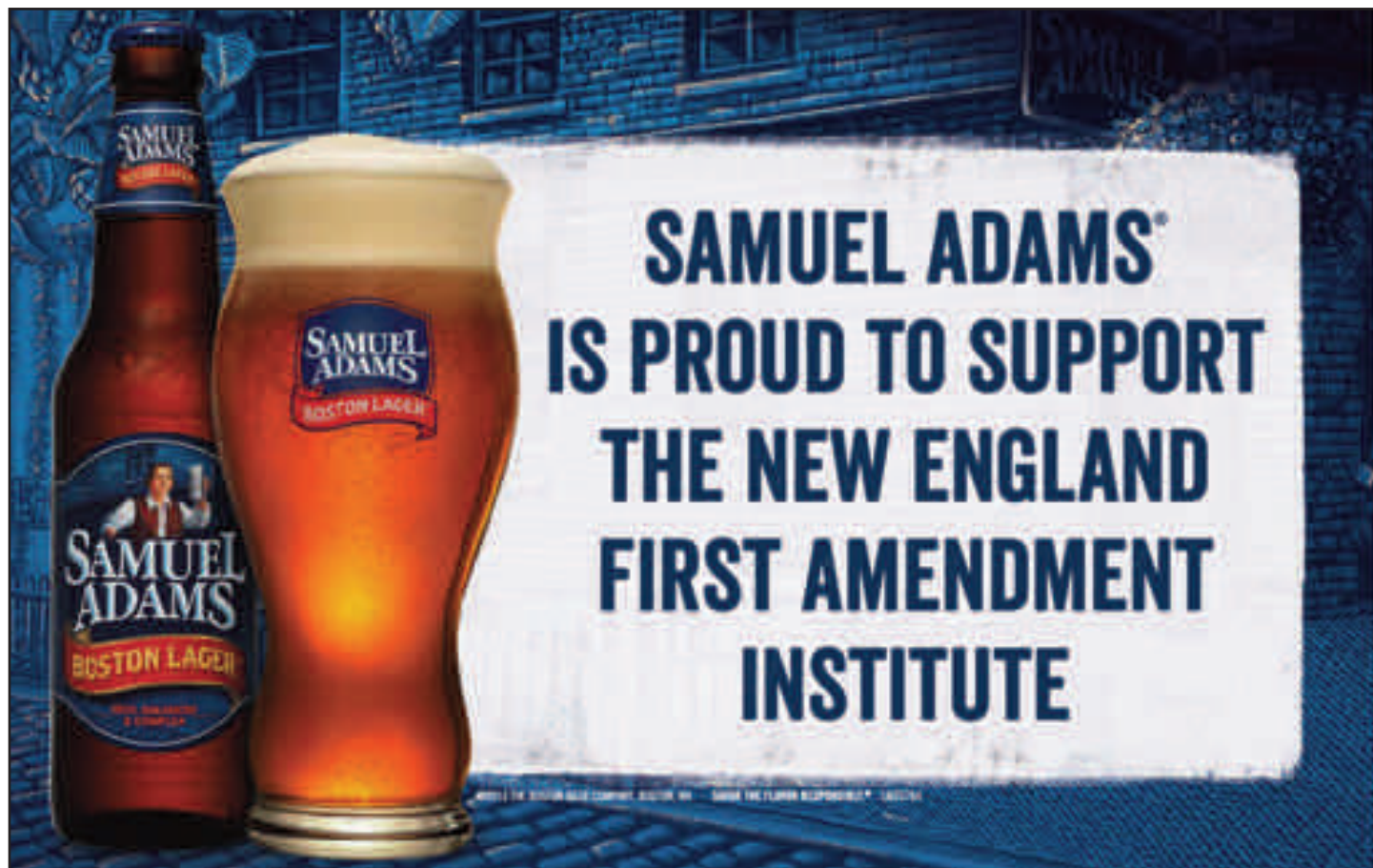
Using a combination of traditional and digital media skills, Jennifer Swift has produced stories on politics, education and local news for the New Haven Register and Connecticut Magazine. In

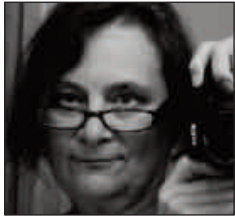
July, she created DividedConnecticut.com, a website that covered the policies that underscored the 2014 governor's race. Her reporting for DividedConnecticut.com, a website produced in collaboration with the New Haven Register and Connecticut Magazine included policy-oriented stories on education, the economy and immigration. Prior to covering state politics, her reporting followed the aftermath of allegations of civil rights violations by the East Haven Police Department and uncovered more allegations of abuse. In 2013, Swift earned four awards from the Connecticut Society of Professional Journalists for her multimedia and investigative reporting. Before arriving at the New Haven Register, Swift worked as a local news reporter for the hyper-local news site The Daily Yorktown. While attending Quinnipiac University, she spent a semester interning at The Hill newspaper in Washington, D.C.



ELI SHERMAN
Reporter,
Waltham News Tribune

Eli Sherman is a full-time journalist working with the Waltham News Tribune and Wickedlocal.com in Waltham, Mass. He's the newspaper's sole reporter and responsible for writing hyper-local news stories, but





ALLISON TEAGUE

Reporter, Commons News

Raised in Vermont, a creative writer, poet and artist by training, Allison Teague came to journalism via the backdoor during the economic downturn in

2009, unable to find any other work in the field where she had been employed for nearly a decade. The editor of Vermont Independent Media's weekly, the Commons News of Windham County, Jeff Potter, took a chance on her due to her "enthusiasm." As a freelance reporter, Teague also receives diverse assignments from quarterly Vermont publications. She cut her journo teeth on a "beat" in a corner of southeastern Vermont that other reporters roll their eyes at when the name comes up. Teague finds the FOIA process rife with citizen misinterpretations of Vermont's open meeting laws. She also finds document requests of public officials ranging from library boards to the town manager and even herself to be grossly misinterpreted under public document laws. Teague sees a bizarre twist of FOIA being used as a harassment tool, providing no discernible goal or result other than costing the town and village time and money to comply. As a reporter who relies heavily on public document requests, she is fascinated by this conundrum. At the heart of her passion is an interest in fairness, providing a voice for the voiceless, and shining a light in the dark.



TESS TOWNSEND

Reporter, The Day

Tess Townsend started with The Day in February 2014. She covers the towns of Waterford and Montville, Conn. Prior to joining The Day, she worked at the Roswell Daily Record in Roswell, New Mexico. Her

work has also appeared in The Bay Citizen, The New York Times and GlobalPost. She graduated from UC Berkeley in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in English literature.



JANINE WEISMAN

Editor, Newport Mercury

Janine Weisman has been the editor of the weekly Newport (R.I.) Mercury since 2005 and was previously the city hall reporter for The Newport Daily News for about a decade. She is also an adjunct journalism

professor at Roger Williams University and a contributing writer for "New England Psychologist." Weisman is a member of the Association of Health Care Journalists and the Society of Professional Journalists.

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