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This year's program is provided in large part due to the fund's dedication to improving the quality of journalism throughout the region and to offering our 2017 Fellows the tools and knowledge needed to become stronger watchdogs.

On behalf of NEFAC, thank you.



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Andreozzi, Romano  
at top of QB class  
SPORTS, B1



Damon shines  
in 'The Martian'  
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Complete forecast, B6

R.I. ECONOMY

## Millennials priced out of housing market

Young adults earn less, form fewer households than older groups

By Christine Dunn  
Journal Staff Writer

households than their peer age group did in 2000," HousingWorks reported as part of its 2015 Housing Fact Book, an annual analysis

Island, \$14,509 in a recent U.S. Census Bureau estimate, is much too low to rent affordably even the average-priced one-bed-

**Millennials in R.I.**

(Residents aged 18 to 34)  
24 percent of the population  
15 percent of the households  
\$14,509 - median personal income

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Dear 2017 NEFAI Fellow,

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

Previous Fellows have taken what they've learned at NEFAI and helped their newsrooms break compelling investigatory news stories. Former Fellow Meghan Foley, for example, said NEFAI helped her "become a resource for reporters and editors when it comes to formulating public record requests, knowing what records are publicly available and how best to analyze data." Foley will speak on Day Two about her six-article series that ran in the Keene Sentinel examining the deficiencies of a regional medical response team. She'll be joined by former Fellows Kyle Jones of WMTW-Portland and Susan Spencer of the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, both with their own stories to share.

In all, 36 elite reporters, editors, media attorneys and FOI experts volunteered their time this year to help you write *your* success stories.

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

Congrats again on being selected as a 2017 New England First Amendment Institute Fellow. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to help you accomplish your goals during the next three days.

I wish you a very productive Institute.

Sincerely,

**Justin Silverman, Esq.**  
Executive Director

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# About the New England First Amendment Institute

## WHAT IS NEFAI?

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

## WHY IS IT NEEDED?

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

## ABOUT OUR HOST

Northeastern University is generously providing a home for NEFAI 2017. For more than 40 years, the university's School of Journalism has combined academic excellence with practical experience, preparing students to be analytical thinkers and successful communicators. The New England First Amendment Coalition is extremely grateful for Northeastern's assistance and contributions to the Institute. We encourage you to learn more about the university by visiting [www.northeastern.edu](http://www.northeastern.edu).

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 [www.tinyurl.com/nefalinkedin](http://www.tinyurl.com/nefalinkedin)

 [www.facebook.com/groups/nefirstamendment](https://www.facebook.com/groups/nefirstamendment)

## James W. Foley Scholarship

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

According to the James W. Foley Foundation:

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

In honor of James, NEFAC's James W. Foley Scholarship provides funding for one Fellow to attend the Institute without travel or lodging expenses. To learn more about James and the organization his family founded in his name, please visit [www.jamesfoleyfoundation.org](http://www.jamesfoleyfoundation.org).

### *Scholarship Recipients*

**2017** | Caitlin Andrews, Concord Monitor  
**2016** | Katie Jickling, Herald of Randolph (Vt.)  
**2015** | Nate Holst, WMTW-TV (Me.)



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## Locations



### NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Unless otherwise noted in the schedule, all New England First Amendment Institute sessions will occur at the Curry Student Center (50). Parking will be provided on Oct. 29 and Oct. 31 at the Gainsborough Garage (45) and Renaissance Garage (62).

#### Northeastern University

360 Huntington Avenue  
Boston

#### Capo Restaurant and Lincoln Tavern & Restaurant

443, 425 West Broadway  
South Boston

#### Marriott Courtyard

63R Boston Street  
Boston

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## Schedule — October 29

### DAY ONE

#### The Value of Transparency



Shuttle Available  
Hotel→Restaurant 7 p.m.  
Restaurant→Hotel 9:30 p.m.

**2:00 Registration** [McCleod Suites]

**2:45 - 4:00 Keynote Address** [McCleod Suites]

David Barboza | The New York Times

Introduction: Thomas Fiedler | NEFAC president, dean of the Boston University College of Communication

**4:00 - 4:15 Break**

**4:15 - 6:00 Panel: Tales from the Trenches** [McCleod Suites]

*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.*

Mike Beaudet | WCVB-Boston, Northeastern University

Eric Eyre | Charleston (W.Va.) Gazette-Mail

Kristen Lombardi | Center for Public Integrity

Moderator: Thomas Fiedler | NEFAC president, dean of the Boston University College of Communication

**7:30 Dinner** [Off-Site — Capo Restaurant]

Dinner will be served at Capo Restaurant, 443 W. Broadway in South Boston. A shuttle will be provided from the Institute hotel to the restaurant at 7 p.m. and from the restaurant back to the hotel at 9:30 p.m.

## Schedule — October 30

### DAY TWO

#### How Do We Harness FOI Laws and Public Data to Further Investigations?



Shuttle Available  
Hotel→Institute 7:30 a.m.  
Institute→Restaurant 4 p.m.  
Restaurant→Hotel 8:30 p.m.

**8:15 - 8:30 Announcements** [Room 333]

**8:30 - 9:30 Common Pitfalls in Accessing Documents Through FOI Requests and How to Respond** [Room 333]

Josh Gerstein | Politico

Jenifer McKim | New England Center for Investigative Reporting

Jonathan Van Fleet | Concord Monitor

Moderator: Thomas Fiedler | NEFAC president, dean of the Boston University College of Communication

**9:30 - 9:45 Break**

**9:45 - 10:45 Tips for Staying Out of Legal Trouble: Common Issues in Defamation and Invasion of Privacy** [Room 333]

Robert A. Bertsche | Prince Lobel Tye, LLP

Gregory V. Sullivan | Malloy & Sullivan

## Schedule — October 30 (continued)

**10:45 - 11:15 Break**

**11:15 - 1:15 Break-Out Sessions A**

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

Connecticut [Room 340]

Mary Schwind | Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission  
James H. Smith | New England First Amendment Coalition

Maine [McLeod Suites]

Dieter Bradbury | Portland Press Herald  
Sigmund Schutz | PretiFlaherty

Massachusetts [McLeod Suites]

Peter J. Caruso, Sr. | Caruso and Caruso, LLP  
Todd Wallack | The Boston Globe

New Hampshire [Room 346]

Rick Gagliuso | Gagliuso and Gagliuso, PA  
Nancy West | InDepthNH

Rhode Island [McLeod Suites]

Raymond A. Marcaccio | Oliverio & Marcaccio, LLP  
Amanda Milkovits | Providence Journal

Vermont [Room 346]

Michael Donoghue | Burlington Free Press (formerly)  
Lia Ernst | American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont

12:15 Lunch [Served in Room 333]

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

**1:30 - 2:30 Thinking Through a Story From Hunch to Headline While Using Available Databases** [Room 333]

Mike Rezendes | The Boston Globe

**2:30 - 2:45 Break**

**2:45 - 3:45 Former Fellows Panel** [Room 333]

Meghan Foley | Keene Sentinel  
Kyle Jones | WMTW-Portland (Me.)  
Susan Spencer | Worcester Telegram & Gazette

Moderator: Michael Donoghue | Burlington Free Press (formerly)

**4:45 - 8:30 Dinner and Presentation** [Off-Site – Lincoln Tavern & Restaurant]

**(or later)**

Dinner will be served at Lincoln Tavern & Restaurant, 425 W. Broadway in South Boston. Shuttles will be provided for those who need transportation from the Institute to the restaurant. A shuttle will also be provided from the restaurant to the Institute hotel at 8:30 p.m. though you are welcome to stay later.

5:15 - 6:15 Featured Speaker

Brian McGrory | The Boston Globe

6:15 Dinner

# Schedule — October 31

## DAY THREE

### Digging Deeply and Listening Carefully

**8:15 - 8:30** **Announcements** [Room 333]

**8:30 - 10:00** **Panel: Effective Sourcing** [Room 333]

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

Cindy Galli | ABC News  
Wesley Lowery | The Washington Post  
Eric Moskowitz | The Boston Globe

Moderator: Michael Donoghue | Burlington Free Press (formerly)

**10:00 - 10:15** **Break**

**10:15 - 12:15** **Break-Out Sessions B**

*Using database technology to analyze publicly available or FOI-request-won data to understand societal, financial, and economic trends is an important tool for the seasoned reporter.*

Basic Database Analysis [Room 333]

Brooke Williams | Boston University  
Shawn Musgrave | New England Center for Investigative Reporting (formerly)

Advanced Database Analysis [Room 346]

Matt Kauffman | Hartford Courant

**12:15 - 1:45** **Lunch** [McCleod Suites]

12:45 Featured Speaker  
Kathleen Carroll | Associated Press (formerly)

**1:45 - 2:30** **Photo/Break**

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

The Confrontational Interview & Transition to Audio or Video [Room 333]

Eric Rasmussen | Boston 25 News

Writing Workshop and Narrative Flow [Room 333]

Steven Wilmsen | The Boston Globe

**3:30 - 3:45** **Concluding Remarks** [Room 333]

Justin Silverman | NEFAC executive director

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Thank you.



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John Adams, Vice President of the United States, and President of

## 2017 NEFAI Featured Speakers

DAY ONE

### Keynote Speaker



**DAVID BARBOZA**  
Correspondent,  
The New York Times

**D**avid Barboza is a correspondent for The New York Times, based in New York. In 2013, Barboza was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting “for his striking exposure of corruption at high levels of the Chinese government, including billions in secret wealth owned by relatives of the prime minister, well documented work published in the face of heavy pressure from the Chinese officials.” He was also part of the team that won the Pulitzer Prize for explanatory reporting. Barboza was a freelance writer and a research assistant for The New York Times before being hired in 1997 as a staff writer. For five years, he was the Midwest business correspondent based in Chicago. From 2008 to 2015, he served as the paper’s Shanghai bureau chief. Barboza

won two awards in The Society of American Business Editors and Writers (SABEW) 2007 Best in Business Journalism Contest, one for a New York Times article, “A Chinese Reformer Betrays His Cause, and Pays.” He was also part of the team that won the 2008 Grantham Prize for environmental reporting for the series “Choking on Growth: China’s Environmental Crisis.” In 2002, he was part of a team that was named a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the Enron scandal. In 2008, Barboza won The Times’s internal business award, the Nathaniel Nash Award. He has twice won the Gerald Loeb Award for business reporting. Barboza graduated from Boston University with a bachelor’s degree in history and attended Yale University Graduate School.

DAY TWO



**BRIAN MCGRORY**  
Editor, The Boston Globe

**B**rian McGrory, who worked as an award-winning metro columnist and White House correspondent over his 27 years at The Boston Globe, is currently the editor. The news organization has won four Pulitzer Prizes — for breaking news in its coverage of

the Marathon bombings, for feature photography, for commentary, and for editorial writing — since he became editor in late 2012. McGrory has authored four published novels and a book about his family’s pet rooster.

DAY THREE



**KATHLEEN CARROLL**  
Executive Editor,  
The Associated Press  
(formerly)

**K**athleen Carroll is the board chair of the Committee to Protect Journalists, a global organization that helps endangered journalists and advocates for press freedoms. From 2002 through 2016, Carroll was executive editor and senior vice president of The Associated Press. As the top news executive of the world’s largest independent news agency, she was responsible for coverage from journalists in more than 100 countries, including groundbreaking new bureaus in North Korea and Myanmar. She gave that coverage a new sophistication while meeting the evolving demands of its worldwide audience. Carroll is a fierce advocate for a robust independent press and a frequent speaker on the threats to journalistic access. She also is a leader on vital security issues for journalists working in hostile environments. She has served on the CPJ board since 2008. From 2003 to 2012, she was a member of the Pulitzer Prize Board, the last year as co-chair. At AP, Carroll

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Michael St. Cyr, an Afghanistan war veteran, called the Manchester VA many times complaining of chronic pain.

# A diagnosis of FAILURE

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"Only in 3rd World countries is it common to see patients end up as disabled from myelopathy as the ones who have been showing up after referral from you," wrote Dr. Chima Ohaegbulam, of New England Baptist Hospital, to a doctor at the Manchester VA in 2014.

But this hospital, the only one for military

is issue," said one administrator — to thousands of patients waiting indefinitely for specialist care, which the leaders blamed on the private contractor hired by the federal government to set up veterans' appointments outside the hospital.

In a recent hourlong interview with the Globe, hospital director Danielle Ocker and her chief of staff, Dr. James Schlosser, also acknowledged significant cuts in services, such

as the loss of contract surgery, as well as the fact that so many members of the medical staff have reported the hospital's problems to federal investigators. They said the hospital is addressing shortcomings and that patient safety has not been compromised. Ocker, a nurse, contended that Manchester boasts a "zero infection rate" in the operating rooms — a hospital spokeswoman said the emblematic record dates back to 2011 — and shared a veteran's recent letter praising Manchester VA care.

spine. Kois "took one look at Bob, and he said, 'Oh, my God, this is a disaster. This man should have been taken care of,'" recalled McWhinnie's wife of 63 years, Janice McWhinnie.

So Kois ordered an MRI and an X-ray, and, sure enough, the tumor was choking McWhinnie's upper, or cervical, spine. It had also grown too big to remove.

"They ignored him basically for 20 years and allowed this thing to grow and grow and grow," said Abramson, who recently wrote the VA in Manchester and in Boston that his client intends to sue for negligence.

Hospital officials declined to comment, citing potential litigation.

For Kois, McWhinnie's condition was sickeningly familiar: In his five years at the VA, Kois has compiled a list of at least 80 Manchester patients who were suffering from advanced and potentially crippling nerve compression in the neck, or myelopathy. Some, like McWhinnie, had undergone surgery at other VA hospitals and then relied on Manchester for subsequent care.

Kois said he complained about the situation to administrators and other doctors. He was awarded a September 2015 conference

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Mike Beaudet is an investigative reporter who has worked in television for more than 20 years and a professor at Northeastern University. He is a multimedia investigative journalist at WCVB-TV in Boston where he works as part of the “5 Investigates” team. At Northeastern, Beaudet is currently researching the viewership challenges facing local television newscasts across the country and experimenting with new methods of video storytelling to find better ways to engage audiences. Beaudet started his career in radio covering politics at the Massachusetts State House and also made stops at television stations in Bangor, Me., and Manchester, N.H. Before joining WCVB he was an investigative reporter and anchor at WFXT-TV FOX25 in Boston. Beaudet is known for his hard-hitting investigations and specializes in stories about government waste and corruption. He has won numerous awards, including 16 New England Emmy Awards. In 2016, Beaudet won the New England Emmy for Outstanding Investigative Report for a composite of stories, two of which were produced with Northeastern students in his investigative reporting class. His reporting has also been recognized repeatedly by the Associated Press and the Radio Television Digital News Association. A graduate of Emerson College, Mike earned his master’s degree from Northeastern University. His master’s thesis examined the undue influence some news organizations place on journalists when they put business interests ahead of the public’s right to know. Beaudet taught journalism at Emerson College and Northeastern before joining Northeastern as a Professor of the Practice in 2014. He’s a Massachusetts native who lives outside Boston with his wife and two children.



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**MICHAEL DONOGHUE**  
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Michael Donoghue is an award-winning news and sports writer. He worked for more than 40 years at the Burlington Free Press and now is a freelancer. He was selected as the 2013 New England Journalist of the Year by the New England Society of News Editors and in 2015 received the Matthew Lyon First Amendment Award. Donoghue has been an adjunct professor

of journalism and mass communications at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vt. since 1985. Donoghue has served as an officer, including executive director, with the Vermont Press Association since 1979. He is a former board member for the New England Press Association and has served continuously as state chairman of Project Sunshine in Vermont since it was started by the Society of Professional Journalists in 1990. Donoghue is often credited as being a driving force behind the improvement to Vermont's open government (public records and meetings) legislation. He has made his own successful legal arguments to judges about keeping courtrooms open and not sealing court documents. Donoghue and the Free Press have been honored for his work on a local, state, regional and national level. Donoghue was selected in 2007 as the winner of the Yankee Quill Award, the top lifetime honor for print and electronic journalism in New England. He has been inducted into five Halls of Fame, including as a charter member for the New England Press Association's Hall of Fame and as a charter member for the Society of Professional Journalists/National Freedom of Information Coalition Hall of Fame. The New England First Amendment Coalition's annual Freedom of Information Award in New England is named after Donoghue and he was recently elected vice president of the organization.



**THOMAS FIEDLER**  
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Thomas Fiedler began his tenure as dean of the Boston University 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 degree in engineering, he earned a master's degree 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.



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**MEGHAN FOLEY**  
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Meghan Foley began her reporting career nine years ago, starting at the former North Adams Transcript in western Massachusetts. There she reported extensively on the effects flooding from Tropical Storm Irene had on a mobile home park and brought to light a possible cancer cluster involving students who attended an area high school. She has continued her career at The Keene Sentinel in southwestern New Hampshire. She is a northeastern Massachusetts native, and a 2008 graduate of Keene State College. Since returning to New Hampshire in 2012, Foley has had the opportunity to cover two presidential elections for The Sentinel, investigate alleged misconduct by a college official and follow the twists and turns of a controversial proposal to build an interstate natural gas pipeline through the southern part of the state. Earlier this year, she completed a three-day, six-article series about the region's emergency medical services system being under severe strain because of financial and manpower problems. This summer, Foley became a copy editor and environment reporter for The Sentinel.



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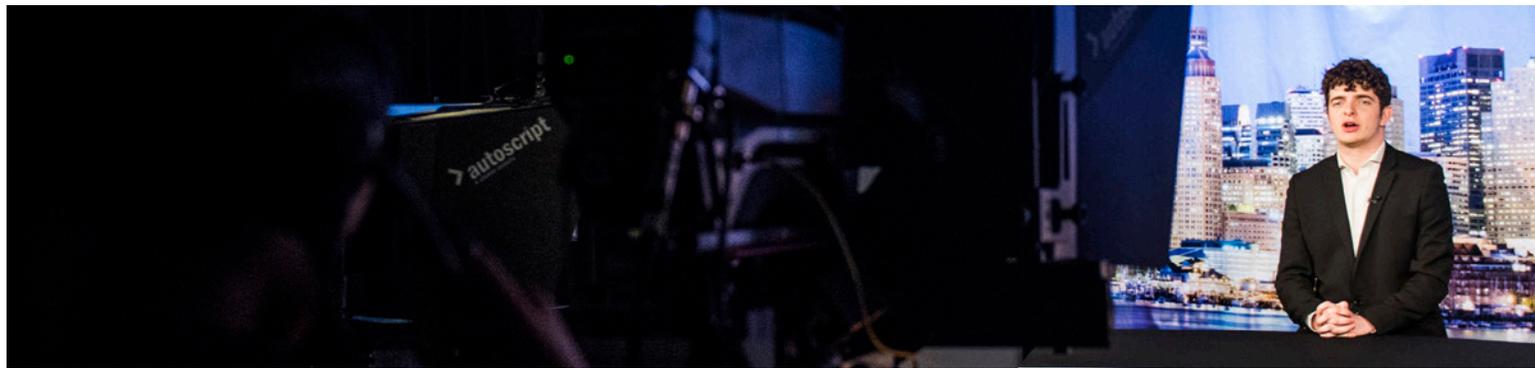
**KYLE JONES**  
Reporter, WMTW News

Kyle Jones joined WMTW News 8 in July 2014 and is a general assignment reporter. She comes to Maine from Maryland and is excited to trade the state's famous crabs for lobsters. While in Maryland, Jones was a reporter and producer for WMDT in Salisbury on the beautiful Eastern Shore. She got her start in news as an intern for NBC on Capitol Hill, helping network reporters cover breaking national news, including the death of Osama bin Laden. Jones studied journalism at Hampton University, and received a master's degree in journalism from the University of Maryland in 2012. Before her career in journalism, Jones spent nine years in public relations, talking to reporters and frequently pitching them stories. Over time, she decided she wanted to be on the other side of the phone, creating the stories she was pitching. Although she's called Maryland home for years, she's originally from Connecticut and has lived in Vermont. Jones is as member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the National Association of Black Journalists.



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viser 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 has taught college classes in data journalism and investigative reporting.



**KRISTEN LOMBARDI**  
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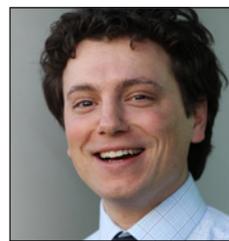
**JENIFER MCKIM**  
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**ERIC MOSKOWITZ**  
Reporter, The Boston Globe

Eric Moskowitz is a metro reporter for The Boston Globe, specializing in features and enterprise projects. His 2014 story uncovering the long trail of violence, without consequences, that preceded Jared Renner's murder of Jennifer Martel was a finalist for the IRE Tom Renner Award. He also finished second in the 2015 National Headliner Awards (for feature writing on a variety of subjects by an individual),

for the second consecutive year. Prior to recently aging out, he was a two-time finalist for the Livingston Award for Young Journalists. A member of the Globe staff since 2007, Moskowitz contributed to the paper's Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage of the 2013 attack on the Boston Marathon. He landed the first interview with the Chinese start-up entrepreneur carjacked by the Tsarnaev brothers, and in the years since he has written a series of stories about survivors of the bombing. He previously covered suburban news and breaking news and spent three years on the transportation beat, where he tried with limited success to find time for fun slice-of-life stories (a day in the life of an MBTA customer service representative, a ride-along in the annual bus driver competition known as the "Roadeo") amid the daily grind of chronicling failing infrastructure and budget deficits. A native of Needham, Mass., and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Moskowitz started as a sports writer, covering 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.



**SHAWN MUSGRAVE**  
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Shawn Musgrave is a Boston-based investigative reporter whose work has appeared in *The Boston Globe*, *Politico*, *Vice*, and *The Marshall Project*, among other publications. His work focuses primarily on criminal justice and government transparency, and, more recently, investigation of political discourse via social media manipulation. Two of his current projects are supported by the Fund for Investigative Reporting and the Nation Institute's Investigative Fund. A former New England First Amendment Institute Fellow, he is a graduate of Boston University and the Lede Program at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.



**ERIC RASMUSSEN**  
Investigative Reporter,  
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Eric Rasmussen called Boston home during college at Boston University and is grateful his adventure in TV news has taken him back to the Bay State and Boston 25 News. Rasmussen reported and anchored for TV stations in Chico, Calif., Champaign, Ill., Fresno, Calif., Orlando, Fla., and San Francisco before returning to Boston. He has received recognition over the years, including multiple Emmy, Murrow, and Associated Press awards, but has also been threatened, had a dog "sicked" on him, and was even once called a "pea brain" by a city councilperson. All of it has better prepared Rasmussen for his job as an investigative reporter. Rasmussen's first thought that he might want to pursue a career in TV news came after a speech and debate tournament in high school. In a review of his speech about the physics of baseball, a judge wrote "I felt like I was watching a TV news report!" Once Rasmussen came to terms with the reality that he would not be a professional baseball player, he focused on school and graduated summa cum laude from Boston University with a degree in broadcast journalism. Some of his most rewarding stories include uncovering questionable spending of public money by a former Port of Oakland official as well as exposing unsafe and unsanitary conditions at a large hotel, prompting changes

to help long-term residents. Rasmussen's reporting has also taken him to Sweden (to investigate some of the toughest drunk driving laws in the world), Spain (to study high speed rail) and the Panama Canal. When he's not in front of the camera at Boston 25, Rasmussen can often be found behind the turntables, pursuing his other passion as a DJ. Rasmussen fell in love with hip-hop music as a kid in the 80's and has collected hundreds of records since then. He is his own reminder that you can't always judge a book by its cover.



**MIKE REZENDES**  
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Mike 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 exposed the deaths of three mental health patients at Bridgewater State Hospital due to the illegal use of isolation and restraints. His stories resulted in reforms, the appointment of a new commissioner at the Department of Correction and criminal indictments against three prison guards who stand accused of killing a patient.



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In his 42 years in journalism James H. Smith served as president of the New England Society of Newspaper Editors, president of the Connecticut Associated Press Managing Editors Association and, most recently, president of the non-profit Connecticut Council on Freedom of Information. He retired from daily journalism in 2010 and was inducted two years later into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame. He has served as city editor and sports editor of the Hartford Courant and editor of the Connecticut Post. He led the Post to its first New England Newspaper of the Year Award. He also led The Day of New London, The News-Times of Danbury, the Record-Journal of Meriden and the New Britain Herald to their first New England Newspaper of the Year awards. He won the American Society of Newspaper Editors' Distinguished Writing Award for a selection of his columns on First Amendment, which were published in "Best Newspaper Writing 2003" put out annually by the Poynter Institute. He is a recipient of the Yankee Quill Award from the Academy of New England journalists and is a four-time winner of the First Amendment Award from the Connecticut Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. Plaidswede Publishing of Concord, NH, published a collection of Smith's columns under the title "A Passion for Journalism, A Newspaper Editor Writes to His Readers." His two novels, "Wah-say-lan, A Tale of the Iroquois in the American Revolution," and the YA edition "Wah-say-lan, Seneca Warrior," were also published by Plaidswede. His fourth book, "A Boy's Life in the Baby Boom," a memoir about his baby-booming childhood, will be published next month by Elm Grove Press of Mystic Conn. He earned his master's degree in humanities/writing from Wesleyan University, studied at Syracuse University Graduate School of Journalism and has a B.A. in American History from SUNY Brockport.



**SUSAN SPENCER**  
Reporter, Worcester  
Telegram & Gazette

Susan Spencer covers regional Worcester County news as well as health, investigative and environmental issues for the Worcester Telegram & Gazette. She has worked for the daily newspaper as a staff reporter for six years plus an additional five years as a freelance correspondent. Before becoming a journalist, Spencer worked in the health policy and nonprofit management fields. Besides being a 2016 New England First Amendment Institute Fellow, she was a 2015 Fellow in the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation Health Coverage Fellowship. Spencer has received numerous journalism awards, including being named 2014 Reporter of the Year for Daily Newspapers by the New England Newspaper & Press Association and sharing a NENPA Publick Occurrences Award with a colleague for a series on the cost of clean-

ing the Blackstone River. Spencer earned a bachelor of arts degree from Dartmouth College and a master of science in health policy and management from Harvard University School of Public Health (now Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health). A transplanted Midwesterner, Spencer and her husband live in the central Massachusetts town of Northbridge. They have two children who are in the process of leaving the nest.



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

Gregory V. Sullivan has served as general counsel for the Union Leader Corporation for the past 39 years. He also currently serves on the New Hampshire Supreme Court's Committee on the Judiciary and the Media, as well as the Committee for Public Access to Courts, and is president of the Hingham, Mass.-based media law firm, Malloy & Sullivan. Sullivan has argued before the New Hampshire Supreme Court in several landmark First Amendment and public access cases. He has appeared with media and First Amendment experts on a special media segment for WSBE, Rhode Island's PBS station. He is also an instructor at the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications in Manchester, N.H., and a faculty member of Suffolk University Law School in Boston, where he teaches First Amendment and media law.



**JONATHAN VAN FLEET**  
Managing Editor,  
Concord Monitor News

Jonathan Van Fleet is the managing editor of the Concord Monitor and editor for PolitiFact NH. Van Fleet coordinates the Monitor's news coverage and special projects reporting. He previously worked at The Telegraph in Nashua, and the Sun Journal in Lewiston, Maine. A New Hampshire native, he's a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and never met a spreadsheet he didn't like. He lives in Bow and is the father of three children. He can be reached at 603.369.3303 and on Twitter at @CMonitor\_JVF.



**TODD WALLACK**  
Reporter, The Boston Globe

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



**NANCY WEST**  
Editor, InDepthNH.org

Nancy West founded the nonprofit New Hampshire Center for Public Interest Journalism in 2015. West is the executive editor of the center's online investigative news website InDepthNH.org, which is rapidly growing in readers and supporters.

During her many years as a reporter/editor at the New Hampshire Union Leader, she won many awards for investigative reporting. She uncovered and put a halt to a secret file docketing system at the New Hampshire Supreme Court. She also exposed a secretive, broken system in New Hampshire that is supposed to make sure defendants are notified before dishonest police officers testify against them. Because of her reporting, three murderers were notified 20 years after their convictions that prosecutors had failed to do so, opening the door for them to seek a new trial. And the Attorney General's Office recently unveiled a new statewide policy — albeit still secret — to identify officers who have been disciplined for dishonesty and how to notify defendants before trial. She received a Fund for Investigative Journalism grant to investigate the problem nationally, which revealed that most states are also protecting police personnel files at the expense of defendants' constitutional right to all of the evidence in their favor, which can — and does — cause convictions to be overturned when such failures are finally discovered. Since launching InDepthNH.org, West has exposed troubling conditions at the state prison Secure Psychiatric Unit where difficult to manage mentally ill patients from the state hospital are locked even though they haven't committed a crime. West teaches investigative journalism at the New England Center for Investigative Reporting's summer program at Boston University and frequently speaks to college journalism classes. West is passionate about holding government accountable, giving voice to marginalized people, places and ideas and training the next generation of journalists.



**BROOKE WILLIAMS**  
Associate Professor of the Practice of Computational Journalism, Boston University

Brooke Williams is an award-winning investigative journalist who specializes in data-driven reporting and storytelling.

She is a freelance reporter, clinical professor of data journalism at Boston University and a contributor to The New York Times. An investigation she co-authored for the Times won the Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting in 2014. This year, she and her co-reporters at the Times published a two-part series, Think Tanks Inc. Prior to joining the faculty at Boston University's College of

Communication, Williams was a senior investigative reporter and senior trainer at The Eye and the New England Center for Investigative Reporting. In 2012, Williams began three years as an investigative journalism Fellow at Harvard University, where she first launched an investigation into think tanks and how their relationships with foreign governments and corporations influence public policy and opinion. Williams graduated from the Missouri School of Journalism in December 2001 and began her career in January 2002 at the Center for Public Integrity, where she co-authored and reported Harmful Error: Investigating Americas Local Prosecutors, The Buying of the President 2004, a best-selling book, and Windfalls of War, an investigation into defense contracts that won a George Polk Award. In 2004, she joined the watchdog team at the San Diego Union-Tribune, where she was a finalist for the Livingston Award for Young Journalists for stories examining how the city mishandled public land. In 2007, after massive wildfires in San Diego, her investigation into emergency contractors resulted in a federal criminal probe and taxpayer settlement. In 2009, she joined inewssource in San Diego as an investigative reporter, where her story about a newspaper owner and developer was a finalist for the Investigative Reporters and Editors award. In 2012, she accepted an investigative journalism Fellowship with the Lab@Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University. In 2014, she joined the Project on Public Narrative at Harvard as an investigative journalism Fellow, where she launched a nationwide investigation of federal prosecutors. Williams launched the first searchable database of foreign government contributions to major U.S. think tanks.



**STEVEN WILMSEN**  
Narrative Editor,  
The Boston Globe

Steven Wilmsen edits and coaches narrative writing at the Boston Globe. His projects have won awards including the American Society of Newspaper Editors'

Deborah Howell Award for Writing Excellence, the Scripps Howard Ernie Pyle Award for Human Interest Storytelling, the Dart Award, National Headliner Award, Casey Medal and Knight Award for Public Service. Numerous projects have appeared in anthologies, including The Best American Newspaper Narratives, The Best American Science and Nature Writing and The Best American Sports Writing. Wilmsen has taught narrative writing in a variety of settings and co-writes a Poynter column, Coaches' Corner, for editors of narrative journalism. He was a 2012 USC Annenberg Health Journalism Fellow and is author of a book, Silverado: Neil Bush and the Savings & Loan Crisis. With colleagues, Wilmsen shares the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News for coverage of the Boston Marathon bombing.

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## 2017 NEFAI Fellows



**ABIGAIL W. ADAMS**  
Reporter, The Lincoln  
County News (formerly)

Abigail W. Adams is a freelance writer, researcher and investigative reporter. She is committed to the principles of participatory democracy, objective journalism and informing the citizenry. Her story interests span international affairs, national security, climate change, government and corporate malfeasance, health and wellness, and hope and healing. For the past three years, Adams has worked as a general assignment reporter for The Lincoln County News where she covered municipal and county government, breaking news, courts and crime, business, and feature stories. Her work has also appeared in “The Jewish Ledger,” “The Motley Fool,” and “The Jerusalem Report.” She is the founder of The Information Collective, [informationcollective.org](http://informationcollective.org) — a neglected passion project focused on using unique multi-media platforms to deconstruct dense information on pressing policy issues for the citizenry. She inherited her love of journalism from her father, James Ring Adams. Adams and her father are currently working together to update and republish his book *The Big Fix: Inside the S&L Scandal*. The upcoming *The Big Fix Remix* will apply the recipe for financial disaster James Ring Adams wrote about in 1991 to the Global Financial Crisis of 2008. The project aims to raise the red flag about other industries where the same conditions for financial meltdown exist.

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**CAITLIN ANDREWS**  
Reporter, Concord Monitor

Born and raised in New Hampshire’s Lakes Region, Caitlin Andrews has always had a desire to write. Over time, that desire has mostly manifested itself into nonfiction and a mixture of feature writing and investigative journalism. A University of New Hampshire graduate, she got her start in news at Seacoast Media Group’s “Portsmouth Herald” as an intern for the features department and later was hired to cover the city of Rochester and its surrounding communities at Foster’s Daily Democrat. There, she spanned the spectrum of local daily news writing and was introduced to political writing during the course of the 2016 presidential primary season. Andrews landed at the Concord Monitor just before the 2016 general elections and has been all over the state ever since. She continues to develop her passion for telling local stories in a big way, and believes strongly in the value of careful storytelling and relationship building. If she had to choose, she would say agriculture, social issues, crime and nature writing are her favorite categories, although she enjoys the challenge of writing about subjects outside her comfort zone.

*NEFAC established the James W. Foley Scholarship in February 2015 to honor the slain journalist and New Hampshire native. The scholarship provides funding for one Fellow to attend the institute without travel or lodging expenses. Previous recipients are Katie Jickling of the Herald of Randolph (Vt.) in 2016 and Nate Holst of WMTW-TV in Maine in 2015.*



**COLLIN BINKLEY**  
Reporter, The Associated Press

Collin Binkley is a reporter for The Associated Press in Boston. As part of the AP’s national education team, Binkley reports on topics including student debt, Title IX, international education and the for-profit college industry. He has used public records to produce accountability stories on a variety of issues, including university endowment investments and the spread of semi-automatic rifles among campus police forces. Binkley previously worked at The Columbus Dispatch in Ohio, where he was part of a team that won the 2015 Eugene S. Pulliam First Amendment Award for reporting on the secrecy surrounding campus disciplinary systems. He’s a graduate of Ohio State University and a native Ohioan.



**KATE BRAMSON**  
Reporter, Providence Journal

Kate Bramson joined The Providence Journal as a reporter in August 2002. For the last seven years, she has covered the Rhode Island economy and efforts to fix it. She examines labor force data, finds people behind unemployment figures, follows state efforts to develop vacant former highway land in the heart of Providence, delves deeply into baseball stadium financing and examines economic-development competition among states to lure companies across borders. After 24 years as a journalist, Bramson has covered a variety of other topics — drunken-driving laws, teen sexual assault, race relations and breaking news. She has worked as a key team member on several year-long reporting initiatives at The Providence Journal. In 2012, Bramson’s work kicked off The Journal’s Reinvent Rhode Island series with an extensive look at the economy, the jobs lost during the Great Recession, the people hit hardest by those losses and the state’s assets and efforts to turn things around. That series won the 2012 Sevellon Brown Public Service Award from the New England Associated Press News Executives Association. Bramson’s coverage of a federal prosecutor who asked for special treatment after he was stopped by the police for erratic driving and suspicion of drunken-driving won the 2010 Sevellon Brown Public Service Award and placed second in NEAPNEA’s investigative reporting category. Bramson’s 2003 story “Rape in a Small Town” won the 2004 Dart Award for Excellence in Reporting on Victims of Violence from the Dart Center for Journalism & Trauma.



**STEPHEN BUSEMEYER**  
Editor, The Hartford Courant

Stephen Busemeyer joined the The Hartford Courant’s editorial board in the spring of 2016 after 16 years in various roles at The Courant. From 2009 to 2014, he was The Courant’s breaking news editor, during which time The Courant won the 2011 American Society of News Editors’ Jesse Laventhol Award for Deadline News Reporting for its coverage of the Hartford Distributors

massacre and was a named finalist for the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for breaking news for its coverage of the Sandy Hook shootings. He has also served as data editor and bureau chief during his time at The Courant. Before joining The Courant, Busemeyer was the city editor at the Casper Star-Tribune in Casper, Wyo., and the editor of the Daily Press in Craig, Colo. He teaches journalism regularly at the University of Hartford and has also taught at the University of Connecticut and the University of Colorado. He lives in Connecticut with his wife and two children.



**SUSAN CAMPBELL**  
Reporter, WPRI-Providence

Susan Campbell is the Call 12 for Action and Target 12 consumer investigator for WPRI 12 and Fox Providence. She joined the Eyewitness News Team in December 2011 as a video journalist. She has covered several high profile stories for the station, including the Aaron Hernandez murder trial and the capture of Boston Bomber, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. Her series of reports on the failed launch of Rhode Island's \$364 million benefits eligibility computer system prompted special legislative hearings and led to the resignations of several senior administrators. Campbell landed her first job in television news as a reporter and producer at WKTW in Utica, N.Y. Before making her move to the East Coast, Campbell was also a health reporter and general assignment reporter at WFMJ in Youngstown, Ohio. There she was recognized by the Press Club of Cleveland and the Ohio Associated Press Broadcasters Association for her breaking news coverage of an armed robbery on Christmas Eve and a gas main break that forced the evacuation of dozens of toddlers from a local daycare. Susan graduated cum laude from Syracuse University with bachelor's degrees in broadcast journalism, political science and Spanish. As part of her undergraduate studies she spent a semester abroad in Madrid, Spain.



**ALLISON DEANGELIS**  
Reporter, The Eagle-Tribune

Allison DeAngelis is a staff reporter for the Eagle-Tribune newspaper and covers Salem, N.H., out of its Derry office. Prior to this, she worked as a staff reporter for the Bellevue Reporter and as a freelance reporter and Getty Image Associate for The Boston Globe. While working in Bellevue, she was named News Writer of the Year and won first place in Best Crime and Court Story and Best Breaking News Story, second place in best comprehensive coverage of a single issue or series, and third place in Investigative Reporting in her division of the Washington News Publishers Association. She is an alumna of Boston University's College of Communication.



**AMANDA DRANE**  
Reporter, The Berkshire Eagle

Amanda Drane is a Western Massachusetts journalist who has won awards for her reporting on issues of race and policing and injustice in the restaurant industry. She recently began working as a reporter for The Berkshire Eagle and got her professional start at the Valley Advocate. More recently, she worked for the Daily Hampshire Gazette, where she reported a multi-part investiga-

tive series on undocumented restaurant workers that won a 2017 Public Occurrences Award from the New England Newspaper & Press Association.



**CHARLES EICHACKER**  
Staff Writer, Kennebec Journal

Charles Eichacker is a staff writer at the Kennebec Journal, a daily newspaper in Augusta, Maine. Besides his primary beats of breaking news and public safety, he covers local government, health and a tiny bit of everything else. He has also taught English in China as a U.S. Peace Corp volunteer.



**CALLIE FERGUSON**  
Reporter, Bangor Daily News

Callie Ferguson is reporter about to join the metro desk at the Bangor Daily News in Bangor Maine. Before moving to Bangor, she lived in Portland, Me., and wrote for the Forecaster, a weekly newspaper in the Greater Portland area. She covered the coastal towns of Brunswick and Harpswell, reporting municipal, school, environmental, and community news. She particularly enjoyed writing about the area's historic fishing industry, business redevelopment on the former Brunswick U.S. Naval Air Station, and local manifestations of state and nation-wide trends and attitudes; two of her stories were recently awarded first place prizes by the Maine Press Association. The intimacy of local news has been a helpful and rewarding experience, especially in the formative years of her career in journalism. She had the unique pleasure of covering her alma mater, Bowdoin College, where she earned a degree in English in 2015 and wrote a beer column.



**ALICIA FREESE**  
Reporter, Seven Days

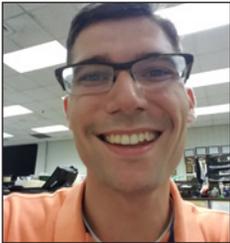
After graduating from Pomona College with an international relations degree, Alicia Freese worked for ReThink Media, a communications nonprofit that assists organizations working to safeguard civil liberties. Freese returned to her home state of Vermont in 2012 to start her journalism career at the online news site, VTDigger, where she covered the state legislature. Since 2014, she's worked as a reporter at Seven Days, an alt-weekly in Burlington. She currently writes about state politics, mental health, health care, and whatever else comes her way. When not reporting, she's usually out running.



**TOMMY GARDNER**  
News Editor, Stowe Reporter

Tommy Gardner moved to Vermont at five years of age from the Detroit metropolitan area. He lived in Lamoille County from first grade through college, with all the hiking, biking, snowboarding, saxophone playing and general mischief that can be expected from a rural Vermont kid. Although he still cheers for the Tigers, Lions, Red Wings and Pistons, he has given up calling soda "pop." After a

brief post-college stint as a newspaper correspondent for the Burlington Free Press and Hardwick Gazette, Gardner headed out on a road trip that ended up lasting about four years, with a healthy dose of bartending and ski-bumming. Moving back home for a full-time reporting job at the Gazette, Gardner cut his teeth on every beat out there — cops and courts, public works and politics, education and energy, agriculture and food, sports and recreation. The Gazette’s annual April Fools edition was must-read fake news decades before today’s “fake news.” Gardner transitioned to the Stowe Reporter, where he continued to evolve his reporting chops, earning the Vermont Press Association’s Mavis Doyle award in 2016, generally seen as the VPA’s highest honor. He has also received numerous awards from the New England Newspaper & Press Association. Gardner was recently promoted to news editor of the Stowe Reporter family of newspapers, which includes the Waterbury Record and the News & Citizen of Morrisville. Now, he spends half his time writing, half his time working with green reporters, half his time editing, and the other half trying to do better at math.



**DEREK GOMES**  
Reporter,  
The Newport Daily News

Derek Gomes is a native of Charlotte, N.C. and a journalist for just short of five years. Gomes has always been interested in print journalism. As a high school student, he would wake up every day to the The Charlotte Observer and worked for the high school newspaper for three years. Gomes graduated from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., with a bachelor’s degree after majoring in English and history. Skeptical whether a career in print journalism would prove sustainable, Gomes taught high school English in New Orleans. Realizing that was not his calling, Gomes was fortunate to get a job reporting for a weekly newspaper, The South County Independent, covering Narragansett, R.I. With his mother and sister living in the Ocean State, Rhode Island became his second home. Though green at the outset, Gomes learned how to cover municipal government, breaking news and features during his time there. He then worked at The Winchester Star, a six-day daily newspaper, in Winchester, Va. Gomes covered a city of 30,000 and began editing copy during his last year with the company. During the last 12 months, Gomes has been back in Rhode Island working for the company where he got his start in journalism, now covering Portsmouth for The Newport Daily News. Getting to the bottom of matters, especially those that are controversial, and informing the public about them is one of his favorite parts of the job. Outside of work, Gomes is an avid Carolina Panthers fan and a proud uncle of a niece and nephew.



**MELISSA HANSON**  
Reporter, MassLive

Melissa Hanson is a reporter for MassLive. She is based in Worcester, Mass., and reports on statewide news, including breaking news, courts and feature stories. Her important work includes co-authoring a series on the state of untested rape kits in Massachusetts; a profile of the people who live and work in Worcester’s Main South neighborhood; and a look at internal affairs investigations for police officers in Middlesex County. Hanson has pre-

viously worked at The Lowell Sun and as a correspondent for The Boston Globe. She was editor-in-chief of The Suffolk Journal at Suffolk University. Hanson is a lifelong Massachusetts resident. She has lived in Worcester, East Boston and Tewksbury, Mass. In her free time, Hanson enjoys nature walks, dancing, cooking and wine tasting. She is an animal lover who wishes her landlord would let her have a dog.



**JILL KONOPKA**  
Reporter, NBC Connecticut

Jill Konopka joined NBC Connecticut in December of 2015. She has established herself as an aggressive, effective communicator with a massive Rolodex. Konopka is eager, enthusiastic and breaks stories daily. Before Konopka was named to the NBC Connecticut Troubleshooters, she spent more than seven years as a general assignment and investigative reporter at the CBS affiliate in Hartford. Konopka prefers working on stories that bring about change. Back in 2015, she broke the story of a convicted cop killer, who was quietly granted release in a 2-1 vote by the Connecticut State Board of Pardons and Parole. The family of police officer Robert Holcomb was shocked to learn the news, as were thousands of police officers across the state. Once the story first aired, the public outcry was so great the board held a new hearing and rescinded its decision. Konopka is an avid marathoner and accepted the challenge of running 116 laps around the inside of Fenway Park in Boston in exchange for raising \$5,000 for the Red Sox Foundation last September. She’s also a certified spinning instructor and loves to travel the world.



**KAITLYN KRASSETT**  
Reporter, Hearst  
Connecticut Media Group

Kaitlyn Krasselt has been a reporter with the Hearst Connecticut Media Group for more than two years. She is currently a Norwalk-based education reporter, but previously spent one year as an investigative and features reporter and one year as a business reporter based in Greenwich, Conn. She grew up in a small town in North Idaho, and earned her undergraduate degree in journalism from the University of Idaho before relocating to Connecticut in 2015. She has been recognized by the Connecticut Society of Professional Journalists, and earned numerous awards in sports, news and investigative reporting from the Idaho Press Club. Her reporting focus has ranged from business to social services to healthcare to education, and she has written a weekly real estate series called Habitat since 2015.



**CASEY MCDERMOTT**  
Reporter,  
New Hampshire Public Radio

Casey McDermott covers politics and policy for New Hampshire Public Radio, with a focus on election law, health policy and the opioid epidemic. Prior to joining NHPR in 2015, she reported for the Concord Monitor — where she wrote about everything from local debates over cemetery ownership, to the escapades of aspiring presidential candidates, to an escaped emu.

Before that, she held internships at the Student Press Law Center, ProPublica and the Chronicle of Higher Education. McDermott studied journalism and sociology at Penn State but spent most of her days (and nights) in the newsroom of its independent student newspaper, The Daily Collegian. There, she directed coverage of the Sandusky scandal and other campus issues. The Collegian received national acclaim for its work during her terms as managing editor and editor-in-chief.



**HILARY NILES**  
Reporter

Hilary Niles produces narrative, investigative and data-driven journalism for public radio, print and online publications. As an independent journalist based in northern Vermont, Niles also consults with newsrooms nationwide to help them manage data efficiently. Her reporting focuses on economic and community development to expose the sources of socio-economic inequality and identify solutions for overcoming generational poverty. Her clients include Vermont Public Radio, NPR, BBC and the Boston Globe. She's currently engaged in a grant-funded project through the Sunlight Foundation to develop a database of Donald Trump's conflicts of interest. Niles serves as a member of the Society of Professional Journalists' Freedom of Information Committee and secretary of SPJ's Freelance Community. In 2017, Niles launched an effort to connect journalists across mediums in Vermont. Their first initiative, to support adoption of a state shield law, secured equal protections for all organizations and individuals engaged in journalism — whether legacy media outlets, digital publications, freelancers, students or citizens. The ad hoc group is now working toward state public records reforms, in conjunction with non-journalist allies and other stakeholders. Her research into measuring the impact of nonprofit news, conducted with Charles Lewis of the Investigative Reporting Workshop, earned the Sigma Delta Chi award in 2013. She's a member of SPJ, Investigative Reporters and Editors, the National Freedom of Information Coalition, the Solutions Journalism Network and the National Press Club. She's an alumna of the University of New Hampshire, the Salt Institute for Documentary Studies and the Missouri School of Journalism. Before turning her journalism hobby into a career, Niles helped found Portsmouth Community Radio, a low-power FM community radio station on the Seacoast of New Hampshire. She also worked as a marketing consultant for artists, nonprofits and small businesses and previously as a bartender and farmer.



**BRAD PETRISHEN**  
Reporter, Worcester  
Telegram & Gazette

Brad Petrishen has been a journalist in Massachusetts for nine years. Currently a general assignment reporter for the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, he has in the past reported for the MetroWest Daily News and Winchester Star, among others, and served as editor-in-chief at The Gatepost student newspaper at Framingham State University. A Tewksbury, Mass., native, Petrishen has been recognized by the New England Newspaper & Press Association nine times since 2014, including second-place awards for investigative and right-to-know reporting and a first-place award for spot news.



**DIANA PINZON**  
Reporter, WPRI-Providence

Diana Pinzon is the Investigative & Special Projects Producer at WPRI-TV in Providence, R.I. She has worked at the CBS affiliate since 2004 when she was hired as an associate producer. She quickly rose up the ranks to producer and eventually senior producer — spearheading coverage and training new hires — before making a major shift to her current position where she works on enterprise projects and investigations. Her role is multi-faceted, working as a multi-media journalist: shooting video, editing stories, conducting interviews and writing reports for both broadcast and online. In 2014, she was awarded an Associated Press Award for Best Newscast and was nominated for a New England Emmy in the same category. She is also a proud member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. Recently, Pinzon worked several major stories including the 2016 presidential election, the Aaron Hernandez prison suicide, and was a field producer for the Patriots Super Bowl LI victory rally.



**GREG RYAN**  
Reporter, Boston  
Business Journal

Greg Ryan is a reporter for the Boston Business Journal, where he covers the financial services and legal industries and public policy. He was part of a team of BBJ reporters that won a Society of American Business Editors and Writers award in 2016 for the publication's coverage of Boston's bid for the 2024 Olympics. Prior to the BBJ, Ryan worked as a reporter and editor for Law360 in New York City and Hudson Valley magazine in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He is a graduate of Ithaca College. Ryan lives in Boston with his wife and infant daughter.



**MARTHA SHANAHAN**  
Reporter, The Day

Martha covers health and environment issues for The Day. A graduate of Tufts University, she has worked as a reporter in several New England states and in her hometown of Washington, D.C. Before coming to The Day she covered city government and the 2016 presidential primary at the Keene Sentinel in Keene, NH.



**ADAM SILVERMAN**  
Reporter, Burlington Free Press

Adam Silverman is a content coach and news reporter at the Burlington Free Press. A University of Missouri graduate, he has worked at the Free Press since 2000. Silverman began as a reporter covering local communities and then worked the crime and courts beat for several years. He joined the editing team in 2009, became associate editor in 2013 and content strategist a year later. As a reporter, Silverman covers trending topics including open government and accountability, the National Guard and local nonprofits.

Away from the office, Silverman can be found traveling Vermont's back roads taking photos, especially in the fall, or acting in local theater productions — where he's played everything from a murder victim in the Sondheim musical "Sweeney Todd" to Lt. J.G. Daniel Kaffee in Aaron Sorkin's drama "A Few Good Men."



**GREG SUKIENNIK**  
Managing Editor,  
New England Newspapers

As Vermont managing editor for New England Newspapers, Inc., Greg Sukiennik oversees production and personnel for the Bennington Banner and Brattleboro Reformer, published daily, and the weekly Manchester Journal. He joined NENI as editor of the Journal in October of 2016 and was appointed Vermont managing editor in July. From 2005-15, Sukiennik was a general editor at ESPN.com, where he helped produce web pages for the "30 for 30" films, The ESPYS and Jimmy V Week, worked with national columnists and edited and published breaking news as a news desk editor. As a newsman from 2000-05 at The Associated Press in Boston, Sukiennik helped cover the Sept. 11 attacks, the child sexual abuse crisis in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, the hunt for fugitive gangster James "Whitey" Bulger and the first World Series championship won by the Boston Red Sox in 86 years. At The Berkshire Eagle from 1995-2000, Sukiennik shared in honors from the New England Newspaper and Press Association and the Associated Press for the newspaper's coverage of PCB contamination in Pittsfield and negotiations between local officials, state and federal regulators and General Electric Co. to clean up PCBs in the Housatonic River and re-use the former GE

Heavy Transformer industrial site. A 1993 graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Sukiennik is married and has a daughter.



**PAIGE SUTHERLAND**  
Reporter,  
New Hampshire Public Radio

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