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Ninth Annual First Amendment Awards Luncheon*

February 15, 2019
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Featuring



Stephen Engelberg

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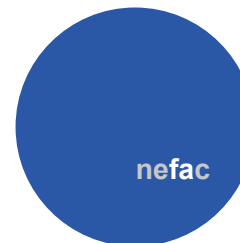
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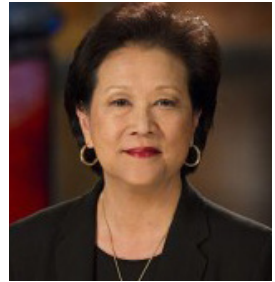
COLLEGE MEDIA ROUNDTABLE: HOW CAN WE HELP?

What are the key issues facing college newsrooms? Several top New England journalists and attorneys will be present to help you.

Featuring Karen Bordeleau (NEFAC, Emerson College), Michael Donoghue (NEFAC, St. Michael's College), Lincoln McKie, Jr. (Lincoln Associates), Elizabeth A. Ritvo (NEFAC, Brown Rudnick LLP) and Gregory V. Sullivan (NEFAC, Malloy & Sullivan)

PROGRAM EMCEE — JANET WU

Janet Wu, a member of NEFAC's Board of Directors, served as WCVB's NewsCenter 5 Massachusetts political reporter for more than 30 years. During that time, Wu was a key member of WCVB's political unit. Among many awards and distinctions, Wu received a prestigious Emmy at the 2015 Emmy Awards presented by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Boston/New England chapter. The award recognized Wu's work on the station's political coverage during the 2014 campaign season, an ongoing initiative entitled "Commitment 2014."



SCHEDULE

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| Luncheon Begins | 12:30 |
| Welcoming Remarks | 12:40 |
| Karen Bordeleau, NEFAC president and former executive editor of The Providence Journal | |
| Introduction of Emcee | |
| Luncheon Served | 12:45 |
| Special Recognition | 1:00 |
| Remarks on behalf of student editors and advisor at Burlington (Vt.) High School's The Register | |
| Presentation of the Antonia Orfield Citizenship Award | 1:10 |
| Acceptance and remarks on behalf of 2019 Citizenship Award recipient David Saad | |
| Presentation of the Michael Donoghue Freedom of Information Award | 1:20 |
| Acceptance and remarks by the staff of 2019 FOI Award recipient Hartford Courant | |
| Presentation of the Stephen Hamblett First Amendment Award | 1:30 |
| Acceptance and remarks by 2019 First Amendment Award recipient Stephen Engelberg of ProPublica | |
| Closing Remarks | 2:00 |



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ABOUT THE NEW ENGLAND FIRST AMENDMENT COALITION

Mission

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

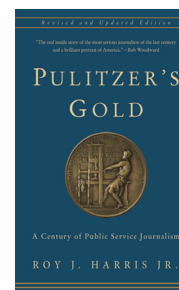
History

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

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

What We Do

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



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ABOUT STEPHEN HAMBLETT AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Hamblett

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

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

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



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PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE HAMBLETT FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

2018 Jane Mayer | A writer for The New Yorker since 1995, Mayer is perhaps best known for her accountability journalism and her ability to expose the underpinnings of powerful institutions.

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

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

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

2014 James Risen | Risen is a Pulit-

zer Prize winning journalist formerly of The New York Times who's done ground-breaking work on domestic spying and faced legal peril for refusing to disclose a source.

2013 Philip Balboni | Balboni co-founded GlobalPost, which provides original international reporting. Earlier in his career, Balboni conceived and launched New England Cable News.

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

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

HAMBLETT FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD RECIPIENT STEPHEN ENGELBERG

Stephen Engelberg was the founding managing editor of ProPublica from 2008 to 2012, and became editor-in-chief in 2013.

He worked previously as managing editor of The Oregonian in Portland, Oregon, where he supervised investigative projects and news coverage.

Before that, he worked for 18 years at The New York Times as an editor and reporter, founding the paper's investigative unit and serving as a reporter in Washington, D.C., and Warsaw.

Among the numerous honors Engelberg has received during his career are

two shared George Polk Awards for reporting: the first, in 1989, for articles on nuclear proliferation; the second, in

1994, for articles on U.S. immigration. A group of articles he co-authored in 1995 on an airplane crash was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize. Projects he supervised at the Times on Mexican corruption (published in 1997) and the rise of Al Qaeda (published beginning in January 2001) were awarded the Pulitzer Prize. During his years at The Oregonian, the paper won the Pulitzer for

breaking news and was a finalist for other investigative work.



Engelberg

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ABOUT MICHAEL DONOGHUE AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AWARD

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

He was selected as the 2013 New England Journalist of the Year by the New England Society of News Editors and in 2015 received the Matthew Lyon First Amendment Award. Donoghue has been an adjunct professor of journalism and mass communications at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vt. since 1985.

Donoghue 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

Donoghue and the Free Press have been honored for his work on a local, state, regional and national level. Donoghue was selected in 2007 as the winner of the Yankee Quill Award, the top lifetime honor for print and electronic journalism in New England.

He has been inducted into five Halls of Fame, including as a charter

member for the New England Press Association's Hall of Fame and as a charter member for the Society of Professional Journalists/National Freedom of Information Coalition Hall of Fame. Donoghue is the first vice president of the New England First Amendment Coalition.

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



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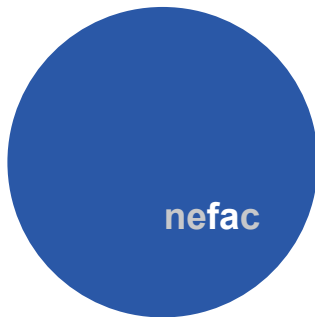
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PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE DONOGHUE FOI AWARD

2018 Todd Wallack | An investigative reporter for The Boston Globe’s Spotlight Team, Wallack’s work included stories about online accessibility to criminal records and the overuse of certain public record law exemptions to keep information secret.

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

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

2015 James W. Foley (posthumously) | A seasoned war correspondent, New Hampshire native Foley worked in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya and Syria, reporting on the lives of the disadvantaged and their suffering.

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

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

DONOGHUE FOI AWARD RECIPIENT HARTFORD COURANT

The Courant successfully obtained information related to the 2012 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. Twenty first-graders and six educators were killed during the shooting.

Following the shooting, many documents pertaining to the massacre were kept secret, and an incomplete picture of the shooter Adam Lanza emerged. This secrecy made it impossible to fully explore how similar tragedies could be prevented and, on a national level, effectively debate mental-health policy and gun laws.

As the Courant’s publisher and editor-in-chief, Andrew Julien, explained: “Many of the clues to what led Adam

Lanza’s dark descent to depravity could be found in writings, psychiatric evaluations and email communications seized from Lanza’s home by state police in the days after the shooting.

But those documents were locked away from the public, press and experts by state police who delayed and then denied the Courant’s yearlong efforts to win their release.”

The Courant won its fight for those records last year when the Connecticut State Supreme Court overturned a lower court decision and ordered more than 1,000 pages to be made public.

The resulting stories provided a detailed picture of one of the country’s most notorious killers.



Hartford Courant

ABOUT ANTONIA ORFIELD AND THE CITIZENSHIP AWARD

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

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



Orfield

profession and improve the lives of her patients through the use and teaching of therapeutic non-surgical methods of vision therapy. As a researcher, she

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

ORFIELD CITIZENSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT DAVID SAAD

In 2013, David Saad and several other citizens formed Right to Know NH as a nonpartisan citizen coalition working to improve transparency of New Hampshire state, county, and local governments.

As president of the coalition, Saad's advocacy includes drafting legislation to strengthen the state's Right to Know Law and testifying during legislative hearings.

He developed training materials and conducts training semi-

nars on the public's right to know.

In 2017, Saad served on a commission established by the New Hampshire Legislature to study alternative processes that could be used to resolve public grievances involving public records and open meetings.

He played a key role in drafting the commission's findings report and proposed legislation intended to establish an independent ombudsman and appeals commission.



Saad

SPECIAL RECOGNITION THE REGISTER — BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Four student editors of The Register — a student-run newspaper at Burlington (Vt.) High School — used public records to break a story about their guidance director who faced disciplinary charges from the Vermont Agency of Education.

When the students posted the story to The Register's website, their principal made the ill-advised demand that the accurate article be removed.

The student editors, fearing retaliation by the district against their teacher/newspaper adviser, reluctantly removed the story but began a public campaign to fight the censorship.

By appearing at city meetings, speaking to the media and working with press

and First Amendment groups, the student journalists prevailed in their battle with the administration and reposted their story.

The School Board appointed the editors to a special committee to review the school's policies on student publications so they conform to state and federal law.

In 2017, Vermont had passed "New Voices" legislation as part of a national effort to protect high school and college journalists and their advisers from retaliation by school officials.

As a result of the students' efforts, Burlington High School now has an updated policy that is designed to prevent similar censorship in the future.



PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE ORFIELD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

2018 Hyde Square Task Force | The community center used the Mass. public records law to uncover a state mandate that required the owners of the TD Garden to pay millions to Boston recreational facilities.

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

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

2015 Harriet Cady | A long-time

open government activist whose advocacy led to several Right to Know lawsuits, Cady helped create the watchdog group Right to Know New Hampshire and frequently speaks about FOI concerns.

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

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

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