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Dear NEFAI 2020 Fellow,

Congratulations on being selected to attend this year’s New England First Amendment Institute. Since 2011, we have provided this exclusive annual investigative journalism training program to more than 225 of the best and brightest journalists in the region.

You are in very good company.

Previous fellows have taken what they’ve learned at NEFAI and helped their newsrooms break compelling investigatory news stories.

Consider these words from former fellow Hadley Barndollar, investigative reporter for Seacoast Online, about how her newsroom benefited from what she learned at the Institute:

“Since returning from the Institute, I’ve had in-depth, meaningful conversations with my leadership team about certain techniques and ways we approach stories. I instantly saw things missing from how we’d been covering long-term stories – angles we hadn’t yet taken, for example, or an agency or individual we hadn’t sought information from.”

Barndollar (NEFAI 2019) will speak on Oct. 3 about her reporting on police Use of Force policies. She’ll be on our Former Fellows panel with Casey McDermott (NEFAI 2017) of New Hampshire Public Radio and Laura Damon (NEFAI 2019) of the Newport Daily News.

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

For the next week 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 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 week. I wish you a very productive NEFAI 2020.

Sincerely,

Justin Silverman
Executive Director
About the New England First Amendment Institute

WHAT IS NEFAI?
Founded in 2011, the New England First Amendment Institute provides intensive training for specially selected journalism fellows in the use of freedom of information laws and investigative techniques. In a rich and collegial environment, the fellows interact with acclaimed media lawyers and award-winning journalists to acquire knowledge designed to enhance their watchdog journalism skills. NEFAI 2020 will be held online from Sept. 26 to Oct. 3.

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

WHAT DO YOU LEARN?
Though our curriculum is often changed to reflect the evolving needs of journalists, each Institute typically includes lectures and workshops that focus on the following:

- State public records and open meetings laws
- The federal Freedom of Information Act
- Database reporting skills
- How to respond to FOI request denials and rejections
- Inspiring stories from award-winning journalists

WHAT DOES IT COST?
The fellows selected for this year’s Institute will attend at no cost.

SUPPORTERS
Primary support for our Institute is provided by the Academy of New England Journalists and Boston University.

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Former Fellows

CONNECTICUT
2012
Shawn Beals
Hartford Courant
Beau Berman
WTIC-TV
Alexander
Goldstein
The Day
Kevin Litten
Republican-American
Erin Logan
WTNH
Fran Silverman
Hearst Newspapers
2013
Lisa Backus
The Bristol Press
Jenna Carlesso
Hartford Courant
Tina Detelj
WTNH
Jessica Glenza
The Register Citizen
Maggie Gordon
Hearst Newspapers
David Iversen
WTNH
Alec Johnson
Republican-American
Viktoria
Sundqvist
The Middletown Press
2014
Jason Bagley
TruthInAdvertising.org
Kelly Catalfamo
The Day
Jennifer Swift
New Haven Register
Tess Townsend
The Day
2015
Lindsay Boyle
The Day
Suzanne Carlson
Hartford Courant
Susan Haigh
The Associated Press
Esteban
Hernandez
New Haven Register
2016
Julia Bergman
The Day
Anna Bisaro
New Haven Register
Mikaela Porter
Hartford Courant
Stephen Busemeyer
Hartford Courant
Jill Konopka
WVIT-Hartford
Kaitlyn Krasselt
Norwalk Hour
2017
Martha Shanahan
The Day
Skyler Frazer
New Britain Herald
Ben Lambert
New Haven Register
Barry Lytton
The Stamford Advocate
Erica Moser
The Day
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NEFAI 2020 Schedule

**September 26**

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.  
**Keynote Address**  
Wesley Lowery | CBS News

Karen Bordeleau (Introduction) | NEFAC, Arizona State University

10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  
**Break**

10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
**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.*

Beth Healy | WBUR-Boston
Keila Torres Ocasio | Hearst Connecticut Media Group
Laura Ungar | Kaiser Health News

Walter V. Robinson (Moderator) | The Boston Globe

**September 28**

5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
**Connecticut Break-Out Session**  
Mike Savino | WFSB-Hartford
Mary Schwind | Connecticut FOI Commission

**September 29**

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
**Web Scraping**  
*Please create a trial account with CometDocs.com and Tabula prior to this session.*

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Maggie Mulvihill | Boston University

**Rhode Island Break-Out Session**

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
Edward Fitzpatrick | The Boston Globe
Raymond A. Marcaccio | Oliverio & Marcaccio

**Drop-In: Common Pitfalls in Accessing Documents Through FOI Requests**  
*Drop-in sessions are an opportunity for fellows to speak with the instructors of our pre-recorded presentations and ask follow-up questions. View all presentations and related materials at nefac.org/nefai-2020.*

Kyle Hopkins | Anchorage Daily News / ProPublica
Jenifer McKim | GBH Center for Investigative Reporting, Boston University
Eli Sherman | WPRI-Providence
Tim White | WPRI-Providence
NEFAI 2020 Schedule

September 29 (continued)

4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Maine Break-Out Session

Judy Meyer | Sun Media Group
Sigmund Schutz | Preti Flaherty

September 30

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Basic Database Analysis

Prior to this session, please ensure your computer has Excel installed and confirm that the software can be opened and used. Please also install Tableau Public (free).

Brooke Williams | Boston University

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Drop-In: Tips for Staying Out of Legal Trouble: Common Issues in Defamation and Invasion of Privacy

Gregory V. Sullivan | Malloy & Sullivan

October 1

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Advanced Database Analysis

Matt Kauffman | The Hartford Courant (formerly)

2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Massachusetts Break-Out Session

Peter Caruso | Caruso & Caruso
Todd Wallack | The Boston Globe

4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

New Hampshire Break-Out Session

Richard Gagliuso | Bernstein Shur
Nancy West | InDepthNH.org

October 2

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Panel: Effective Sourcing

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

Cindy Galli | ABC News
Jennifer Levitz | The Wall Street Journal

Michael Donoghue (Moderator) | Vermont Press Association
October 2 (continued)

12 p.m. – 1 p.m.  Drop-In: Confrontational Interviews

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Mike Beaudet | WCVB-Boston, Northeastern University

1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  Vermont Break-Out Session

Michael Donoghue | Vermont Press Association
Lia Ernst | ACLU of Vermont

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  Zoom Social for All Fellows and Faculty

Please join us for a casual gathering of all Institute participants. Learn more about the work of our fellows, faculty and speakers. This is a great opportunity to personally connect with others and have one-on-one conversations.

October 3

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  Panel: Former Fellows

Hadley Barndollar | Seacoast Online
Laura Damon | Newport Daily News
Casey McDermott | New Hampshire Public Radio

Karen Bordeleau (Moderator) | NEFAC, Arizona State University

11 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  Break

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  Featured Speaker and Concluding Remarks

Margaret Sullivan | The Washington Post

Karen Bordeleau (Moderator) | NEFAC, Arizona State University

Pre-Recorded Sessions

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Confrontational Interviews

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The first-class training provided at the Institute is an investment in New England’s newsrooms. There has never been a more critical time for journalists to dig deep in order to keep those in power honest and accountable to the voters and taxpayers. That’s what organizations like NEFAC and the Academy are all about.

George Geers, Chairman
Academy of New England Journalists

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

The Yankee Quill is the highest honor bestowed on journalists in our region, recognizing the lifetime achievement of those who have had a broad influence for good, both inside and outside the newsroom.
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A Rhode Island native, Laura Damon’s a 2013 graduate of the University of Rhode Island, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism and anthropology. In December 2018, she earned her Master of Arts in history with a specialization in anthropology and archaeology while simultaneously working as a reporter for the Newport Daily News, where she’s been since April 2017. Damon is interested in crime scene investigation and criminal analysis, and took on the crime and breaking news beat for her publication. She has on-site bioarchaeology experience; in the summer of 2017, she inventoried and analyzed ancient human bones as part of the Maya Research Program in Blue Creek, Belize, to determine sex of the individuals, age-at-death and pathologies. Damon is also interested in forensic archaeology. When she's not working, she enjoys reading (especially true crime books), lifting weights, and studying to become a single-engine airplane pilot.

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Beth Healy is a senior investigative reporter for WBUR. She was part of the team’s series, “Dying on the Sheriff’s Watch,” examining poor health care and deaths at Massachusetts county jails. Healy joined WBUR in 2019 after 19 years at the Boston Globe, where she was a member of the award-winning Spotlight Team from 2017 - 2019 and 2004 - 2008. While there, she was part of the six-part investigative series and podcast, “Gladiator: Aaron Hernandez and Football Inc.,” based on the life and death of the NFL star — a finalist for IRE’s Award for Sports Investigations. She was also on the team that wrote Debtors’ Hell, a Pulitzer finalist. While at the Globe, she worked in the Business section for nearly a decade covering the financial beat and reporting on major stories ranging from government fraud and waste to corporate corruption and consumer issues. Healy also leads up collaborative investigative projects between ABC News and network affiliates around the country. She serves on the Board of Directors for Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE), where she has been a member since 1994. A longtime consumer investigative reporter, her work has garnered regional and national awards over 25 years of reporting. Healy got her start with ABC’s San Francisco station, KGO-TV, before joining the investigative team at “Inside Edition” in New York and later moving to ABC News in 2011.

Cindy Galli is Chief of Investigative Projects for ABC News in New York. She oversees a team of award-winning network correspondents and producers specializing in investigations ranging from government fraud and waste to corporate corruption and consumer issues. Galli also heads up collaborative investigative projects between ABC News and network affiliates around the country. She serves on the Board of Directors for Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE), where she has been a member since 1994. A longtime consumer investigative reporter, her work has garnered regional and national awards over 25 years of reporting. Galli got her start with ABC’s San Francisco station, KGO-TV, before joining the investigative team at “Inside Edition” in New York and later moving to ABC News in 2011.

Jennifer Levitz is a national reporter who covers general news, economics, politics and daily life in New England and beyond from The Wall Street Journal’s Boston bureau. She was on the team that was a finalist for the 2015 Pulitzer public-service award for a series highlighting the cancer-spreading risk of a common medical procedure. She worked previously as a reporter for the Providence Journal, where she was on a Pulitzer finalist team for coverage into the causes of the Rhode Island nightclub fire. She is a native of Maryland’s Eastern Shore. She is co-author of “Unacceptable,” a new book about the nationwide college-admissions scandal.

Richard Gagliuso has years of experience representing the media in issues like libel and privacy claims, efforts to gain access to public records and proceedings, and the myriad legal issues that may arise during the newsgathering and reporting process. Gagliuso’s expertise and decades of knowledge of the law and specific industry practices makes him an effective and reliable advocate, both inside and outside the courtroom. He regularly serves as a mediator or arbitrator in construction and other business disputes. He is a member of the Construction and Commercial Mediation and Arbitration Panels of the American Arbitration Association, and a member of the Panel of Neutrals of the New Hampshire Superior Court and the U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire.

Kyle Hopkins is an investigative reporter and editor for the Anchorage Daily News, currently working with the news non-profit ProPublica on a two-year investigation into sexual violence and the Alaska criminal justice system. The project recently received the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service. Born in Sitka, Alaska, Kyle attended high school in Skagway and received a journalism degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

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Target 12 investigative reporter Tim White joined the 12 News team in September 2006. White is the recipient of four New England Emmy Awards for investigative reporting. He was honored for a 2010 series of stories probing government waste in Rhode Island. He won his second Emmy for 2012 coverage of Providence’s troubled pension system. A 2014 probe into a lack of accountability at a local fire district led to his third Emmy honor. A 2016 investigation that raised questions as to where a powerful state representative actually lived resulted in the politician’s indictment and was White’s fourth Emmy win. White’s documentary “The Mafia Tapes,” on the 30th anniversary of an infamous 1989 mob induction ceremony, was the recipient of two Regional 2020 Edward R. Murrow Awards. White is a co-author of “The Last Good Heist,” the untold story of a daring heist on a secret bank of safe deposit boxes used by members of the New England mob and their associates. A half-hour documentary on the Bonded Vault heist was also nominated for an Emmy. White and the Target 12 investigative team have also received several New England Associated Press Awards, including for their coverage of a drug ring in the Providence Police Department. In 2015, White won a regional Edward R. Murrow award for investigative reporting.

White is the executive producer and host of WPRI 12’s long-running weekly current affairs program “Newsmakers.” He has moderated many live candidate debates and plays a key role in the station’s campaign coverage. In 2013, the Washington Post selected him as one of the state’s top political reporters. Prior to joining 12 News, White worked in the Boston television market, most recently as managing editor at WBZ-TV, the city’s CBS affiliate. White received two Associated Press Awards for breaking news at WBZ and was also part of a team honored with several National Edward R. Murrow Awards, including for coverage of the 2006 New Hampshire floods and the tragic 1999 “Worcester Warehouse Fire” that claimed the lives of six firefighters. White also ran WBZ’s award-winning political unit during his time as managing editor.

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Before joining the Addison County (Vt.) Independent as a reporter in 2018, Christopher Ross was a stay-at-home dad, freelance editor, DJ, actor, theater director, graduate student at the Bread Loaf School of English and the third or fourth worst Texas Hold ’Em player in the state. Putting all of his creative and professional focus into one job seems to have settled him down somewhat. In addition to providing local community news about five towns and their school district, Ross covers agriculture, energy, the environment and Middlebury College. He also writes features for the Arts & Leisure section and proofreads portions of the newspaper. Sometimes he writes stories that don’t really fit into any of those categories, like the one he’s working on as he writes this brief bio, about a local family whose neighbor used a psychic to find their missing dog. In February he was honored by the New England Newspaper & Press Association with the 2019 Rookie of the Year award for weekly papers, which he owes entirely to his news editor, John McCright, his publisher, Angelo Lynn, and fellow reporters John Flowers, Andy Kirkaldy and Megan James. Ross grew up in Richmond, Va., studied creative writing at Bard College and suspects both of those things have contributed to his being the slowest reporter in the newsroom.
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After completing an MFA, Ross moved to Wiesbaden, Germany, to become a rock star. When that didn’t work out, he fell in love and moved to Brooklyn to become a husband and a novelist. In 2004 he and his wife moved to Vermont and promptly had a daughter, whose genius they find utterly, delightfully baffling. Ross is looking forward to meeting other NEFAI fellows and further developing his journalism skills.

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