

WATERGATE CONFERENCE

ON POLITICAL & CONGRESSIONAL REPORTING

Friday November 21

EMERGING POLITICS

Welcome Reception

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: National Press Club
529 14th St. NW
Washington, DC 20045

Murrow Room

Moderator:

Charles Robinson,

correspondent and associate producer, Maryland Public Television

Panelists:

Donna Edwards, representative, MD 4th District (D)

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Change was the mantra this political season. Hear insights from Congresswoman Donna Edwards about those who rode this new wave to office and her own campaign experiences.

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Saturday, November 22

GETTING OFF THE PRESS PLANE

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Location: Auditorium

Moderator:

Del Walters,

columnist, president and CEO 3PE Productions

Panelists:

Brian DeBose,

national political reporter, The Washington Times

Zenitha Prince,

bureau chief, The Afro Newspaper

Ken Vogel,

senior reporter, Politico

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Hear from those who were on the campaign trail. Learn of their challenges and opportunities. What does it take to report from the campaign trail? What are the obstacles? Learn what it's like to be under deadline, where the story is being written minute by minute.

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Saturday, November 22

POLITICS AND THE NUMBERS

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Auditorium

Moderator:

Kevin Merida,
associate editor, The Washington Post

Panelists:

Ron Walters,
professor of government and politics, University of Maryland

Shawnta Walcott,
principal pollster and CEO, Ariel and Ethan Polling and Market Research

Krissah Williams Thompson,
staff writer, The Washington Post

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There were a number of new and interesting trends generated in this election season. The number of new voters in the primary proved to be a factor in a number of state races. What drew these new voters and are they a trend we should continue to watch? How did those numbers affect the general election? Hear for those who track the numbers and understand their impact.
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Saturday, November 22

NEW MEDIA, NEW GAME

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Classroom 105

Facilitators:

Mario Armstrong,

host, The Digital Spin Media and NPR Technology Consultant

Madison Gray,

producer and writer, Time.com and blogger, Blackvoices.com

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The net was a major player in campaigning and covering politics. From You Tube post to record breaking campaign contributions on the net. Hear from those who were at the cutting edge of this revolution and learn from them in a hands-on workshop.

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DO COLUMNISTS STILL MATTER?

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Auditorium

Moderator:

Joe Davidson,
columnist, The Washington Post

Panelists:

Gregory Kane,
columnist, The Baltimore Sun

Tara Wall,
deputy editorial page editor, The Washington Times

Clarence Page,
columnist and editorial writer, The Chicago Tribune

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There was no shortage of opinions this election season. Were columnists still influencing the electorate in print? What effect did columnists have on the political process? Our panelists will discuss the role columnists play during the era of 24-hour news.

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Saturday, November 22

CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE REPORTING

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Auditorium

Moderator:

Joe Johns,
congressional correspondent, CNN

Panelists:

David Hess,
reporter, Congress Daily

Charles Robinson,
correspondent and associate producer, Maryland Public Television

Nikole Killion,
correspondent, Hearst Argyle Television

Elaine S. Povich,
freelance journalist

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Reporters working in state houses and Congress are located where the rubber meets the road. Learn the art of getting staff to tell you where “the bodies are buried.” Hear from our panel of experts on overcoming the challenges of congressional and state reporting.

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BACKPACK JOURNALISM

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Classroom 103

Facilitator:

Doni Glover,

publisher, BmoreNews.com

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Being able to report from far flung venues means being a backpack journalist. With the downsizing of many media organizations, take the expertise you've learned and put it to work for you. Become the instant news analyst, prognosticator, and/or expert. Learn the art of giving it away and making money.

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Saturday, November 22

COVERING THE GLASS CEILING

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Classroom 105

Moderator:

Elliott Lewis,
freelance television journalist

Panelists:

Erikka Knuti,
director of external affairs, Media Matters for America

Beth Frerking,
assistant managing editor, Politico

Joe Torres,
government relations manager, Free Press

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This panel will take a closer look at how race and gender were covered in this year's presidential election. With the record addition of women and minorities in this year's primary and general election seasons, what has changed in the way each is portrayed in the media? Did the news media use (or misuse) gender and race for the sake of ratings? How has coverage of Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, and Sarah Palin shaped future elections? This guest panel will take on these issues on in ways that'll reveal and inform journalists of glass ceilings still needing to be broken.

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Saturday, November 22

FOLLOW THE CASH: HOW THE FEDERAL BUDGET GUIDES CONGRESS, LOBBYISTS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Classroom 105

Facilitator:

Humberto Sanchez,

budget and appropriations reporter, CongressDaily

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They are the most anonymous – the special-interest groups and K-Street lobbyists who press politicians for huge chunks of money for one project or another. But the federal budget – if you know how to decipher it – is a road map to success stories and boondoggles. This session will tell you how to find the news in the budget.

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Saturday, November 22

COVERING THE NEXT WHITE HOUSE

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Auditorium

Moderator:

Dorothy Butler Gilliam,
director, Prime Movers Program

Panelists:

William Douglas,
White House correspondent, McClatchy Newspapers

Suzanne Malveaux,
White House correspondent, CNN

Sonya Ross,
news editor, Associated Press

David Mark,
senior editor, Politico

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As President-elect Obama prepares his administration to meet the needs of an economic crisis, rising unemployment and two wars abroad, what effect will these crises have on his relationship with the White House press corps?

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FINDING THE FUNNY IN POLITICS

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Auditorium

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Political Satirists and comedians had a field day with this election. After an intensive day of learning and networking, enjoy this light-hearted political comedy sketch featuring political satirists Bob Heck and Koli Tengella.

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Sunday, November 23

BLOG THIS!

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Auditorium

Moderator:

Jimi Izrael,

journalist and culture critic, TheRoot.com

Panelists:

Pamela Gentry,

senior political producer, Black Entertainment Television

Gina McCauley, blogger, What About Our Daughters.com/

MichelleObamawatch.com

Amy Alexander,

blogger, The Nation

Dr. Lester Spence,

assistant professor, Johns Hopkins University

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Love or hate them bloggers became the voice from the street. They criticized, debunked, chided, and got it right and wrong sometimes. Hear how they and their brethren reshaped politics. What new trends do they see and are they capturing the audience that's fleeing old media?
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CITIZEN JOURNALISM AND THE MILLENNIAL GENERATION

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Classroom 105

Moderator:

Sia Nyorkor,

Citizen Journalist, MTV's Street Team '08, Choose or Loose

Panelists:

David Winston,

president, The Winston Group

Cornell Belcher,

founder, Brilliant Corners Consulting

LaToya Foster,

producer and host, In The Know

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Don't work for a major news outlet? Don't let that stop you from reporting. Hear from those who picked up a camera, a pen, and recorder and decided their coverage was a must-see. Also learn how new tools (texting, Facebook and Myspace) became the thing to do this political season.

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