

“Democracy Runs on Journalism” Region 1 Conference, Saturday’s Presenters

Mike Beaudet  @Channel_Mike



Mike Beaudet, the Emmy award-winning investigative reporter, brings years of groundbreaking reporting to Boston's most experienced investigative unit, 5 Investigates. As a multimedia investigative journalist, Mike is teamed with reporters Kathy Curran and Karen Anderson in the market leading investigative unit on WCVB NewsCenter 5.

Before joining WCVB, Mike spent nineteen years at WFXT as an investigative reporter and anchor and also worked as an anchor/reporter for WCVB's sister station WMUR. Mike left his last position at WFXT in September 2015 to become a full-time Journalism Professor at Northeastern University. Mike continues his teaching position at Northeastern and taps the talents of his students to assist in the in-depth investigations that dualy serve as case studies in the classroom.

Over the course of his distinguished career, Mike has received national and regional awards including sixteen New England Emmys. His most recent Emmy came in 2016 following a series of investigations exposing government ineptitude and dysfunction. Mike and his team have also won numerous Associated Press and Edward R. Murrow Awards for coverage of topics ranging from wrongful convictions to organized crime. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) awarded Mike and his investigative unit the national Award of Excellence for their coverage of repeat drunk drivers who continue getting behind the wheel.

A Massachusetts native, Mike graduated from Emerson College in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Communication. In 2008, Mike received his Master's in Journalism from Northeastern.

Felice Belman  @FeliceBelman



Felice Belman is the Boston Globe's deputy managing editor for local news. She joined the paper in 2014 and was previously politics editor. A graduate of Oberlin College, she spent nearly 25 years at the Concord Monitor in New Hampshire, including six years as editor. She was Maryland politics editor for the Washington Post from 2000-2002. In addition, she was co-editor of The New Hampshire Century, a collection of 100 profiles of 20th-century New Hampshire figures, published in 2001.

Sarah Betancourt  @sweetadelinevt



Sarah Betancourt is an investigative reporter for Commonwealth Magazine. Sarah was a reporter for The Associated Press in Boston, and a correspondent with The Boston Globe and The Guardian. She has written about immigration, social justice, and health policy for outlets like NBC, The Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism, and the New York Law Journal. Sarah has reported stories like how databases are used by police departments to procure information on immigrants, how a faulty policy decisions kept TPS holders from commercial drivers' licenses, and uncovered the spread of an infectious disease in children at a family detention center.

Sarah received a 2018 Investigative Reporters and Editors Award for her role in the ProPublica/NPR story, "They Got Hurt at Work and Then They Got Deported," which explored how Florida employers and insurance companies were getting out of paying workers compensation benefits by using a state law to ensure injured undocumented workers were arrested or deported. Sarah attended Emerson College for a Bachelor's Degree in Political Communication, and Columbia University for a fellowship and Master's degree with the Stable Center for Investigative Journalism.

Alexi Cohan  @lexcohan



Alexi Cohan is a general assignment reporter covering local news and government as well as health and medicine stories. Alexi is from Springfield, Massachusetts and attended college at Hofstra University in New York where she majored in journalism and Spanish. Alexi's professional experience encompasses print, television and radio at NY1, CNN en Español, 88.7FM WRHU and The Republican newspaper. She enjoys making connections with the community she covers and imploring others to use journalism as a tool to stay informed and engaged.

Nancy Crevier



Nancy K. Crevier is the editor of The Newtown Bee, the weekly hometown newspaper of Newtown, Conn., a position she has held since 2016.

Prior to this, she was employed at the paper as a reporter for 11 years, covering features, business, health, and general news. She writes the semi-regular food column, “Nourishments” for the paper, reflecting on food to nourish the body and soul, in between editing duties.

She has lived in Newtown since 1995, where she and her husband, Philip, raised two children.

Life experiences and observations of life in Newtown over the past 23 years have allowed her to connect with the community on many levels, and provided her with the privilege of sharing the stories and news of Newtown with Newtown Bee readers.

Chris Faraone  @FARA1



A Queens, NY native who came to New England in 2004 to earn his MA in journalism at Boston University, Chris Faraone is the editor and co-publisher of DigBoston and a co-founder of the Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism. He has published several books including *99 Nights with the 99 Percent* and *I Killed Breitbart*, and has written liner notes for hip-hop gods including Cypress Hill, Pete Rock, Nas, and various members of the Wu-Tang Clan.

Edward Fitzpatrick  @FitzProv



Edward Fitzpatrick worked for 28 years as a reporter, editor and columnist at daily newspapers, including 16 years at The Providence Journal and eight years as its political columnist. He is now director of media and public relations at Roger Williams University, where he started the RWU First Amendment blog and teaches journalism. He is a member of the New England First Amendment Coalition board and president of the Common Cause Rhode Island board. He received the 2016 Excellence in Public Service Award from Common Cause Rhode Island for his reporting on the importance of open and transparent government. He previously worked at the Hartford Courant, the Albany Times Union and The Saratogian. He grew up in Greenville, R.I., graduated from Mount St. Charles Academy and from Syracuse University with a bachelor's degree in journalism and political science.

Angela Fu

Angela Fu is the managing editor of The Harvard Crimson, the nation's oldest continuously published daily college newspaper.

Felicia Gans  @FeliciaGans



Felicia Gans is the digital producer and a reporter for the Globe's marijuana section. In her role at the Globe, Gans oversees the marijuana section's digital presence, manages the section's various audience engagement channels, and reports on the latest news in New England's marijuana industry. Gans started at the Globe covering crime and general assignment stories, and she began full-time on the overnight desk after graduating from Boston University. On the overnight shift, she led homepage strategy, keeping readers informed on everything from national politics and sports triumphs to local crime waves and natural disasters. Gans has covered a wide range of regional stories, including the trial of Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev and the death of former Boston Mayor Thomas Menino. Gans is an alumna of The Daily Free Press, BU's independent student newspaper, where she won two regional awards for the newspaper during her term as editor-in-chief.

Mitchell Garabedian  @migarabedian



Since 1979 Attorney Mitchell Garabedian has focused his law firm on helping individuals and representing victims of sexual abuse. He has represented thousands of victims of clergy sexual abuse worldwide and his groundbreaking legal work has encouraged thousands more to come forward.

Marcela García  @Marcela_Elisa



Marcela García is an editorial writer and member of the Boston Globe editorial board. She writes editorials, the daily unsigned essays representing the official view of the Boston Globe as an institution, as well as opinion columns under her byline. Marcela has been part of the Globe opinion and editorial pages since early 2014. She has more than 10 years of experience working as a bilingual journalist in Boston, focusing on immigration policy and Latino issues coverage in the US. Previously, she was a correspondent for Telemundo Boston; a special contributor to the Boston Business Journal; and the editor of El Planeta, Boston's largest Spanish-language publication. Marcela is originally from Mexico; she received a graduate degree in journalism from the Harvard Extension School in 2005 and also holds a B.S. degree in Economics.

Kevin Grant  @kevindgrant



Kevin Douglas Grant is co-founder and executive editor of The GroundTruth Project, an award-winning nonprofit media organization that supports the next generation of correspondents, as well as vice president of Report for America, a service-based initiative for revitalizing local journalism. Previously senior editor at GlobalPost, he has led reporting projects around the world and his work has been recognized by the Edward R. Murrow, Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University and Online Journalism Awards among others. He holds an M.A. in Online Journalism from the University of Southern California's Annenberg School, where he was a Dean's Scholar and the founding executive editor of

Annenberg's pioneering news organization Neon Tommy. Grant is the former operations director of semantic news aggregator Inform.com. He is currently based in Washington, D.C.

Irwin Gratz  @ilgratz



Irwin Gratz has been a radio journalist for 40 years. He has worked for both commercial radio stations, and, for the last 26 years, at Maine Public Radio, where he anchors local segments of "Morning Edition."

Irwin is a past national president of the Society of Professional Journalists and was a member of the Society's ethics committee, which updated the SPJ Code of Ethics in 2014. He's currently serving as President of the Society of Professional Journalists Foundation which provides financial support for the Society's educational efforts.

Roy Gutterman



Roy Gutterman is an associate professor of communications law and journalism and director of the Tully Center for Free Speech at the Newhouse School at Syracuse University. He is a former newspaper reporter and lawyer and now teaches courses in communications and First Amendment law.

Cameron Hickey  @cameronhickey



Cameron Hickey is an Emmy Award-winning journalist, cinematographer and software developer, and has covered science and technology for the PBS NewsHour with correspondent Miles O'Brien for the last 10 years.

Since the 2016 election he has focused on building tools to investigate misinformation on social media. At the Shorenstein Center at Harvard's Kennedy School, Cameron leads the Information Disorder Lab a research project focused on monitoring and investigating and analyzing problematic content online.

David Joyner  @D_Joyner



David Joyner is executive editor of The Eagle-Tribune and the North of Boston Media Group's other newspapers and websites, which include The Salem News, Daily News of Newburyport and Gloucester Daily Times. Prior to that he was a vice president for the group's parent company, CNHI LLC, where his duties included directing a team of reporters assigned to cover statehouses across the country as well as the nation's capital. Joyner is a former reporter of the Gloucester Daily Times, where he also served as editor. He was also a managing editor of The Salem News. He has worked as a journalist for news organizations in Georgia, Alabama and Washington, D.C. A graduate of George Washington University, Joyner was the Donald W. Reynolds Nieman Fellow in Community Journalism at Harvard from 2011-12. He is a past president of the Alabama professional chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

Thomas Maier



Thomas Maier is an award-winning author, TV producer and longtime Newsday investigative reporter. Maier's new book "MAFIA SPIES" is coming out April 2019. His book "Masters of Sex" became a Emmy-winning Showtime series and Golden Globe drama nominee.

Dan McCarthy  @acutalproof



Dan McCarthy is Managing Editor for Sensi Boston, the local city edition of national cannabis and city lifestyle print magazine. A seasoned journalist and editor based in Boston covering everything from cannabis to politics to pop culture for a variety of local and national newspapers and magazines from DigBoston and The Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism, to The Boston Globe, Esquire Magazine, The Observer, The Daily Beast, Leafly News, Boston Magazine, VICE, BostInno, and many others. Additionally Dan previously served as an adjunct lecturer at the Northeastern Institute of Cannabis in Natick MA, a former cannabis industry vocational education center.

Hilary Niles  @nilesmedia



Hilary Niles is an independent data journalism consultant, freelance investigative and multimedia

reporter, and award-winning researcher. She's an alumna of the Missouri School of Journalism graduate program, chair of the Society of Professional Journalists' Freelance Community, and a member of SPJ's FOI Committee. Her work with Charles Lewis at the Investigative Reporting Workshop in Washington, D.C., earned the SPJ's Sigma Delta Chi award for excellence in 2013. Her radio work has been featured on National Public Radio programs Only A Game, Here and Now and Weekend All Things Considered. Her business reporting has appeared in The Boston Globe and on the BBC World Service.

Cheryl Owsley-Jackson



Cheryl Owsley-Jackson began her career in the news business as features reporter and diversity columnist for The Columbus Republic. She wrote her column, "It Takes All Kinds" for more than a decade.

While earning a masters degree from Indiana University, with an emphasis on broadcast news, Cheryl worked as a features reporter on-air for WTIU Radio.

Her first job in television was as a convergence for WSBT and South Bend Tribune in South Bend, Indiana. She flipped her on-air stories for WSBT into to print stories for The Tribune several days a week.

She continued her broadcast career as a general assignment reporter at WRTV in Indianapolis and as a reporter for CNN in the Chicago bureau.

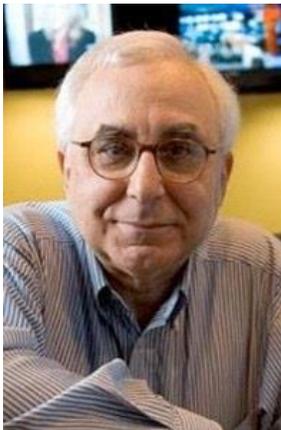
She is currently a Journalist-In-Residence at Emerson College.

Jessica Papin  @jkpapin



Jessica Papin is a literary agent with Dystel Goderich and Bourret, LLC. She first joined DG&B in 2003, after spending eight years as an editor at Warner Books (now Grand Central). In 2004, she moved to Egypt, where she spent three years working for the American University in Cairo Press. Upon her return to the United States, she rejoined DG&B. With a background on both sides of the desk, she loves working collaboratively with clients to shape and refine their work. Her stay in the Middle East has given her an abiding interest in the history and politics of the region, as well as the broader Islamic world. She is interested in plot-driven literary and smart commercial fiction, and narrative non-fiction across a range of subjects, including history, medicine, science, economics, and women's issues. In every case, she looks for passion, erudition, and storytelling skill. A wry sense of humor doesn't hurt.

Manny Paraschos



Dr. Manny Paraschos was recently named Professor Emeritus of Emerson College. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri School of Journalism and taught there as well as at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock before coming to Emerson in 1988. In 1986-87 he served as a Fulbright scholar in Scandinavia. He chaired the department of journalism in Arkansas and was the founding dean of Emerson's European Institute for International Communication in Maastricht, The Netherlands, 1991-94. In 1995 he was honored with Emerson's Distinguished Faculty Award.

Paraschos has been a reporter, a U.N. correspondent and an editorial writer. His scholarly works have been published in many leading mass communication and journalism journals in the United States as

well as in Europe. He is the author of several books the most recent of which are *The Boston Journalism Trail* and *Media Law and Regulation in the European Union*. For more than two decades he was co-publisher of *Media Ethics* magazine, editor of *Emerson's Journalism Students*; *Online News Service* and author of the website entitled *The Boston Journalism Trail*.

Jin Park  @JinnotJim



Jin Park is a recent graduate of Harvard University where he majored in biology and ethnic studies. In November 2018, he was elected as a Rhodes Scholar, becoming the first undocumented immigrant to win a Rhodes. He hopes to use his time at Oxford to pursue a doctorate degree in political philosophy to think systematically about the responsibilities that societies have to their immigrants.

Jorge Quiroga  @JorgeWCVB



Jorge Quiroga is an award-winning general assignment reporter for WCVB Channel 5. During his more than forty-year tenure at WCVB, he has covered every major national and local story of importance to New Englanders including the Blizzard of '78, the Claus von Bülow trial (the then crime of the century), the September 11 attack on America, the Sandy Hook school shootings, the Boston Marathon Bombings, just to name a few. Jorge joined WCVB in 1974 as the first producer/host of *Aqui*, a Hispanic public affairs program he created.

Mike Rezendes  @MikeRezendes



Mike Rezendes is a former investigative reporter with The Boston Globe Spotlight Team and shared a Pulitzer Prize for revealing the cover-up of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church. Mike was also a Pulitzer Prize finalist twice, once for an investigation of the debt collection industry, and more recently for an exposé of the mental health care system in Massachusetts. In 2015, he was played by Mark Ruffalo in the Academy Award-winning movie, "Spotlight."

Shaun Robinson



Shaun Robinson is the editor-in-chief of The Daily Free Press, the independent student newspaper at Boston University. He is a sophomore in BU's College of Communication studying journalism and political science. Shaun was born in Seattle and grew up in Princeton, NJ.

Mark Sappenfield  @sappenfieldm



Mark Sappenfield is the Editor of The Christian Science Monitor - the organization's top editorial

position. Mark joined the Monitor in 1996 and has since written from Boston, the San Francisco Bay Area, the Pentagon, and India. In addition to reporting from Pakistan and Afghanistan during his time in South Asia, Mark has also written on issues of sports and science. He has covered seven Olympic Games and attended events at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, including the landing of the Mars rover Opportunity. After returning to Boston in 2009, Mark served as both deputy national news editor and national news editor.

Stephanie Schorow



Stephanie Schorow has been writing since she walked into the office of the campus newspaper of Northwestern University, where she was majoring in journalism and asked for an assignment. Currently a Boston-based freelance writer and journalism instructor, Stephanie is the author, co-author, or editor of eight nonfiction books. Her most recent (and bestselling book) is a lively and somewhat salacious history of Boston's experiment in adult entertainment zoning: *Inside the Combat Zone: The Stripped Down Story of Boston's Most Notorious Neighborhood*. She is also the author of *Drinking Boston: A History of the City and its Spirits*, *The Cocoanut Grove Fire*, and *The Crime of the Century: How the Brink's Robbers Stole Millions and the Hearts of Boston*, which has been optioned as a potential TV series. She and co-author Beverly Ford wrote *The Boston Mob Guide: Hitmen, Hoodlums and Hideouts*. Ink runs in Schorow's veins; she has worked as an editor and reporter for the *Boston Herald*, the Associated Press, the *Stamford Advocate*, the *Twin Falls Times-News* and the *Shelbina Democrat*, and other publications. She writes restaurant reviews for the *Boston Globe* North section. She currently teaches writing and communication at Lasell College. She is also a clay artist associated with the Mudflat studio in Somerville. After decades in journalism, Schorow is now trying her hand at fiction. She is now working on two projects, a novel about four women (and their cats) in the 1980s and a young adult fantasy novel.

Justin Silverman  @JustinSilverman @FiveFreedoms



Justin Silverman is executive director of the New England First Amendment Coalition. The coalition formed in 2006 when a group of local journalists and editors identified a need for more government transparency and public records access throughout the region. Since that time, the coalition has broadened its focus to include all freedoms protected by the First Amendment and other matters of concern to journalists and members of the media.

Noelle Swan  @swannoelle



Noelle Swan leads a staff of several science and environmental writers and freelancers for the Monitor.

Since joining the Monitor in 2013, Noelle has worked as both an editor and writer for both the website and the weekly magazine. She has written several cover and feature stories for the Monitor Weekly, including deep dives into the "maker movement," the impacts of wayward coal ash on American waterways, and the rise of cooperative robotics. Most recently, Noelle worked on the rapid response team, where she served as an editor and mentor to writers-in-training, and the national news desk, where she served as a reporter and junior editor.

Prior to coming to the Monitor, she worked as a freelance reporter, writing about science education for Science magazine and the Association for the Advancement of Science, contributing science and other news reports to National Public Radio affiliates in Delaware and Utah, and reporting on social services and poverty for Spare Change News. Noelle is a graduate of Harvard University where she studied natural science, environmental management, and journalism. She is active in the local and national science writing community and sits on the steering committee for the New England Science Writers.

Leah Todd  @leahktodd



Leah Todd is the New England regional manager for the Solutions Journalism Network, building relationships with newsrooms in the New England states. From 2015 to 2018, Leah led SJN's work in the Intermountain West, including launching and overseeing collaborative journalism projects between dozens of news organizations in Montana and New Mexico. Previously, she covered K-12 education at *The Seattle Times*, and local government at the *Casper (Wyo.) Star Tribune*. She has investigated and written about turmoil in Washington state's new charter school sector; efforts to improve disproportionately high absentee rates among Native American students in Wyoming; Colorado's attempts to divert mental health patients from overcrowded Emergency Rooms; and how residents in rural communities across the West find and use local news.

Chris R. Vaccaro  @ChrisVaccaro



Chris R. Vaccaro is Assistant Director of SPJ Region 1 and chair of the Region 1 Mark of Excellence Awards. A former chapter president of the Press Club of Long Island, Vaccaro serves as Vice President of Digital News at Altice USA in New York. He is also an adjunct associate journalism professor at Hofstra University where he is the campus advisor for the Hofstra chapter of SPJ. His work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Rolling Stone*, *ESPN*, and *Sports Illustrated*, among others and he is the author of six books.

Tim White  @timwhiteri



Tim 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.

Tim 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 Tim's fourth Emmy win.

Tim 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.

Charlie Wolfson  @charliewolf23



Charlie Wolfson is a third-year journalism major at Northeastern University with a minor in political science. Originally from Pittsburgh, he was a co-op correspondent on the Boston Globe's sports desk in fall 2018, and is currently the editor-in-chief of The Huntington News, Northeastern's independent student newspaper. He's been part of The News since arriving at NU, previously as the deputy city editor and as a staff writer, covering campus news, protests and activism, local environmental policy, NCAA athletics and student government oversight.

