

Boston 2012

A watercolor illustration of a conference setting. In the foreground, a man in a white shirt and blue tie is seated at a round table with a wooden top. He is looking towards the right. Behind him, several other men in suits and glasses are seated at the same table, also looking towards the right. The background is a light blue wall with vertical lines. The overall style is soft and painterly.

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IRE Conference
June 14-17

Boston 2012

Welcome to Boston!

Prepare to be amazed.

And humbled. And inspired.

Definitely inspired.

That's how I feel every year as we put together the program for this annual conference.

There are so many strong, smart journalists doing so much important work that the difficult thing for us isn't filling this imposing schedule, but trying to figure out how we can fit as much as possible. So grab a pen and start marking your can't-miss panels on the schedule that begins on page 19.

Want to learn how to uncover corruption in government? Check.

Malfeasance in business? Check.

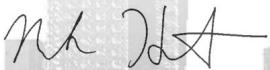
Misuse of power by law enforcement? Check.

Abuse of the powerless by everyone from university leaders to coaches to caregivers? Unfortunately, we have plenty of examples of that as well.

And while you're figuring out what session to check out next, here are a few of the overall conference highlights to be sure to include in your plans:

- Pitch your book or movie idea to an agent. (Page 5)
- Dig into the ramifications of the News Corp. phone hacking scandal with *Guardian* editor Alan Rusbridger, *The New York Times*' David Carr, ABC's Brian Ross and Leonard Downie Jr. of *The Washington Post* and Arizona State University on one of two Showcase Panels. At the other, explore what it means to investigate the powerful with Sarah Ganim of *The Patriot News*, James Steele of *Vanity Fair*, Florence Graves of the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism, Walt Bogdanich of *The New York Times* and moderator Charles Lewis of the Investigative Reporting Workshop. (Page 6)
- Celebrate much of the best investigative work of the year at the awards luncheon on Saturday, where you'll hear from keynote speaker Jill Abramson of The New York Times. (Page 6)
- Prepare for election coverage at a series of panels held throughout the conference, starting with a special Wednesday afternoon session.
- Kick things off at the legendary Blues Bash on Thursday night (tickets are still available) and support IRE's Resource Center. (Page 4)
- Vote for IRE Board members and catch up on the latest member news on Saturday evening. Then attend our closing reception. (Page 9)

Make sure you make the most of the conference. And if you end up doing a story that is sparked by something you heard here, shoot me an email at mark@ire.org. I'd love to hear about it.



Mark Horvit, IRE Executive Director

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- Scripps Howard Foundation for sponsoring the mentorship program



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- James Richard Bennett Scholarship Fund for supporting the Bennett scholars
- James Hoyer Law Firm for general conference support
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- Philip L. Graham Fund for supporting the Graham Diversity fellows
- ProPublica for general conference support
- Robert W. Greene Fellowship Fund for Young Journalists for supporting the Greene fellowship program
- Smallman Law PLLC for co-sponsoring the Brown Bag with Media Lawyers
- Sunlight Foundation for general conference support, including the FOIA panel

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Conference Committee

- Manny Garcia, *El Nuevo Herald* (co-chair)
- Josh Meyer, Medill National Security Journalism Initiative (co-chair)
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- Stephen Stock, KNTV-San Francisco

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- Ricky Campbell, *The Register Citizen*
- John Christie, Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting
- Mike Donoghue, *Burlington Free Press*
- Matt Kauffman, *The Hartford Courant*
- Maggie Mulvihill, New England Center for Investigative Reporting
- Walter Robinson, Northeastern University
- Jennifer Savio, WHDH-Boston
- Tisha Thompson, WRC-Washington D.C.
- Todd Wallack, *The Boston Globe*

FELLOWSHIPS

IRE fellowships and scholarships allow professional journalists and students to attend training events. Fellowships typically cover a one-year IRE membership, conference or seminar registration fees, and reimbursement for hotel and travel expenses. (<http://ire.org/events-and-training/fellowships-and-scholarships/>)

James Richard Bennett Scholarship

Established by Dr. Bennett, professor emeritus of English at the University of Arkansas, and awarded to college students in Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma or Louisiana.

- Thad Ayers, Oklahoma State University
- Carmen Forman, University of Oklahoma

David Dietz Fellowship

Established in honor of David Dietz and awarded to journalists who have demonstrated an interest in financial investigative journalism with fewer than 10 years' professional experience.

- Daniel Wagner, The Associated Press

Philip L. Graham Diversity Scholarships

Established by the Philip L. Graham Fund.

- Gio Benitz, WFOR-Miami
- Lisa Desai, independent journalist
- James Edwards, FM News Chicago
- Gus Garcia-Roberts, *Miami New Times*
- Erica Alyssa Hernandez, University of Florida
- Jasmin Maria Lopez, independent journalist
- Karen Lopez, NBC Universal
- Bob Ortega, *The Arizona Republic*

Robert W. Greene Fellowship for Young Journalists

This fellowship, created with Bob Greene's approval and guidance, is intended to support young journalists who want to attend IRE conferences, seminars and other training.

- Stephanie Czekalinski, 100 Reporters

Jennifer Leonard Scholarships

Established by IRE board member David Cay Johnston to honor his wife, the president and executive director of the Rochester Area Community Foundation and a national leader in promoting ethical standards for endowments.

- Laura Keller, (CAR 2012 Conference)
- Amy Harris, *The Charleston Gazette*

Partial Awards - Jennifer Leonard Scholarships

- Sarah Favot, New England Center for Investigative Reporting
- Brittany Lyte, *Connecticut Post*
- Rachel Roberts, *The Boston Globe*

Godfrey Wells Stancill Small News Fellowship

Established by IRE member Nancy Stancill and her family in memory of her father, Godfrey Wells Stancill, former editor and publisher of the *Suffolk (Va.) News-Herald*.

- Shaun Hittle, *Lawrence Journal-World*

International Fellowships

Sponsored by IRE and the Brant Houston International Journalism Fund.

- Chen Meng, *The Time Weekly* (Guangzhou)
- Liu Jianqiang, *China Dialogue*

CONFERENCE ESSENTIALS

	REGISTRATION (4th Floor)	SALES (4th Floor)	FUNDRAISING (4th Floor)	EXHIBITORS/RECRUITERS (3rd Floor Atrium)	CYBER CAFÉ (4th Floor Atrium)
WEDNESDAY	4-6 P.M.	4-6 PM	4-6 PM		
THURSDAY	7:30 AM – 6 PM	7:30 AM – 6 PM	7:30 AM – 6 PM	8 AM – 5 PM	7:30 AM – 6 PM
FRIDAY	7:30 AM – 6 PM	7:30 AM – 6 PM	7:30 AM – 6 PM	8 AM – 5 PM	7:30 AM – 6 PM
SATURDAY	8 AM – 5 PM	8 AM – 5 PM	8 AM – 5 PM	8 AM – 5 PM	8 AM – 5 PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED	8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

Reprints - Tipsheets (4th Floor)

Read the original stories highlighted in panel discussions and other examples of outstanding investigations shared by IRE members. If you have copies of stories you'd like to make available, please leave them with an IRE staff member at the sales desk.

Tipsheets and other handouts from speakers are available in each panel session. Any remaining copies will be available in the reprints/tipsheets area on the 4th Floor.

After the conference, tipsheets and reprints will be available through the Resource Center. IRE members can purchase the entire IRE 2012 collection on CD or download individual tipsheets from the IRE website. Order forms will be available at the sales desk.

2012 Conference Evaluation

New for the IRE conference – we will be sending out daily evaluations to gather your feedback on the sessions you attended that day. Please take a moment to complete these evaluations, as they are important as we plan next year's conference. We will also send a full evaluation after the conference. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the evaluation.

Reminders

- Please wear your name tag to all IRE sessions and events.
- Please set all cell phones and pagers to silent or vibrate while in sessions. The speakers and fellow attendees will appreciate it.

Wireless Internet

- Complimentary to all IRE attendees, instructions on how to access will be provided on site.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

Blues Bash – Thursday

Dynamic blues sensation Gina Sicilia will headline the 14th annual IRE Blues Bash on Thursday, June 14 — the opening night of the 2012 conference in Boston.

Middle East Downstairs — one of the coolest clubs in Cambridge — will be home to this year's Blues Bash.

Middle East Downstairs
472-480 Massachusetts Ave
Cambridge, MA 02139

The party starts at 7 p.m.; IRE will have exclusive use of the venue until midnight.

Tickets — if still available — will be \$25 at the conference and \$30 at the door the night of the event.

Once again, the money goes to a great cause. The Blues Bash has raised more than \$30,000 for the IRE Resource Center.

Awards Luncheon – Saturday

A highlight of the IRE conference, the IRE Awards Luncheon begins at noon Saturday in Salon F-K. We will present the 2011 IRE Awards and salute some of the best investigative work of the past year. (See a complete list of winners and finalists, pp. 12 – 17).

Admission to the luncheon is included with your conference registration. Guest tickets are available for \$60 at the IRE sales desk.

Closing reception – Saturday

Co-sponsored by Boston University College of Communication and IRE

Join us for a closing reception from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. on the 4th floor and enjoy one last evening of catching up with old and new friends, speakers and colleagues.

Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. Conference name tags are required for entry.

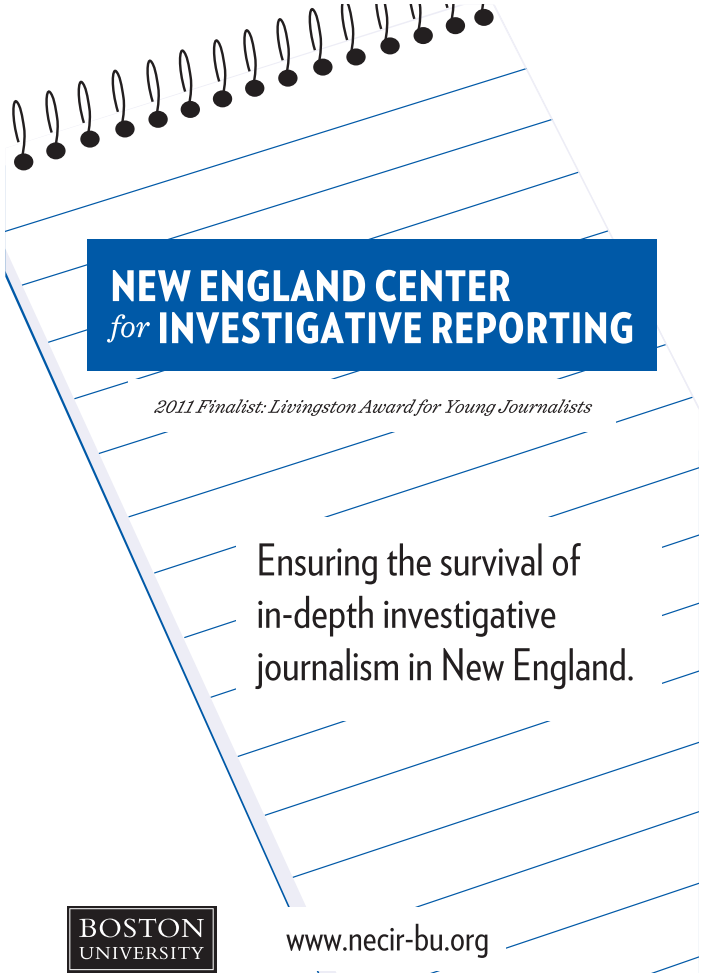


TOP 5

Online Tools for Investigative Journalists from the Sunlight Foundation

1. Connect the dots between money and politics at InfluenceExplorer.com.
2. See how much super PACs spend at FollowTheUnlimitedMoney.com.
3. Explore the congressional and presidential fundraising circuit at PoliticalPartyTime.org.
4. Research what Congress is saying at CapitolWords.org.
5. Check out an array of additional tools at SunlightFoundation.com/projects/.


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SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Broadcast Show and Tell

Show-and-Tell sessions offer new ways to share your investigations with colleagues from around the country. Sessions will have veteran broadcasters as moderators. Look for sign-up sheets on the 4th floor near registration. Sessions will take place in Exeter-Fairfield on Friday and Saturday.

Broadcast One-on-One Mentoring - Saturday

Poynter's Al Tompkins will be working one-on-one with broadcasters. Sign up for a timeslot on the 4th floor near registration. Sign-up early as there are limited spaces. Don't forget to bring your DVD or clips with you.

Best Practices for Nonprofit Newsrooms: A day of hands-on sharing and learning - Thursday Sponsored by John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Investigative News Network and IRE

This daylong program will focus on three key areas that are vital to nonprofit investigative centers: collaboration, legal issues and best practices in operations, digital technology and more. It is being organized in partnership between IRE and the Investigative News Network.

Pitch Your Book - Friday

IRE has lined up leading New York and Boston-based literary agents who have agreed to see journalists for a limited number of 10-minute appointments. Sign-up for time slots will be near the registration desk. Meetings will take place in Arlington-Berkeley.

Brown Bag with Media Lawyers Sponsored by Smallman Law PLLC and IRE 1 p.m. Friday, Salon A-B

Here's your chance for an informal Q&A about legal issues. Bring your "hypotheticals" and your own lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided.

Networking Breakfast for IRE Mentoring Program Participants

Sponsored by the Scripps Howard Foundation
8 a.m. Friday, St. Botolph

Coffee and pastries will be served. This is an invitation-only event.

International Journalists Luncheon Sponsored by Investigative Reporting Workshop at American University and IRE 1 p.m. Friday, St. Botolph

Journalists from outside the United States will meet and discuss strategies for training and working together. This is an invitation-only event. Following lunch there will be a round table discuss on collaboration and networking in Salon C-D at 2:15 p.m.

Tweet during the Conference

Please use #IRE (or #IRE12) in your tweets so everyone can follow the latest news and observations.

Free Reynolds Business Journalism Workshop - Wednesday Sponsored by Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism

Come to a free Reynolds Center workshop on Wednesday, June 13. Bring the name of a company you follow to this workshop and learn how to track its efforts at political influence from two experts: *New York*

Times reporter Ron Nixon and Sunlight Foundation editorial director Bill Allison. They will help you:

- Find campaign contributions and lobbying expenditures by companies at the state and federal level;
- Tie company spending on candidates or lobbying to legislative or regulatory actions;
- Find corporate contributions to independent groups.

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. This free workshop on "Tracking Companies' Influence on Politics" will be from 1-5 p.m. in Clarendon-Dartmouth.

Excel Mini Boot Camp - Thursday

If you want to really dig deep, you need to know your way around data and electronic records. This hands-on session introduces data analysis with spreadsheets. In one afternoon you'll learn to sort, select, summarize and graphically display data. With Excel's powerful formulas, filtering and pivot tables, you'll turn data into a tipsheet to help guide your reporting and mine data for stories. Unleash the power of spreadsheets to help you ask smarter questions, work more efficiently and produce more watchdog reporting. This workshop is limited to pre-registered attendees. See items marked "Excel Mini Boot Camp" in the schedule.

Tableau Public - Thursday Vendor Session by Tableau Public

Tableau for Beginners (hands-on training) 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Learn how to create beautiful, interactive data visualizations on short deadlines. No programming required.

You'll learn everything you need to build data visualizations and publish them to your website just like a video. We'll teach you how to:

- Connect to Excel files and other data
- Create maps and charts
- Format them beautifully
- Make them interactive

Tableau Public is a free tool for journalists. No previous experience with Tableau is necessary to take this class. Walk-ins are allowed until the class is full.

Tableau for Pros (hands-on training) 1:30-5:30 p.m.

Take your data visualization skills to the next level. In this class we'll push Tableau's capabilities further to create more complex visualizations. You'll learn how to:

- Clean and format dirty data
- Use multiple data sources in the same visualization
- Build more advanced visualizations
- Employ advanced interactive elements

Tableau Public is a free tool for journalists. Class participants should have some experience with Tableau or have taken the morning beginners course. Walk-ins are allowed until the class is full.

Tableau Public - Reception for Thursday attendees Hosted by Tableau Public 6 p.m., Thursday, Salon F

Party with your Data

Join us for free drinks and T-shirts at the Party with Your Data Happy Hour! First come, first serve - while supplies last! Bring your conference badge. Limited to Thursday attendees.



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Jill Abramson has been executive editor of *The New York Times* since September 2011. Previously she was managing editor of the paper from August 2003 until August 2011. As managing editor, Abramson has helped supervise coverage of two wars, four national elections, hurricanes and oil spills. She also writes about politics, in the Week in Review and Book Review sections. She served as Washington bureau chief from December 2000 until July 2003. She joined the newspaper in September 1997 and became Washington editor in 1999.

Previously, Abramson worked at *The Wall Street Journal* from 1988 to 1997. While there, she served as deputy bureau chief in its Washington, D.C. bureau and investigative reporter, covering money and politics.

From 1986 to 1988 she was editor in chief of *Legal Times*, a weekly newspaper in Washington, D.C.; before joining *Legal Times*, Abramson was a senior staff reporter for *The American Lawyer* for nearly a decade. While an undergraduate at Harvard, she worked at *Time* magazine from 1973 to 1976.

Abramson is co-author of "Strange Justice: The Selling of Clarence Thomas," published in 1994, and "Where They Are Now: The Story of the Women of Harvard Law 1974," published in 1986. "Strange Justice," a non-fiction finalist for the National Book Award and National Book Critics Circle Award in 1994, details the circumstances surrounding the confirmation hearings of Justice Clarence Thomas. "Where They Are Now" is a study of the 71 women in the Harvard Law School class of 1974.

Abramson won the National Press Club award for national correspondence in 1992 for political coverage of money and politics.



JILL ABRAMSON

Executive Editor, *The New York Times*

She teaches an undergraduate journalism seminar in the English Department of Yale University during the spring term and is embarking on her fifth year there. During the 2000-2001 fall term, she was a Ferris Professor at Princeton University teaching an undergraduate seminar on politics and journalism. Abramson is a member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. She serves on the Journalism Advisory Board of ProPublica, an independent, non-profit newsroom that produces investigative journalism in the public interest. She also serves on the board of visitors of Columbia University's School of Journalism.

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The IRE Awards Luncheon begins at noon Saturday.

Showcase Panels

12 – 1 p.m., Friday, Salon E

Showcase Panel: Investigating power

Walt Bogdanich, *The New York Times*

Sarah Ganim, *The Patriot-News*

Florence Graves, Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism

James Steele, *Vanity Fair*

Charles Lewis, Investigative Reporting Workshop (moderator)

4:35-6 p.m., Friday, Salon E

Showcase Panel: After News Corp. How far is too far in investigative reporting

David Carr, *The New York Times*

Brian Ross, ABC News

Alan Rusbridger, *The Guardian*

Leonard Downie Jr., *The Washington Post*/Arizona State University (moderator)

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The 2012 IRE Conference offers a unique opportunity for in-depth, one-on-one coaching. Mentees get advice from experienced journalists on improving their skills as reporters, editors or producers. The mentoring that occurs during these sessions often continues in a more informal way for months, even years, after the conference concludes.



SCRIPPS HOWARD FOUNDATION

Special thanks to the Scripps Howard Foundation for its continuing support of the IRE Mentorship Program. IRE also thanks Jennifer LaFleur, ProPublica and Mark Greenblatt, ABC News, for coordinating the mentorship program this year.

The following journalists are volunteering their time as mentors at this year's conference:

Marshall Allen, ProPublica
Matt Apuzzo, The Associated Press
Ken Armstrong, *The Seattle Times*
Gina Barton, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*
Maud Beelman, *The Dallas Morning News*
Michael Berens, *The Seattle Times*
Joe Bergantino, New England Center for Investigative Reporting
Josh Bernstein, *The Daily*
Walt Bogdanich, *The New York Times*
Greg Borowski, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*
David Cay Johnston, Reuters
Rose Ciotta, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*
Wendell Cochran, American University/Investigative Reporting Workshop
Sarah Cohen, Duke University
Chris Davis, *Tampa Bay Times*
John Diedrich, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*
Matthew Doig, *Newsday*
Steve Doig, Arizona State University
David Donald, Center for Public Integrity
Jeff Donn, The Associated Press
Leonard Downie Jr., *The Washington Post*/Arizona State University
Stephen Engelberg, ProPublica
John Ferrugia, KMGH-Denver
Robin Fields, ProPublica
Jodie Fleischer, WSB- Atlanta
Jennifer Forsyth, *The Wall Street Journal*
Laura Frank, Rocky Mountain Investigative News Network
Ellen Gabler, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*
Ryan Gabrielson, California Watch
Cindy Galli, ABC News
Manny Garcia, *El Nuevo Herald*
Matt Goldberg, KNTV-San Francisco
Mark Greenblatt, ABC News
James Grimaldi, *The Wall Street Journal*
Doug Haddix, Kiplinger Program - Ohio State University
Andy Hall, Wisconsin Center for Investigative Reporting
Lorie Hearn, Investigative Newsource
Brad Heath, *USA Today*
Brant Houston, University of Illinois

Danielle Ivory, Bloomberg Government
Corey Johnson, California Watch
Kathleen Johnston, CNN
Brian Joseph, *The Orange County Register*
David Kaplan, Global Investigative Journalism Network
Mark Katches, Center for Investigative Reporting
Kevin Keeshan, NBC News
Tony Kovaleski, KNTV-San Francisco
Daniel Lathrop, *The Dallas Morning News*
Jeff Kelly Lowenstein, *Hoy*
Pia Malbran, CBS News
Scott Matthews, CNBC
T. Christian Miller, ProPublica
Blake Morrison, Reuters
Maggie Mulvihill, New England Center for Investigative Reporting
James Neff, *The Seattle Times*
Deb Nelson, University of Maryland
Ron Nixon, *The New York Times*
Ben Poston, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*
Robert Powell, NBC Today Show
Emily Ramshaw, The Texas Tribune
Susanne Reber, Center for Investigative Reporting
Jill Riepenhoff, Remapping Debate
Jeremy Rogalski, KHOU-Houston
Brian Ross, ABC News
Raquel Rutledge, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*
Robert Salladay, Center for Investigative Reporting
Rhonda Schwartz, ABC News
Al Shaw, ProPublica
Matt Stiles, NPR
Stephen Stock, KNTV-San Francisco
John Sullivan, Northwestern University
Mc Nelly Torres, Florida Center for Investigative Reporting
Nicole Vap, KUSA-Denver
Stuart Watson, WCNC-Charlotte
Anna Werner, CBS News
Phil Williams, WTVF-Nashville
Alison Young, *USA Today*
Scott Zamost, CNN

EXHIBITORS & RECRUITERS

Visit with the exhibitors and recruiters in the 3rd floor atrium to learn about new products, services and news sources available to journalists.

- [Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism](http://www.businessjournalism.org) (www.businessjournalism.org)
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- [First Street by CQ Press](http://www.firststreet.cqpress.com) (www.firststreet.cqpress.com)
- [Franklin Center for Government & Public Integrity](http://www.franklincenterhq.org) (www.franklincenterhq.org)
- [Investigative Mechanics, Inc.](http://www.justiceundercover.com) (www.justiceundercover.com)
- [Microsoft, Corp](http://www.office.microsoft.com/en-us/web-apps) (www.office.microsoft.com/en-us/web-apps)
- [Shorenstein Center, Harvard University](http://www.shorensteincenter.org/www.journalistsresource.org) (www.shorensteincenter.org/www.journalistsresource.org)
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Board of Directors Meeting

4 p.m. Thursday, Regis

The meeting is open to members. The board will also meet briefly on Saturday after the membership meeting to elect officers.

Membership Meeting

6 p.m. Saturday, Salon E

Plan to attend the annual membership meeting in order to cast a ballot in the Board of Directors elections. Seven seats on the 13-member board are up for election this year.

IRE members who filed their candidacy before the pre-conference deadline were allowed to submit a statement for posting on the IRE website. www.ire.org

Anyone who declares candidacy at the conference must deliver a one-page statement/biography to the executive director by noon, local time, on Friday, June 15. Those statements will be displayed on a bulletin board in the main conference area.

At the membership meeting, candidates must be nominated and seconded from the floor by two other IRE members. There will be no nominating speeches, but candidates will have two minutes to address their peers.

Once the doors are closed, no one is allowed to enter or exit until voting is completed.

Immediately following the board elections, there will be a separate election for two IRE Awards contest judges. Those candidates will be nominated and seconded from the floor.

More information about the IRE board's duties and the election rules are online at <http://ire.org/about/board-directors/elections/>.

Current IRE Board Members

President - Manny Garcia, *El Nuevo Herald*

Vice-President – Andrew Donohue, Voice of San Diego

Treasurer – David Cay Johnston, Reuters

Secretary – Sarah Cohen, Duke University

Robert Cribb, *The Toronto Star*

Leonard Downie, Jr., *The Washington Post*/Arizona State University

Josh Meyer, Medill National Security Journalism Initiative

Aron Pilhofer, *The New York Times*

Lea Thompson, Broadcast journalist/producer

Mc Nelly Torres, Florida Center for Investigative Reporting

Matt Waite, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Phil Williams, WTVF-Nashville

Alison Young, *USA Today*

Voting and Absentee Ballots



The ballot at the membership meeting will include all candidates who declared by the June 15 deadline.

Members unable to attend the conference were allowed to participate via absentee balloting. Absentee balloting is meant to supplement – not replace – IRE's traditional election process, which encourages membership meeting attendance as a sign of commitment to the group and to involve as many members as possible in important discussions.

Candidates who declared by April 27 were included on the absentee ballot. Members were allowed to request absentee ballots from April 27-May 22.

The deadline for returning absentee ballots was June 8. The absentee ballots have been kept sealed in special ballot envelopes and are not opened until the general election count on Saturday, June 16. Absentee ballots are not available, nor are late submissions accepted, at the conference.



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- Access 1
- Access 2
- Access 3
- Intro to Excel for elections
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PRINT/ONLINE (WRITTEN WORD) – LARGE

IRE AWARD:

- **“Assault on Learning”** *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, Philadelphia.

John Sullivan, Susan Snyder, Kristen A. Graham, Dylan Purcell, Jeff Gammage, Mike Leary, Rose Ciotta

Judges’ Comments: “Assault on Learning” is local reporting at its highest level. We all know anecdotally that urban schools are tough places to survive, let alone learn, but reporters at *The Philadelphia Inquirer* went so much further in quantifying the violence and personalizing it in an irrefutable way. *The Inquirer* demonstrated the school system under-reported violent incidents and routinely failed to protect teachers and students. An intervention program was unmasked as nothing more than paper-shuffling. Following the project, the district has established a new protocol for reporting serious incidents and crime. For putting five reporters on this project for more than year, for overcoming the obstacles of closed environments and sealed records, and for putting a face on a violent school system and its victims, IRE honors *The Inquirer* for exemplary investigative work.

FINALISTS:

- **“Million-Dollar Wasteland”** *The Washington Post*, Debbie Cenziper, Jennifer Jenkins, John Mummolo, Meg Smith, Julie Tate
- **“Billions to Spend”** *Los Angeles Times*, Michael Finnegan, Gale Holland, Paul Pringle, Doug Smith, Ben Welsh
- **“Honor Tarnished”** McClatchy Newspapers, Jonathan S. Landay
- **“NYPD Spying”** The Associated Press, Matt Apuzzo, Adam Goldman, Eileen Sullivan, Chris Hawley

PRINT/ONLINE (WRITTEN WORD) – MEDIUM

IRE AWARD

- **“Methadone and the Politics of Pain”** *The Seattle Times*, Seattle.

Michael J. Berens, Ken Armstrong

Judges’ Comments: Scrutiny of hundreds of thousands of documents and customized databases left no doubt the decision by the state of Washington to use methadone as a narcotic pain killer was discriminatory and dangerous. Despite fierce opposition from officials, the paper was able to prove in a 10-month investigation that more than 2,000 people overdosed on the cheap but unpredictable drug the state was pushing to save money. Through exhaustive cross-referencing and shoe leather reporting, the paper showed that while 8 percent of poor adults were on Medicaid, they represented 48 percent of the methadone deaths. In swift reaction to the story, the state issued an emergency health advisory to more than 1,000 pharmacists and 17,000 licensed health care professionals, warning of methadone’s risk. For saving lives, IRE honors *The Seattle Times* and all the people who worked on that story.

FINALISTS:

- **“Side Effects”** *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, John Fauber
- **“Patient Safety Crisis at Parkland”** *Dallas Morning News*, Brooks Egerton, Miles Moffeit, Reese Dunklin, Ryan McNeil, Daniel Lathrop, Sue Goetinck Ambrose, Sherry Jacobson, Maud Beelman, Doug Swanson
- **“Deadly Force: When Las Vegas Police Shoot and Kill”** *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, Lawrence Mower, Alan Maimon, Brian Haynes, James G. Wright
- **“Washed Away”** *The (Raleigh) News & Observer*, Dan Kane, David Raynor

PRINT/ONLINE (WRITTEN WORD) – SMALL

IRE AWARD

- **“Unfit for Duty”** *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, Sarasota, Fla.

Matthew Doig, Anthony Cormier.

Judges’ Comments: In “Unfit for Duty,” the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* exposed questionable backgrounds of hundreds of Florida police officers. Backed by database analysis and on-the-ground reporting, investigations editor Matthew Doig and crime beat reporter Anthony Cormier joined forces to find nearly one in 20 active law enforcement officers had egregious cases of misconduct but still managed to keep their badges. The newspaper’s story prompted results even before the story ran. Florida’s governor ordered an inquiry into violations of law uncovered by the reporters, and two police officers became targets of an investigation. For exposing lack of police oversight that allowed a cadre of rogue cops to work in cities and towns throughout the state, IRE honors the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.

FINALISTS:

- **“Drugging Delinquents”** *The Palm Beach Post*, Michael LaForgia
- **“Rotten to the Core”** *Miami New Times*, Gus Garcia-Roberts
- **“The Case of Dr. Konasiewicz”** *Duluth News Tribune*, Brandon Stahl, Mark Stodghill



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IRE AWARDS

BROADCAST/VIDEO – LARGE

IRE AWARD

• “20/20 Peace Corps: A Trust Betrayed” ABC News.

Brian Ross, Anna Schechter, Angela M. Hill, Rhonda Schwartz, Mark Schone

Judges’ Comments: ABC News had a hard-hitting report on the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps. After 10 months of work, it revealed a shocking story of hundreds of Peace Corps women being raped around the world. This report by Brian Ross and the ABC investigative team was in large part responsible for a new law, named after the victim in the ABC report, which is meant to protect Peace Corps volunteers and whistleblowers. Using internal Peace Corps reports ABC was able to show a systematic failure within the agency and its practice of “hushing things up” and “blaming the victim.” ABC not only found many victims but also persuaded them to go public. IRE commends Ross and Producer Anna Schechter for their on-the-ground investigation in Benin, West Africa, and honors them for their 20-plus followup stories and a very tough interview with the Peace Corps.



Brian Ross



Mark Schone



Rhonda Schwartz



Anna Schechter



Angela Hill



FINALISTS:

• “Tamiflu - The Backstory of a Blockbuster” CBC/Radio-Canada and RSI, Frédéric Zalac, Serena Tinari, Harry Häner, Reto Padrutt, Kris Fleerackers

• “ESPN, Outside the Lines: Gambling & Youth Football” ESPN, Paula Lavigne, Greg Amante, Dwayne Bray, Chris Buckle

• “60 Minutes: Armstrong” CBS News, Jeff Fager, Bill Owens, Claudia Weinstein, Michael Radutzky, Scott Pelley, Tanya Simon, Oriana Zill, Keith Sharman, Flora Tartakovsky, Rich Koppel, Tom F. McEneny, Blake Hottle, Sam Painter, David Mitlyng, Scott Osterman, Sabrina Castelfranco, Katie Spikes, Tadd J. Lascari, Sara Kuzmarov, Kaylee Tully, Katie Kerbstat, Laura Kuhn

• “IKEA-Made in Sweden” Swedish TV, Lars-Göran Svensson Magnus Svenungsson

BROADCAST/VIDEO - MEDIUM

IRE MEDAL

• “Constable Corruption” KTRK - Houston.

Wayne Dolcefino, Kevin Hirten, Colin McIntyre

Judges’ Comments: In this textbook IRE investigation done in a nontraditional style, KTRK-TV went after Houston-area law enforcement officials. Plowing through mountains of paperwork, data and sources, reporter Wayne Dolcefino and his team exposed a culture of corruption among the county’s entrenched constables that included appropriating charity and campaign funds for their own use and allowing employees to commit time sheet fraud. Dolcefino engages the viewer with his irreverent style and high production values, but beneath the entertainment is a rock-solid, water-tight, well-documented investigation. The station made extensive use of FOIA and fought back hard when denied. Its online presentation engaged the reader to follow the investigators as they pursued their targets. Several outside agencies are now investigating several constables offices. For the dogged and difficult pursuit of corruption in its own hometown, KTRK’S “Constable Corruption” is awarded IRE’s highest honor, an IRE Medal.



Kevin Hirten, Wayne Dolcefino, Colin McIntyre

FINALISTS:

• “Judge Sylvia James: Access Denied, Chief Judge Under Fire” WXYZ-Detroit, Bill Proctor, Johnny Sartin, Ramon Rosario, Randy Lundquist

• “UDC” WTTG-Washington D.C., Tisha Thompson, Rick Yarborough, Steve Jones

• “Kidnapping in Phoenix: Uncovering the Truth” KNXV-Phoenix, Gerard Watson, David Biscobing

• “Show Me The Money: Housing Authority Investigation” KCET-Los Angeles, Karen Foshay, Rocio Zamora, Laurel Erickson, Miguel Contreras, Lata Pandya, Bret Marcus, Justine Schmidt

BROADCAST/VIDEO - SMALL

IRE AWARD

• “Hiding Behind the Badge” WVUE - New Orleans.

Lee Zurik, Donny Pearce, Mikel Schaefer, Greg Phillips, Marcy Planer

Judges’ Comments: A powerful sheriff and a businessman pleaded guilty to federal corruption charges after Lee Zurik and the WVUE-TV team exposed and detailed their intricate scheme to defraud taxpayers. Through public records requests and scrutiny of thousands of pages of documents, the team built spreadsheets that proved how a local sheriff spent hundreds of thousands of dollars from his donors on a lavish lifestyle, falsified campaign documents and profited from the BP oil spill. Congratulations to WVUE-TV for its eight-month rolling investigation and its stick-to-it attitude, which resulted in even bigger stories as the station continued to dig.



Mikel Schaefer, Marcy Planer, Lee Zurik, Greg Phillips, Donny Pearce



BROADCAST/VIDEO - SMALL (continued)

FINALISTS:

- **"Swiped"** WVUE-New Orleans, Lee Zurik, Donny Pearce, Mikel Schaefer, Greg Phillips, Marcy Planer
- **"It Is What It Is"** WSMV-Nashville, Jeremy Finley, Jason Finley
- **"State Fair Tragedy: The Investigation"** WTHR-Indianapolis, Sandra Chapman, Cyndee Hebert, William C. Ditton, Joel Clausen, Steve Rhodes
- **"Carlos Boles Investigation"** KMOV-St. Louis, Craig Cheatham, Jim Thomas

MULTIPLATFORM - LARGE

IRE AWARD

- **"Post Mortem: Death Investigation in America"** ProPublica, NPR, Frontline (PBS)

ProPublica: A.C. Thompson, Chisun Lee, Marshall Allen, Aarti Shahani, Mosi Secret, Krista Kjellman Schmidt, Al Shaw, Jennifer LaFleur and Robin Fields.

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Investigative Reporting Program at the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism: Ryan Gabrielson

Judges' Comments: Most Americans believe the nation's morgues are filled with dedicated professionals who are equipped with high-tech, state-of-the-art tools and spend whatever time it takes to solve suspicious deaths and bring criminals to justice. ProPublica, NPR and Frontline showed us death investigations are a patchwork of different systems that bear little resemblance to the work seen on television shows such as "CSI." Through this revealing multimedia package, we learned death investigations are often flawed and innocent people go to jail or the guilty are allowed to go free. For its hard-driving investigation into this little-understood part of the criminal justice system, IRE honors "Death Investigation in America."



FINALISTS:

- **"Poisoned Places: Toxic Air, Neglected Communities"** The Center for Public Integrity, Jim Morris, Chris Hamby, Ronnie Greene, Elizabeth Lucas, Emma Schwartz, Corbin Hiar, Kristen Lombardi, Cole Goins, Ajani Winston, Sarah Whitmire, Erik Lincoln, Devorah Adler, Rachael Marucs, Paul Abowd, Alexandra Duszak, David Donald, Keith Epstein. NPR, Howard Berkes, Sandra Bartlett, Elizabeth Shogren, Robert Benincasa, John Poole, David Gilkey, Alicia Cypress, Nelson Hsu, Barbara Van Woerkom, Quinn Ford, Susanne Reber
- **"Pension Games"** *Chicago Tribune*, Jason Grotto, Ray Long, Jodi Cohen, Marsha Bartel, Mark Suppelsa
- **"Solving a 1964 Cold Case: Mystery of Frank Morris"** Center for Investigative Reporting, Stanley Nelson, David Ridgen, Susanne Reber, Hank Klibanoff, David Paperny, Carrie Ching and the Canadian Broadcasting Company
- **"Scout's Honour"** CBC News, Diana Swain, Timothy Sawa, Angela Gilbert, Amber Hildebrandt, Stacy Cardigan Smith, Curt Petrovich, Lily Boisson, Samantha Lash. *The Los Angeles Times*, Jason Felch, Kim Christensen

MULTIPLATFORM - MEDIUM

IRE MEDAL

- **"On Shaky Ground"** California Watch and KQED - San Francisco. Corey G. Johnson, Erica Perez, Kendall Taggart, Agustin Armendariz, Michael Montgomery, Anna Werner, Chase Davis, Michael Corey, Carrie Ching, Ashley Alvarado, Krissy Clark.

Judges' Comments: "On Shaky Ground" was an extraordinary effort examining seismic safeguards in place to protect California's schoolchildren from earthquakes. Reporters dug through more than 30,000 pages of documents, created online maps and databases and visited schools throughout the state to get the story. It took 19 months, but the reporters found California officials abrogated their oversight duties and allowed more than 42,000 children to attend schools with serious safety issues. The project had astonishing breadth, depth and creativity. The stories were published in more than 150 news outlets and translated into four languages, and video segments appeared in every major California media market. California Watch created an iPhone app to show local residents their proximity to fault zones and even a coloring book explaining it all to schoolchildren. The hard work paid off: State lawmakers ordered audits and investigations, and new state standards were created to allow schools to more easily tap into a fund to repair seismic hazards. For its commitment to public service, use of documents and computer analysis, and its focus on reader engagement and interactivity, "On Shaky Ground" is awarded IRE's highest honor, an IRE Medal.



Corey G. Johnson Erica Perez Kendall Taggart Augustin Armendariz Michael Montgomery



Anna Werner Chase Davis Michael Corey Carrie Ching Ashley Alvarado



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IRE AWARDS

MULTIPLATFORM - MEDIUM (continued)

FINALISTS:

- **"Decoding Prime"** California Watch, Lance Williams, Christina Jewett, Stephen K. Doig
- **"Deadly Force: When Las Vegas Police Shoot and Kill"** Las Vegas Review-Journal, Lawrence Mower, Alan Maimon, Brian Haynes, Justin Yurkanin, Shane Gammon

MULTIPLATFORM - SMALL

- No Award

RADIO/AUDIO

IRE Award

- **"Rising Violence in California Psychiatric Hospitals"** NPR. Ina Jaffe, Quinn O'Toole

Judges' Comments: When a worker at a California psychiatric hospital was murdered by a patient last year, NPR reporter Ina Jaffe began looking into what appeared to be cases of rising violence against health care workers. The resulting reports showed that the death was not an isolated incident. In fact, NPR found widespread violence against workers by patients who were committed by the criminal justice system. But the reporting went beyond simply showing cases of assault: It linked the rise in violence to government policies and inaction by psychiatric hospitals, which rarely forwarded cases to the district attorneys for prosecution. The attention brought to this issue led to the passage of a bill to make it easier to medicate patients and the introduction of 2 other measures, one that could keep drug users, who plead not guilty by reason of insanity, out of the facilities and another that would make it a felony for certain patients to assault hospital staff. The judges commend NPR for covering new ground on an important subject and helping keep a spotlight on a continuing problem in the mental health system—how to treat and house patients who are dangerous and mentally ill.



Ina Jaffe



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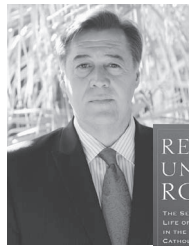
- **"Alleged Illegal Searches & Unlawful Marijuana Arrests by NYPD"** WNYC-New York, Ailsa Chang, Karen Frillmann, Paul Schneider, Wayne Shulmister, John Keefe
- **"The Five Percent Rule"** Independent, Sally Herships
- **"When Patents Attack"** NPR, Laura Sydeff, Alex Blumberg

BOOK

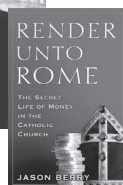
IRE AWARD

- **"Render Unto Rome: The Secret Life of Money in the Catholic Church"** by Jason Berry

Judges' Comments: Author Jason Berry delves deeply into a topic few have examined – the secretive finances of the Roman Catholic Church. Using voluminous background research that takes the reader back centuries, Berry uncovers abuses of the trust of church members by influential bishops who diverted funds intended for philanthropic purposes into accounts used for plugging Vatican operating deficits or defending priests accused of pedophilia. Berry details how the modern church is



Jason Berry



systematically closing churches in poorer parishes while at the same time opening churches in affluent suburbs where the weekly "take" is greater. The author makes extensive use of public documents, leaked parish records, trial transcripts, interviews and a wide range of published reporting to paint a complete picture of a heretofore secret network of church financial dealings. For shining a bright light on the shenanigans and inner workings of the Catholic Church, IRE honors Jason Berry and "Render Unto Rome".

FINALISTS:

- **"The Wizard of Lies: Bernie Madoff and the Death of Trust"** Diana B. Henriques
- **"Retirement Heist"** Ellen E. Schultz

FOI AWARD

IRE MEDAL

- **"The Fed's Trillion-Dollar Secret"** Bloomberg News. Bradley Keoun, Phil Kuntz, Bob Ivry, Craig Torres, Scott Lanman, David Yanofsky, Donal Griffin, Greg Stohr and Christopher Condon

Judges' Comments: This is accountability reporting at its best. In the wake of the near collapse of the nation's financial system, Bloomberg News sought important records from the Federal Reserve about loans made to some of the nation's biggest banks. The Federal Reserve refused, and Bloomberg sued under the Freedom of Information Act. The case went all the way to the Supreme Court, which refused to overturn the lower court's decision. IRE commends Bloomberg News for its efforts to provide a rare, behind-the-scenes look at one of the most powerful and secretive industries in American society.

FINALISTS:

- **"House of Horrors"** The Miami Herald, Carol Marbin Miller, Diana Moskovitz, David Ovalle
- **"Both Sides of the Law"** Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Gina Barton
- **"Gauging FOI Worldwide"** The Associated Press, Martha Mendoza w/ AP Journalists worldwide
- **"Bad Medicine"** Kansas City Star, Alan Bavley

SPECIAL CATEGORIES: TOM RENNER AWARD

IRE MEDAL

- **"Death in the Desert"** CNN. Frederik Pleitgen, Mohamed Fahmy, Sheri England, Tim Lister, Ian Lee, Simon Payne and Earl Nurse

Judges' Comments: CNN's team faced great personal risk in crossing the dangerous badlands

Bloomberg



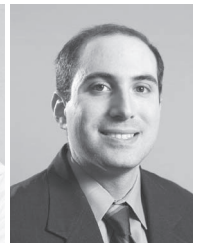
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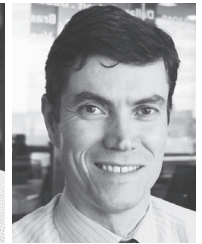
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Frederik Pleitgen



of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula to expose a network of human trafficking and organ sales in "Death in the Desert." The team managed to persuade the hostile, clannish Bedouin tribesmen of the region to talk about their organized kidnapping for ransom and trafficking in African immigrants trying to cross from Egypt into Israel. The team also procured photographic evidence, reviewed by coroners, that suggested some immigrants had their organs harvested before being buried in the desert. The final scene of nameless immigrants buried in unmarked graves almost within sight of their final destination in Israel provided an emotional finish to a dramatic, difficult and important story.

FINALISTS:

- "Looting the Seas II" The Center for Public Integrity & International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, Kate Willson, Mar Cabra, Marcos Garcia Rey, Fredrik Laurin, Nicky Hager, Marina Walker Guevara, David Donald
- "Dangerous & Free" *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, John Diedrich
- "Arrested Development" Scripps Howard News Service, Isaac Wolf

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IRE AWARD

- "The Salt Lake Tribune reporting, editorial stance, lobbying efforts help keep Utah's open record law intact" *The Salt Lake Tribune*, Salt Lake Tribune Staff



The Salt Lake Tribune Staff

The Salt Lake Tribune

Judges' Comments:

For its superb and fair coverage and its rigorous editorial advocacy, *The Salt Lake Tribune* receives an IRE Special Recognition Award for "Service to the First Amendment." The paper waged and won a battle over the Utah legislature's attempt to eviscerate Utah's open records law and citizens' rights to know. Lawmakers introduced and passed a bill late in the legislative session without much notice. But the paper fought back in two months of coverage on the content and impact of the bill. It offered its content to other newspapers around the state, and in a rare and unusual move ran strong editorials on the front page. Despite the governor's initial signing of the bill, the paper's efforts and public outcry forced him to reverse his position and call the legislature back into session. For extraordinary effort by newspaper managers and staff, IRE offers it congratulations and awards special recognition.

BREAKING NEWS

IRE AWARD

- "Violent Felon Went Unnoticed" *The Palm Beach Post*, Palm Beach, Fla. Michael LaForgia, Cynthia Roldan, Adam Playford



Adam Playford, Cynthia Roldan, Michael LaForgia

The Palm Beach Post

Judges' Comments: *The Palm Beach Post* raced the clock and the competition to unearth compelling details in the deaths of two children whose bodies were fished out of a South Florida canal. Reporters LaForgia, Roldan and Playford

were able to flesh out details about the suspect and victims within days of the crime. Playford uncovered key court documents 30 minutes before the courthouse closed and, using his iPhone, snapped pictures of hundreds of pages of documents as clerks were shoving him out the door. The records showed how officials should and could have done more to protect the children from the violent felon who was engaged to their mother. IRE chose this entry as an exemplary case of how investigative reporters can dig deeply on deadline, and in this case their rapid-fire enterprise work revealed flaws in Florida's child welfare system.

FINALISTS:

- "Cars for Congress" WTTG-Washington D.C., Tisha Thompson, Lance Ing, Steve Jones
- "Wayne County Confidential" WXYZ-Detroit, Ross Jones, Heather Catallo, Ann Mullen, Johnny Sartin, Ramon Rosario, Randy Lundquist
- "Tucson Tragedy" *The Arizona Republic*, The Arizona Republic Staff

STUDENT

IRE AWARD

- "Million-Dollar Bust" *The Daily Toreador*, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

Ioanna Makris, April Cunningham, Caroline Courtney

Judges' Comments:

Three student reporters took on powerful Texas Tech University alumni over a sweetheart deal to build and then lease back to the university a parking garage that wasn't needed. Their investigation probably saved the university \$1 million. The student reporters got the state's attorney general involved in forcing documents to be released under the Texas Public Information Act. They also used emails, tax records and other documents to show the cozy relationship between members of the same fraternity who built an unnecessary private parking garage and then leased it back under a contract that put the burden of renting the spaces on Texas Tech and its alumni association. The students showed great initiative and stood their ground in the face of public criticism of their reporting. For using that criticism to dig even deeper, IRE honors *The Daily Toreador* and its student journalists.



Ioanna Makris April Cunningham Caroline Courtney

FINALISTS:

- "Controversial Mass. School Depends on NY Student, Money" CUNY Graduate School of Journalism, Hannah Rappleye, Lisa Riordan Seville, Teresa Tomassoni, Khristina Narizhnaya
- "Misleading Milk Marketing" Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism, Amy Karon, Catherine Martin, Jessica Gressa, Andrew Golden, Eric Skvirsky, Andy Hall, Kate Golden
- "TIFs in Chicago" ChicagoTalks, Staff
- "The High Price of Looking Like a Woman" *The New York Times*, Laura Rena Murray
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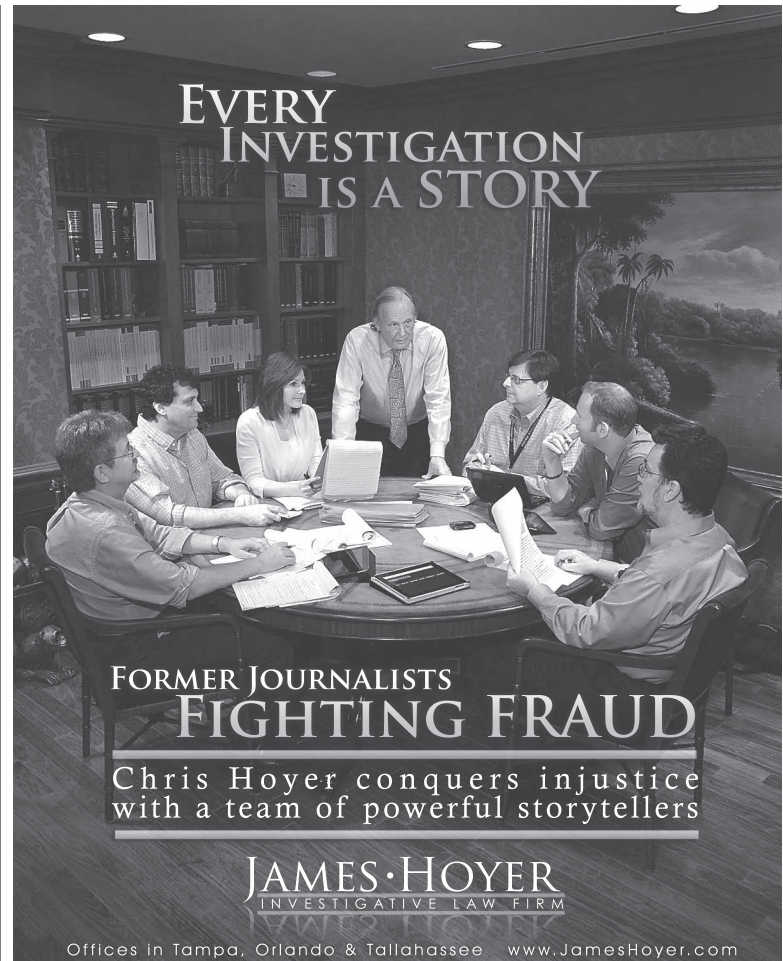
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1-5 p.m. **Follow the money: Tracking companies' influence on politics** (Sponsored by the Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism)
 • Bill Allison, Sunlight Foundation
 • Ron Nixon, *The New York Times*

THURSDAY

	Arlington-Berkeley	Clarendon-Dartmouth	Salons C-D	Salon E	Suffolk (Demo Room)	Wellesley Hands-on Training	Salons A-B
9-10:00 a.m.	Overview of the year in CAR • Mark Horvit, IRE • Megan Luther, IRE	The ask: Requesting and negotiating for data • Mike Donoghue, <i>Burlington Free Press</i> • Ellen Gabler, <i>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel</i>	Uncovering danger with data • Robert Benincasa, NPR • Dylan Purcell, <i>The Philadelphia Inquirer</i>	Covering justice in Europe and the U.S. • Fabrizio Calvi, Arte Television • Leo Sisti, <i>L'Espresso</i> • Jeff Stein, independent journalist		9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tableau for beginners	Best Practices for Nonprofit Newsrooms (Sponsored by John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Investigative News Network and IRE)
10:10 - 11:10 a.m.	Analyzing unstructured data for stories • Sudheendra Hangal, Stanford University • Eugene Wu, MIT	Privacy: Where does access end? • Julia Angwin, <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> • David Smallman, Smallman Law PLLC • Florence Snyder, attorney	Welcome to the world of data: Now what do you do? • David Herzog, IRE • Tisha Thompson, WRC-Washington D.C.	CAR for managers • David Donald, Center for Public Integrity • Mike Sallah, <i>The Miami Herald</i> • Christine Stapleton, <i>The Palm Beach Post</i>	Beef up your spreadsheet with NodeXL and PowerPivot • Jaimi Dowdell, IRE		9:45 a.m. - Welcome remarks
11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.	Investigating social networks • Joonho Choi, <i>JoongAng Daily</i> • David Donald, Center for Public Integrity	Taming monstrous datasets • Steve Doig, Arizona State University • Elizabeth Lucas, IRE • Jeff Donn, The Associated Press (moderator)	The new money trail: Tracking spending in an earmark-free world • Sarah Cohen, Duke University • David Fallis, <i>The Washington Post</i> • Ron Nixon, <i>The New York Times</i>	Visualizing the story • Maggie Mulvihill, New England Center for Investigative Reporting • Phil Williams, WTVF-Nashville	Embedding interactive data and live charts using free Office Web apps • Harrison Gordon, Microsoft		10 a.m. - Collaboration: best practices, successes and pitfalls • Evelyn Larrubia, Investigative News Network (moderator)
12:30 - 2:30 p.m. - LUNCH ON YOUR OWN							
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Crime trends and statistics (Sponsored by Criminal Justice Journalists) • James Allen Fox, Northeastern University • Brian Haas, <i>The Tennessean</i> • Edward Davis, Boston police commissioner • Ben Poston, <i>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel</i> • Ted Gest (moderator)	Catching the wind: Visualizing and repurposing public data • Fernanda Viegas, Google • Martin Wattenberg, Google	There be dragons: Pitfalls of statistical analysis • Jennifer LaFleur, ProPublica • John Perry, <i>The Atlanta Journal-Constitution</i>	New ways to package for online, mobile and tablet. • Daniel Lathrop, <i>The Dallas Morning News</i> • Alison Young, <i>USA Today</i>	Excel mini-boot camp (pre-registration required, additional fee to attend) • Jaimi Dowdell, IRE	1:30-5:30 p.m. Tableau for pros	10:30 a.m. - Collaboration: story brainstorming sessions Noon - Lunch
3:40 - 4:40 p.m.	Illegal immigration and the police (Sponsored by Criminal Justice Journalists) • Steve Kropper, Ma. Citizens for Immigration Reform • Eva Millona, Ma. Immigrant and Advocacy Coalition • Maria Sacchetti, <i>The Boston Globe</i> • John Sandweg, U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security • Ted Gest (moderator)	Finding stories within maps • Jeff Blossom, Center for Geographic Analysis • Jacob Fenton, Sunlight Foundation	Campaign 2012: Following the money (Sponsored by Rockefeller Brothers Fund) • Bill Lueders, Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism • Al Shaw, ProPublica • Jonathan Salant, Bloomberg	Free tools • Anthony DeBarros, <i>USA Today</i> • Matt Stiles, NPR	Excel mini-boot camp (pre-registration required, additional fee to attend) • Jaimi Dowdell, IRE		1:30 p.m. - Protect Yourself: Legal and risk-management • Jeff Hermes, Digital Media Law Project (moderator)
4:50 - 5:50 p.m.	Gag orders and Whitey Bulger: What to do when your sources are silenced (Sponsored by Criminal Justice Journalists) • Maria Cramer, <i>The Boston Globe</i> • Kathy Curran, WBZ-Boston • Dick Lehr, Boston University • Jon Wells, WBZ-Boston	Demystifying Web scraping • Ted Han, DocumentCloud • Sean Sposito, <i>American Banker</i>	Going international: Digging up information from other countries • Azmat Khan, Frontline • Kathie Klarreich, Fund for Investigative Journalism in Haiti • Gary Marx, <i>Chicago Tribune</i>	CAR under pressure • Keli Rabon, KMGH-Denver • Stephen Stock, KNTV-San Francisco	Excel mini-boot camp (pre-registration required, additional fee to attend) • Jaimi Dowdell, IRE		3 p.m. - Break 3:15 p.m. - Best Practices Speed Presentations • Kevin Davis, Investigative News Network (moderator)
							5 p.m. - Closing remarks

7pm - Midnight  **Blues Bash**, Middle East Downstairs, 472-480 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA

	Salons A-B	Arlington-Berkeley	Clarendon-Dartmouth	Salons C-D
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	The year in investigative reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Horvit, IRE Megan Luther, IRE 	Video: What you need to know to get quality video for your project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monica Lam, Center for Investigative Reporting Bryan Staples, WTVF-Nashville Rick Yarborough, WRC-Washington D.C. 	Navigating the federal FOIA maze <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Donald, Center for Public Integrity Timothy Graham, Office of Informatics and Analytics Kirsten Mitchell, Office of Government Information Services Jennifer LaFleur, ProPublica (moderator) 	Incentives and subsidies: Investigating economic development claims (Sponsored by Bloomberg) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daniel Connolly, <i>The Commercial Appeal</i> Jim Heaney, Investigative Post Greg LeRoy, Good Jobs First David Cay Johnston, Reuters (moderator)
9:40 - 10:40 a.m.	Ignored and abused: Investigating caregivers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russ Buettner, <i>The New York Times</i> Ryan Gabrielson, California Watch Carol Marbin Miller, <i>The Miami Herald</i> 	Investigating public pensions (Sponsored by the Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Craig Harris, <i>The Arizona Republic</i> 	Broadcast: How to get the impossible: People, paper, passion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeff Rossen, NBC News Tisha Thompson, WRC-Washington D.C. Lee Zurik, WVUE-New Orleans 	Sue Me: Dealing with the threat of legal action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve Chung, NBC News Andy Siegel, CBS John Zucker, ABC News Brian Ross, ABC News (moderator)
10:50 - 11:50 a.m.	Talking your way to the truth: The art of the interview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Ferrugia, KMGH-Denver Ira Rosen, 60 Minutes Raquel Rutledge, <i>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel</i> 	What are they looking for? Inside tips on getting a book or movie deal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Esmond Harmsworth, Zachary Shuster Harmsworth Literary Agency Colleen Mohyde, Doe Coover Joanne Wyckoff, Carol Mann Agency Howard Yoon, Ross/Yoon Josh Meyer (moderator) 	Broadcast: Consumer investigations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cindy Galli, ABC News Hagit Limor, WCPO-Cincinnati Jennifer Savio, WHDH-Boston 	Fighting for records and access (Sponsored by Sunlight Foundation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catelyn Ginley, Center for Public Integrity Jeff Pyle, Prince Lobel Tye LLP Elizabeth Ritvo, Brown Rudnick LLP Shawn McIntosh, <i>The Atlanta-Journal Constitution</i> (moderator)
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Investigating disability issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Frank, Rocky Mountain Investigative News Network Kristen McCosh, City of Boston Person with Disabilities advisory board Jill Riepenhoff, Remapping Debate Jennifer LaFleur, ProPublica (moderator) 		Broadcast: Doing it for free <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melinda Roeder, WBFF-Baltimore Stuart Watson, WCNC-Charlotte Aaron Wische, KNXV-Phoenix 	
1:00 - 2:15 p.m.	Media Lawyers Brown Bag (Sponsored by Smallman Law PLLC and IRE)	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN		
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.	Building the digital newsroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janine Gibson, The Guardian U.S. Michael Maness, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Emily Ramshaw, The Texas Tribune 	Are you ready? Digging into breaking news <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anthony Capaccio, Bloomberg News Serge Kovaleski, <i>The New York Times</i> 	Broadcast: Going undercover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pia Malbran, CBS News Robert Powell, NBC News Rhonda Schwartz, ABC News 	International roundtable: Working across borders and networking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carlos Eduardo Huertas, Revista Semana Jan Gunnar Furuly, Norwegian Foundation for Investigative Journalism David Kaplan, Global Investigative Journalism Network
3:25 - 4:25 p.m.	Investigating sacred cows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dwayne Bray, ESPN Mike Feely, <i>The Patriot-News</i> Diana Swain, CBC News Marty Baron, <i>The Boston Globe</i> (moderator) 	Paying for political favor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angie Moreschi, James Hoyer Law Firm Joe Stephens, <i>The Washington Post</i> Duff Wilson, Reuters 	Broadcast: The investigative newsroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kellie Cheadle, KING-Seattle Matt Goldberg, KNTV-San Francisco Mikel Schaefer, WVUE-New Orleans 	On the beat: Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ziva Branstetter, <i>Tulsa World</i> Tom Frank, <i>USA Today</i> Andy Hall, Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism
4:35 - 6:00 p.m.			Investigating poverty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kimbriell Kelly, <i>The Chicago Reporter</i> Jarrett Murphy, City Limits Patricia Wen, <i>The Boston Globe</i> 	Analyzing the past, present and future with U.S. Census data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ron Campbell, <i>The Orange County Register</i> Paul Overberg, <i>USA Today</i>

Salon E	Boylston	Tremont	Suffolk (Demo Room)	Wellesley Hands-On Training
Investigating slavery in the supply chain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cam Simpson, Bloomberg News • E. Benjamin Skinner, Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism • Michael Smith, Bloomberg Markets • David Voreacos, Bloomberg News 	Uncovering violence and abuse in sports (Sponsored by the Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma and The Dart Society) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Branch, <i>The New York Times</i> • Megan Chuchmach, ABC News • Tom Farrey, ESPN • Miles Mofeit, <i>The Dallas Morning News</i> (moderator) 	What managers really want <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camille Edwards, WRC-Washington, D.C. • Scott Matthews, CNBC • Susanne Reber, Center for Investigative Reporting 	Gathering internet intelligence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean Campbell, Cascade Insights • Scott Swigart, Cascade Insights 	Excel 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Lucas, IRE
Covering Immigration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ana Lourdes Cardenas, <i>SomosFrontera/El Paso Times</i> • Kevin Rothstein, WFXT-Boston • Mc Nelly Torres, Florida Center for Investigative Reporting • Jessica Vaughan, Center for Immigration Studies 	Non-profit/For-profit collaborations: Navigating the terrain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robin Fields, ProPublica • Terri Langford, <i>Houston Chronicle</i> • Emily Ramshaw, <i>The Texas Tribune</i> • Carrie Lozano, Collective Works (moderator) 	The game plan: Deciding when to do what during an investigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Berens, <i>The Seattle Times</i> • Manny Garcia, <i>El Nuevo Herald</i> • Scott Zamost, CNN 	LinkedIn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krista Canfield, LinkedIn 	Excel 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Carroll, <i>The Boston Globe</i>
Paying for investigative journalism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Buzenberg, Center for Public Integrity • Anne Galloway, VTDigger.org • Robert Rosenthal, Center for Investigative Reporting • Joe Bergantino, New England Center for Investigative Reporting (moderator) 	Anatomy of an investigation: The Jack Abramoff scandal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Grimaldi, <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> • Jeff Leen, <i>The Washington Post</i> 	Managers: Building a watchdog culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Connelly, <i>Sarasota Herald-Tribune</i> • Shannon McCaffrey, <i>The Atlanta Journal Constitution</i> • Rick Pieniac, The Associated Press • Kate Marymont, Gannett (moderator) 	Google Fusion Tables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Lathrop, <i>The Dallas Morning News</i> • Adam Playford, <i>The Palm Beach Post</i> 	Getting data into Excel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendell Cochran, Investigative Reporting Workshop
Showcase panel: Investigating power <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walt Bogdanich, <i>The New York Times</i> • Sarah Ganim, <i>The Patriot-News</i> • Florence Graves, Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism • James Steele, <i>Vanity Fair</i> • Charles Lewis, Investigative Reporting Workshop (moderator) 			Getting out of the bubble: Beyond traditional search engines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nora Paul, University of Minnesota • Margot Williams, NPR 	
Advanced Google search methods for investigative reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Russell, Google 	Shadow banking (Sponsored by Bloomberg) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Arnold, NPR • Jesse Eisinger, ProPublica • Brad Keoun, Bloomberg • Mary Fricker, RepoWatch (moderator) 	Managers: Bulletproofing the story <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Farragher, <i>The Boston Globe</i> • Robert Salladay, Center for Investigative Reporting • Marilyn Thompson, Reuters 	Getting things done with DocumentCloud <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marshall Allen, ProPublica • Ted Han, DocumentCloud 	Google Fusion Tables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Lathrop, <i>The Dallas Morning News</i>
Managers: Making the investigative commitment and building the team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Katches, Center for Investigative Reporting • Blake Morrison, Reuters • Valari Staab, NBC Stations • Lea Thompson, broadcast journalist/producer (moderator) 	Campaign 2012: Backgrounding candidates and truth-testing claims (Sponsored by Rockefeller Brothers Fund) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Borowski, <i>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel</i> • Jack Gillum, The Associated Press • Matthew Mosk, ABC News 	On the beat: Businesses and corporations (Sponsored by Bloomberg) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Forsyth, <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> • Diana Henriques, <i>The New York Times</i> • John Russell, <i>The Indianapolis Star</i> 	In-depth data analysis at your fingertips: Esri community and business analyst <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Overberg, <i>USA Today</i> • Brian Peterson, Esri 	Google Refine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Meagher, <i>The Star-Ledger</i>
Showcase panel: After News Corp. How far is too far in investigative reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Carr, <i>The New York Times</i> • Brian Ross, ABC News • Alan Rusbridger, <i>The Guardian</i> • Leonard Downie Jr., <i>The Washington Post</i>/Arizona State University (moderator) 				

SATURDAY

	Salons A-B	Arlington-Berkeley	Clarendon-Dartmouth	Salons C-D
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Mexodus: Student-Professional collaborations in two languages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ana Lourdes Cardenas, <i>SomosFrontera/El Paso Times</i> Lise Olsen, <i>Houston Chronicle</i> Zita Arocha, University of Texas-El Paso (moderator) 	On the beat: Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott Fallon, <i>The Record</i> Kate Golden, Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism Tammy Leitner, KPHO-Phoenix 	Broadcast: Top investigations of 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tisha Thompson, WRC-Washington D.C. 	Turning your investigation into a book <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Grabell, ProPublica Josh Meyer, Medill National Security Journalism Initiative Thomas Peele, Bay Area News Group
9:40 - 10:40 a.m.	The art of source development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jo Becker, <i>The New York Times</i> Adam Goldman, The Associated Press Susan Snyder, <i>The Philadelphia Inquirer</i> 	Policing the police <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gina Barton, <i>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel</i> Matthew Doig, <i>Newsday</i> Sally Kestin, <i>Sun Sentinel</i> 	Investigating racial disparities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer LaFleur, ProPublica Ben Poston, <i>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel</i> Sam Sommers, Tufts University 	Campaign 2012: How healthcare and other key issues are shaping the race (Sponsored by Rockefeller Brothers Fund) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill Allison, Sunlight Foundation Alicia Mundy, <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> Denise Roth Barber, Followthemoney.org
10:50 - 11:50 a.m.	Digging into housing scandals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angela Caputo, <i>The Chicago Reporter</i> A.M. Sheehan, <i>Advertiser Democrat</i> Mark Hallett, McCormick Foundation (moderator) 	Truthiness and investigative reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Barstow, <i>The New York Times</i> Tom Fiedler, Boston University College of Communication Alex Jones, Shorenstein Center Blake Morrison, Reuters 	Broadcast: The confrontation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayne Dolcefino, KTRK-Houston Tony Kovaleski, KNTV-San Francisco Anna Werner, CBS News 	Follow the money: The boom in toll roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brad Guilmino, HNTB Corporation Paul Overberg, <i>USA Today</i>

12 - 2 p.m IRE Awards Luncheon featuring keynote speaker Jill Abramson, *The New York Times* (Salon F-K)

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Investigating prison abuse (Sponsored by the Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma and The Dart Society) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cindy Chang, <i>The Times-Picayune</i> Susan Greene, independent journalist Wendy Halloran, KPNX-Phoenix Jeff Kelly Lowenstein, <i>Hoy</i> 	America: What went wrong 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kat Aaron, Investigative Reporting Workshop Rose Ciotta, <i>The Philadelphia Inquirer</i> James Steele, <i>Vanity Fair</i> Charles Lewis, Investigative Reporting Workshop (moderator) 	Broadcast: The paper chase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kathleen Johnston, CNN Ron Regan, WEWS-Cleveland Phil Williams, WTVF-Nashville 	Getting what you want <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah Cohen, Duke University David Cuillier, The University of Arizona Jennifer LaFleur, ProPublica
3:40 - 4:40 p.m.	Writing the investigative story <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ken Armstrong, <i>The Seattle Times</i> Steve Fainaru, ESPN 		Broadcast: Going national <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Greenblatt, ABC News Byron Pitts, 60 Minutes Keith Summa, CBS News Stephen Stock, KNTV-San Francisco (moderator) 	Investigating shadowy organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Apuzzo, The Associated Press Charles Robinson, Yahoo Walter Robinson, Northeastern University
4:50 - 5:50 p.m.	Collaboration: Leveraging the power of public broadcasters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andy Hall, Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism Lorie Hearn, Investigative Newsource Brant Houston, University of Illinois 	Lifting the veil: Digging into national security investigations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trevor Aaronson, Florida Center for Investigative Reporting Josh Bernstein, <i>The Daily</i> Tara McKelvey, <i>Newsweek/The Daily Beast</i> 	Don't get fooled again <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Al Tompkins, Poynter 	Spanish-language investigations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeff Kelly Lowenstein, <i>Hoy</i> Ricardo Sandoval Omayra Sosa-Pascual, Centre de Periodismo Investigativo Mc Nelly Torres, Florida Center for Investigative Reporting Fernando Diaz, <i>Hoy</i> (moderator)
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.				
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Closing Reception (Sponsored by Boston University College of Communication and IRE)			

SUNDAY

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Cool web tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jaimi Dowdell, IRE Mark Horvit, IRE 	Building your career: A roundtable discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah Cohen, Duke University Leonard Downie Jr., <i>The Washington Post/Arizona State University</i> Manny Garcia, <i>El Nuevo Herald</i> Stephen Stock, KNTV-San Francisco 		
10:10 - 11:10 a.m.	Storyboarding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jaimi Dowdell, IRE Mark Horvit, IRE 	Data and documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Megan Luther, IRE 		

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<p>Pieces of the past: Building your stories from archives and historical documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Neff, <i>The Seattle Times</i> Alison Young, <i>USA Today</i> 	<p>Juvenile justice: Is the system working?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Diedrich, <i>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel</i> Michael Laforgia, <i>The Palm Beach Post</i> Maggie Mulvihill, New England Center for Investigative Reporting 	<p>Identifying the next big investigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendell Cochran, Investigative Reporting Workshop Andrew Haeg, The Public Insight Network at American Public Media 	<p>American FactFinder2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ron Campbell, <i>The Orange County Register</i> 	<p>Access 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Parker, <i>The Providence Journal</i>
<p>Guilty until proven innocent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florence Graves, Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism Alec Klein, Medill Innocence Project Erin Moriarty, CBS News Anne Driscoll, Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism (moderator) 	<p>From community colleges to universities: Investigating higher ed (Sponsored by Lumina Foundation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gale Holland, <i>Los Angeles Times</i> Suzanne McBride, Columbia College Chicago Erica Perez, California Watch 	<p>Managers: Managing the multimedia project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raney Aronson-Rath, Frontline Rose Ciotta, <i>The Philadelphia Inquirer</i> Anthony DeBarros, <i>USA Today</i> 	<p>Uncovering the private parts of public officials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doug Haddix, Kiplinger Program / Ohio State University Russ Ptacek, WUSA-Washington D.C. 	<p>Access 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Megan Luther, IRE
<p>Promoting your investigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Gehring, YouTube Rick Hirsch, <i>The Miami Herald</i> Jessica Plautz, Investigative News Network Nathan Tobey, Frontline Eric Newton, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation (moderator) 	<p>Social media for journalists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doug Haddix, Kiplinger Program / Ohio State University 	<p>Investigative reporting in China</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ying Chan, Hong Kong University Chen Meng, <i>The Time-Weekly</i> (Guangzhou) Liu Jianqiang, <i>China Dialogue</i> David Kaplan (moderator) 	<p>Resources for journalists to leverage academic research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leighton Klein and John Wihbey, Shorenstein Center 	<p>Access 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elizabeth Lucas, IRE
<p>Anatomy of an investigation: Behind the story with two IRE Medal winners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin Hirten, KTRK-Houston Corey Johnson, California Watch Kendall Taggart, Center for Investigative Reporting 	<p>Campaign 2012: What's so super about PACs (and 501cs)? (Sponsored by Rockefeller Brothers Fund)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Dunbar, Center for Public Integrity Jacob Fenton, Sunlight Foundation Sheila Krumholz and Viveca Novak, Center for Responsive Politics 	<p>Managers: Picking projects that will have impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephen Engelberg, ProPublica John Hillkirk, <i>USA Today</i> Jeff Leen, <i>The Washington Post</i> 	<p>MUSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sudheendra Hangal, Stanford University 	<p>Intro to Excel for elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Stiles, NPR
<p>Investigating the legal and justice systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gretchen Gavett, Frontline David Jackson, <i>Chicago Tribune</i> Jonathan Saltzman, <i>The Boston Globe</i> 	<p>Tracking corruption internationally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claudia Méndez Arriaza, <i>El Periodico</i> David Barstow, <i>The New York Times</i> Sheila Coronel, Columbia University Brant Houston, University of Illinois (moderator) 	<p>Investigations with class: Doing projects with students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marcel Dufresne, University of Connecticut Kathryn Quigley, Rowan University John Sullivan, Northwestern University Leonard Downie Jr., <i>Washington Post</i>/Arizona State University (moderator) 	<p>Campaign 2012: Online tools for digging into campaign cash</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill Allison, Sunlight Foundation Sheila Krumholz and Viveca Novak, Center for Responsive Politics Denise Roth Barber, followthemoney.org 	<p>Excel for elections (cont'd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Stiles, NPR
<p>Not-your-sob sisters: Three women who broke barriers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lucy Morgan, <i>Tampa Bay Times</i> Lea Thompson, formerly NBC News Joan Vennoch, <i>The Boston Globe</i> Deborah Nelson, University of Maryland (moderator) 	<p>The legacy of Watergate 40 years later: A conversation with Leonard Downie Jr.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leonard Downie Jr., <i>The Washington Post</i>/Arizona State University 	<p>Covering veterans issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Campbell, independent journalist Henry Schuster, 60 Minutes Michael de Yoanna, independent journalist 	<p>Using Weave to provide interactive data visualizations to the public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Grinstein, University of Massachusetts Lowell 	
<p>Membership meeting and IRE Board of Directors elections</p>				



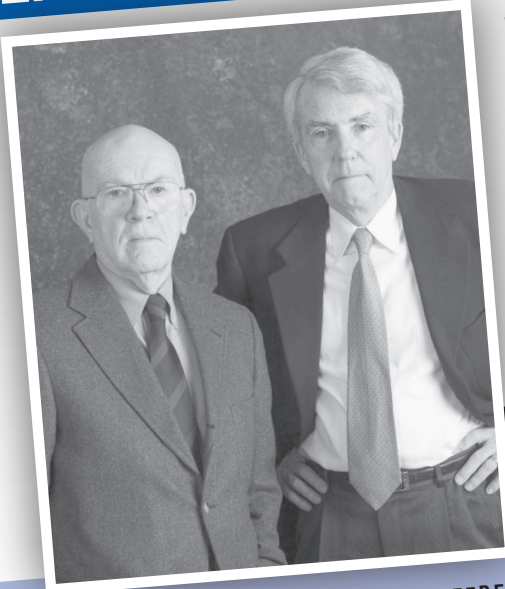
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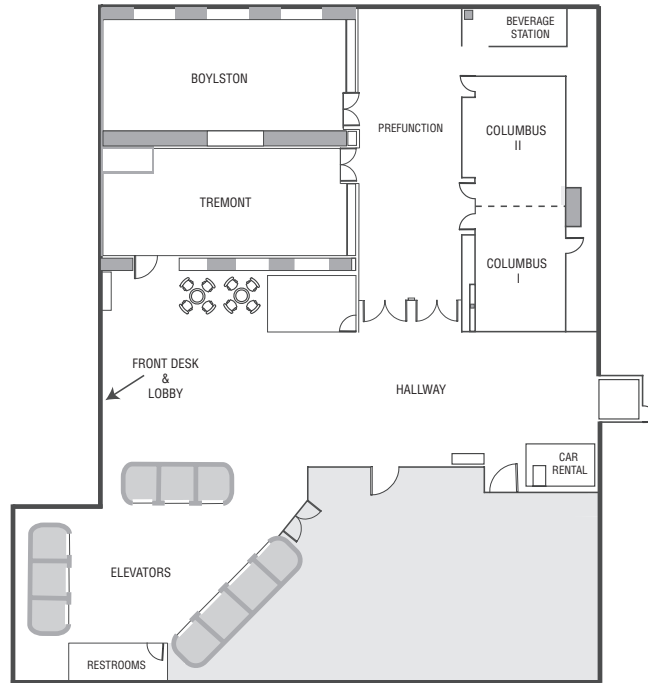
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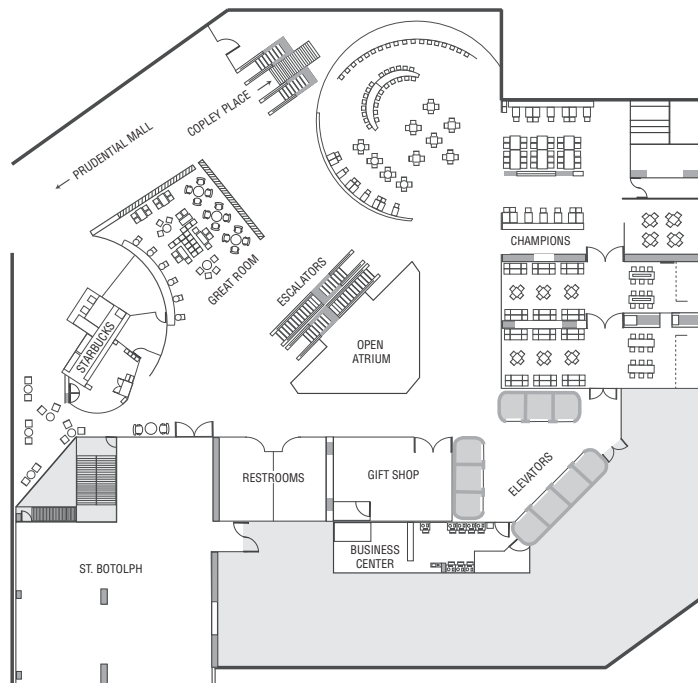
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