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### SPJ 2006 Upcoming Events

- July 14**— Sigma Delta Chi Awards Banquet, National Press Club in Washington, D.C., 6:30 p.m.
- July 22** — D.C. Chapter Pool Party/Board Meeting at 1 p.m., at the Kleemans, 3642 Upton St., N.W., Washington, pool party at 2 p.m. Bring a dish to share.
- Aug. 24-27** — National SPJ Convention, Chicago.

## The 2006 Dateline Awards Dinner & Hall of Fame Ceremony



*The Washington, D.C.,  
Pro Chapter of the  
Society of Professional  
Journalists*

**June 13, 2006  
The Ballroom  
The National Press Club  
Washington, D.C.**

## ***The Program***

***Welcome and Introduction***  
***Willie Schatz, President 2005-06***

***Master of Ceremonies***  
***Jim Bohannon***  
*Host, The Jim Bohannon Show and  
America in the Morning, Westwood One*

***Dinner***  
*Cured Salmon with a Terrine of Goat Cheese  
and Roasted Tomatoes*  
*Peruvian Roasted Chicken with  
Purple Potato Salad and Yucca Crisp*  
*Bittersweet Chocolate Torte with Fresh Berries*

***Wines***  
*National Press Club Private Label*  
*Round Hill Cabernet Sauvignon*  
*Round Hill Chardonnay*

***SDX 2006 Scholarship Winners***  
*Stacy A. Anderson, Howard University; Matthew Johnson,  
University of Maryland; Marissa N. Newhall, American  
University; Nicole Porcaro, University of Maryland;  
and April Seipp, American University.*

***2006 High School Essay  
Contest Winner***  
*Martin F. Jenkins Jr., Thurgood Marshall Academy, Washington*

## **HALL OF FAME 2006 INDUCTEES:**

**Bonnie Angelo**  
***Time (Ret.)***  
*Introduced by William J. Woestendiek*

**Seymour M. Hersh, Staff Writer**  
***The New Yorker***  
*Introduced by Roberta Baskin*

**Jim Lehrer, Executive Editor, Anchor**  
***The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer***  
*Introduced by Les Crystal, President of MacNeil/Lehrer  
Productions*

**Chuck Lewis, Bureau Chief**  
***Hearst Newspapers***  
*Introduced by George B. Irish, President, Hearst Newspapers*

### **DATELINE Awards 2006**

**2006 Robert D.G. Lewis Award**  
*Presented to*  
***Thomas Hargrove and Scripps Howard***

**The 2006 Distinguished Service Award**  
*Presented to*  
**Mark Shields,**  
**Syndicated Columnist & Political Analyst**  
*Introduced by Gordon Peterson*

**Recognition of Chapter Directors, Officers**  
**Oath of Office**  
**Closing Remarks: Willie Schatz, President, 2006-07**  
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## SPJ 2006 Hall of Fame Inductees



**Bonnie Angelo**  
*Time (Ret.)*

Angelo's 30 years with *Time* magazine includes 12 at the White House and assignments as *Time*'s first female bureau chief in London and New York. While covering the White House, she was also a weekly co-host on Channel 5's "Panorama." Angelo earned recent acclaim as the author of "First Families," examining the impact of the White House on their lives.

She has covered newsmakers throughout America and the world in a career beginning with the Winston-Salem (N.C.) *Journal & Sentinel*. *Newsday* brought her to Washington in 1956. She is a member of the North Carolina Journalism Hall of Fame and has received other major awards. Angelo lives in Bethesda and New York.



**Seymour Hersh**  
*The New Yorker*

The Chicago-born Hersh, one of the nation's premier investigative reporters, earned worldwide acclaim and the 1970 Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting for his exposure in 1969 of the My Lai massacre and its cover-up in the Vietnam War. He has won many other awards for his work on such topics as the CIA's

bombing of Cambodia and its efforts against Chile President Salvador Allende.

A former *New York Times* correspondent, he has contributed regularly to *The New Yorker* since 1993. He exposed the Abu Ghraib prison scandal in 2004 and received his fifth George Polk Award last year.

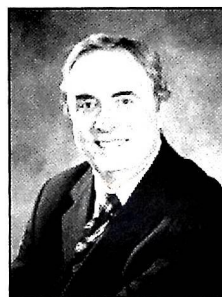


**Jim Lehrer**  
*The NewsHour*  
*with Jim Lehrer*

Lehrer is widely known not only for "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" on PBS, but also for moderating 10 presidential candidate debates. He also has written 15 novels; the latest, "The Franklin Affair," was published last year.

The Wichita, Kan. native came to Washington with PBS in 1972. He teamed the next year with Robert MacNeil to cover the Senate Watergate hearings. The two began in 1975 what became "The MacNeil/Lehrer Report" and in 1983, "The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour." MacNeil retired in 1995.

Lehrer's many awards include a presidential National Humanities Medal in 1999.



**Chuck Lewis**  
*Hearst Newspapers*

A Bozeman, Mont., native, Lewis has headed Hearst Newspapers' Washington bureau since 1989 after four years as AP bureau chief here. He directs a staff of Washington reporters and supervises the Hearst News Service with its link to *The New York Times* News Service, which goes to 600 news outlets globally.

He won the National Headliner Award and Edgar Allan Poe Prize in 1991 with Hearst colleague Stewart M. Powell for exposing the extent of "friendly fire" casualties in the Persian Gulf War. He is past chairman of the National Press Foundation and SPJ Foundation of Washington.



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## THE WASHINGTON D.C. SPJ HALL OF FAME

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 \* To be inducted June 13, 2006

## SPJ 2006 Distinguished Service Award Winner



### Mark Shields Syndicated Columnist & Commentator

Mark Shields is a nationally known columnist and commentator with unmatched credentials as an analyst of the U.S. political system. Shields was a regular on CNN's *The Capital Gang*, alongside Robert Novak, Al Hunt, Kate O'Beirne, and Margaret Carlson.

Since 1979, Shields has been writing his column on national politics for *The Washington Post*. The column is now distributed nationally by Creators Syndicate.

In 1987, the political analysis team of Mark Shields and David Gergen became a regular feature of *The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour*. The 1989, *Political Almanac* named Shields and Gergen the "best television pundits of the presidential election year." Shields also teamed with *Wall Street Journal* columnist Paul Gigot from 1993-2001 for regular appearances on the *NewsHour*.

Shields is also an author, whose book about the 1984 presidential campaign, *On the Campaign Trail*, has been praised as "funny," "irreverent," and "insightful" and for bringing that "race to a magnificent light." As one reviewer wrote: "Mark Shields is the wittiest political analyst around, and he is frequently the most trenchant, fair-minded, and thoughtful."

Before entering journalism, Shields helped manage political campaigns from the courthouse to the White House, in some 38 states. In addition, he has taught American politics and the press at Harvard University and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Shields was born in Weymouth, Mass., on May 25, 1937. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame and an honorable discharge from the United States Marine Corps. He is married to Ann Shields. He has lived in Washington, D.C., since 1964.

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## SPJ Distinguished Service Award Recipients

<b>Mark Shields — 2006</b> Columnist & Commentator	George Washington University
<b>Mark Goodman — 2005</b> Student Press Law Center	<b>Jack Limpert — 1996</b> <i>Washingtonian</i>
<b>Tom Simonton (retired) — 2004</b> U.S. News & World Report, NBC	<b>Maurine Beasley — 1995</b> University of Maryland
<b>Robert Becker, Esq. — 2003</b>	<b>Frances Murphy — 1994</b> <i>Washington Afro-American</i>
<b>Ed Bliss (retired) — 2002</b> CBS News, American University	<b>Walter Froehlich — 1992</b>
<b>Terry Michael — 2001</b> Washington Center for Politics & Journalism	<b>Bob Levey — 1991</b> <i>The Washington Post</i>
<b>Reese Cleghorn — 2000</b> University of Maryland	<b>Arnaud deBorchgrave — 1990</b> <i>The Washington Times</i>
<b>Anne Nunamaker — 1999</b> Howard University	<b>Phil Robbins — 1989</b> George Washington University
<b>John Hillis — 1998</b> NEWSCHANNEL8	<b>Tom Grubisich — 1988</b> The Connection Newspapers
<b>Charles Puffenbarger — 1997</b>	<b>Bob Asher — 1987</b> <i>The Washington Post</i>

## SDX 2006 Winners

**Stacy A. Anderson**, a junior, is the business and technology editor at Howard University's newspaper, *The Hilltop*, has interned at CNN and the *Washington Examiner*, and is currently an intern at [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com).

**Matthew Johnson**, a sophomore, has been a reporter for the University of Maryland's *Diamondback*, an intern at the *Greenbelt News Review* and currently edits the SPJ newsletter, *Byline*.

**Marissa N. Newhall**, a junior, has written for the local *Current Newspapers* and as an intern at *USA TODAY*. She is also a photographer and has been a features editor for *American University's The Eagle*, and will become its editor-in-chief in the fall.

**Nicole Porcaro**, a junior, hosts an hourlong sports talk show at the University of Maryland's WMUC, pens a bi-weekly column in the *Diamondback* and will intern at ESPN this summer. She also received the Russ Potts Award.

**April Seipp**, a junior and winner of a dean's scholarship, has written for *American University's The Eagle*. She published numerous opinion pieces as one of the *Seattle Times's* team of young columnists aged 16-25.

## A Special SDX Thanks

*The Sigma Delta Chi Foundation of Washington, D.C., (SDX/DC), the education arm of the Washington, D.C., Professional Chapter of SPJ, expresses its thanks to individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions — small or large, monetary or sweat equity, or both — to the foundation. Among those we honor for continued support are:*

**The Kiplinger Foundation** embraced our first matching grant program offering to match donations from past scholarship recipients dollar for dollar. The foundation, whose family members have been part of SPJ for three generations, recently made its fourth matching grant to the foundation.

**Florence Lowe** established the first SDX scholarship in 1962 in honor of her late husband, **Herman**, a longtime member and leader of the SDX Professional Chapter in Washington, D.C. Since her death in 2002, her children, friends and relatives have provided financial support for the scholarship fund in memory of Florence and Herman Lowe. Both Lowes were active in television, publishing and public service in Washington. Their daughter, **Lesley Israel**, serves on the SDX board.

**Ellis Haller**, who died in 1981, was former SDX Foundation chair. As an editor at *U.S. News & World Report*, Haller was a mentor to many of his younger colleagues.

**R.T. Kingman**, who died in 1986, worked for many years in the public information office of General Motors in Washington. He headed the first national SPJ Project Watchdog ad campaign. His widow, **Jeanne**, was a longtime member of the board of the SDX Foundation of Washington and has contributed regularly to keep the Kingman scholarship going.

**Ted Koop**, former SDX Foundation chair who died in 1988, left \$10,000 from the Theodore F. Koop Trust to the foundation. He spent 23 years with CBS and was national president of SPJ from 1963-64.

**Walter Froehlich**, who died in 1991, was past chapter president and SDX Foundation board member. He was a life member of the National Association of Science Writers. His widow, **Luz**, contributed to the SDX Foundation for years in memory of Walter, who was also SPJ chapter historian.

**Alan S. Emory**, who died in 2000, was a longtime member of the SDX Foundation. He reported for the *Watertown Times* for many years as the newspaper's Washington bureau chief. A past SPJ chapter president, Emory was an active member of the Gridiron Club and worked with the organization to provide generous support to the SDX Foundation Scholarship program.

**Harry Russell Potts**, one of the original recipients of the SDX scholarship, was a graduate of the University of Maryland and a former sports editor for a Virginia newspaper. Potts gives an annual award to a recipient from the University of Maryland.



The Sigma Delta Chi Foundation is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) public foundation with a goal to support the educational programs of the Society of Professional Journalists and to serve the professional needs of journalists and students pursuing careers in journalism. The work of SDX relies on the support of dedicated journalists who contribute their time, their interest and their dollars. Join the Sigma Delta Chi Foundation to ensure that the legacy of excellence continues.

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## Society of Professional Journalists: Who we are and what we do

The Society of Professional Journalists is the nation's oldest and largest organization of journalists. Since its inception in 1909 at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., SPJ is the only organization that brings together journalists from all walks of life and disciplines to work together in upholding the highest ideals in journalism. The Society is dedicated to a free press, free speech and the ethical practice of journalism.

**SPJ has championed First Amendment rights** for all journalists. On the national and international levels, SPJ has supported journalists facing oppression for doing their jobs. On the local level, the chapter developed a "Media Advisory Card" for victims of crime in direct response to a threat to the First Amendment by an area police department. The chapter is quick to speak out on free speech, First Amendment and freedom of information issues.

**To provide a blueprint of ethical behavior for journalists**, the Society's Code of Ethics instructs journalists to seek truth and report it; minimize harm; act independently; and be accountable. The Society publishes a handbook, "Doing Ethics in Journalism," that provides examples of ethical dilemmas that have faced journalists in the past and how those dilemmas were handled.

**Locally and nationally, SPJ regularly conduct professional development programs.** This past year the D.C. Pro Chapter's programs included: A point-counterpoint on whether Congress should pass a federal shield law, in which national president Irwin Gratz, chapter board members and chapter members defended their various positions; showing and discussing "Good Night and Good Luck" with the local chapter of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association; attending a Washington Wizards basketball game and a Washington Caps hockey game and raising more than \$1,000 for SDX; a point-counterpoint on whether SPJ should have given Judith Miller the First Amendment Award; attending "The Story," a play based on former Washington Post writer Janet Cooke's Pulitzer prize-winning story, which proved to be fabricated, about an 8-year-old heroin addict; and an Ethics in Journalism Week panel on "Public Confidence: Can it be Restored?" moderated by former CBS and NBC diplomatic correspondent Marvin Kalb and featuring New York Times Managing Editor Jill Abramson. **If you are not a member — join us. Call 202/737-3139 for more information or go to [www.spj.org/washdcpro](http://www.spj.org/washdcpro).**