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Democracy & Independence

Sharing News and Politics
in a Connected World

June 29-July 1, 2006

University of Massachusetts Amherst

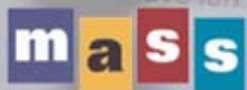
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- Spotlight emerging business models and "above-the-crowd" leaders
- Bridge the gap between new and traditional media
- Examine the impact of new media technologies on journalism and the "public sphere"
- Suggest and recommend changes in the financing and practice of journalism

Who should attend

- Info-tech pioneers and entrepreneurs
- Operators of local-news websites and blogs
- Elected officials, political and public-policy strategists
- Traditional media strategists, editors and practitioners
- Podcasters and vloggers dealing with news, political and public-policy issues.
- Academic researchers and students
- Citizens who want "how-to" knowledge about participatory media
- Anyone interested in new innovations in web, print, film and audio news creation, delivery and financing

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INDIVIDUALS WORKING in politics, government, at large media, cutting-edge information technology organizations, citizen-powered local-news web services, or in teaching and academia share a goal of fostering participatory democracy and community. “Democracy and Independence: Sharing of News in a Connected World” will bring them together to share what’s working now, what’s coming soon and how to collaborate.

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[“Democracy and Independence:
Sharing News and Politics in a Connected World”](#)

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TRACK ONE – Roundtable Summit

Wednesday, June 28, 2006

- 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Check-in for participants in “Future of Journalism Roundtable Summit” (Campus Center Hotel, 10th floor)
- 5:00 p.m. –6:00 p.m. Reading and book signing by Helen Thomas, Hearst Newspapers White House columnist, author of the forthcoming, “*Watchdogs of Democracy? The Waning Washington Press Corps and How It Has Failed the Public*. Free and open to the public.
Campus Center
Reading Room
- 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Informal reception for Summit participants, Campus Center
- 6:30 p.m.9:45 p.m. Dinner, speakers, and discussion / Campus Center , CC Auditorium.
- 7:45 p.m. **INTRODUCTIONS** -- Janet Rifkin, dean, UMass College of Social and Behavioral Sciences; Karen List, journalism director, UMass; Norman Sims, journalism professor; Bill Densmore MGP director.
CC Auditorium
- 8:00p.m. **TALK** – Helen Thomas, Hearst newspapers columnist --
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- 8:30 p.m. –9:45 p.m. **DISCUSSION: “How will journalism stay relevant? To whom? In what forms?”**
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CONVENERS: Vin Crosbie, Corante Media Hub, Jeff Jarvis, BuzzMachine and CUNY. DISCUSSANTS: Marty Baron, editor, *The Boston Globe*; Teresa Hanafin, editor, Boston.com; Larry McDermott, publisher *The Republican*, Springfield, Mass; Ellen Hume, UMass-Boston; Peter Bhatia, *Portland Oregonian*; Helen Thomas, White House columnist, Hearst Newspapers, Jay Rosen, New York University/PressThink.com Search engines show blog reports get more hits on a given topic than a *New York Times* story. Is the traditional practice of journalism becoming a niche? Or moving toward irrelevance? Or is journalism simply in need of redefinition and retooling? Once a profession, or a craft, is journalism now a toolset all citizens need to know? How do they learn? A town meeting discussion.

Thursday, June 29, 2006 – One-day Future of Journalism Roundtable Summit

- 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast for “Future of Journalism Roundtable Summit” participants.
- 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Check-in for participants in TRACK ONE: “**Future of Journalism Roundtable Summit**” (location: Campus Center Concourse Lower Level at escalators.)
- 8:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m. Two-minute introductions -- Rob Williams/Colin Rhinesmith (education), Norman Sims / Bill Densmore (journalism/citizen journalism), Aldon Hynes/ Ellen Hume (politics), and Steve Garfield/Tish Grier (multimedia technology)
- 8:15 a.m.-9 :15 a.m. **OPENING TALK: “Innovate, Die Or Be Sold: A Prescription for the News Company of the Future,”** by Stephen Gray, executive director, Newspaper Next initiative of the American Press Institute.
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- 9:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
CC101
- Session ONE: **“Finding a New Definition Of Journalism”**
CONVENERS: Tom Rosenstiel, Project on Excellence in Journalism; Jeff Jarvis, BuzzMachine.com; DISCUSSANTS: Jon Donley, editor, NOLA.com; Helen Thomas, Hearst Newspapers; Amy Eisman, American University; Josh Wilson, NewsDesk.org; Chris Peck, Memphis Commercial Appeal; Chris Daly, Boston University., Robin “Roblimo” Miller, SlashDot.com.
How do you define journalism when every blogger can have a worldwide audience? Are today’s journalists like yesterday’s pamphleteers? A discussion among a journalism-industry think-tank expert, a veteran daily editor, two media educators, a White House columnist, two web-journalism veterans – and summit participants.
- 10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- Media Café break -- VIDEO: “Public Insight Journalism” – CC Reading Room
- 10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
CC101
- SPECIAL: **How Katrina changed the news ecology**
A DISCUSSION: with Jon Donley, editor, NOLA. Com and Cooper Monroe, BeenThereClearingHouse.com. The editor of New Orleans’s premier news website and the Pittsburgh-based partner in a volunteer Katrina relief blog share perspectives on how the Internet has changed coverage of major news events.
- 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
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- Session TWO: **“Quality: How Do You Measure It?”**
CONVENER: Fabrice Florin, Newstrust.net. DISCUSSANTS: John McManus, Grade the News; Jeffrey Fox, ConsumerPower.org; Peter Phillips, Project Censored; Philip Meyer, Univ. of North Carolina.
If finding news on the web is getting easier, the proliferation of news sites is presenting a new challenge – how to judge quality. NewsTrust is a new effort to address the problem. Executive director Fabrice Florin will describe and demonstrate the project, then respond to constructive criticism from four experts at judging news quality.
- 12:15 p.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Room/phone/Media Café break
- 12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m.
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- Lunch, Campus Center (or ballroom)
Lunch Forum: **“When the Press Becomes a Pipe, Who Controls?”**
Co-speakers: Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America; Casey Lide, Baller Herbst Law Group; Steve Anderson, COA News; Larry Bloch, Radio Free Brattleboro. Cable and phone giants want to create tiers of service for delivering content on the Internet, upsetting the concept of “network neutrality.” Legal, technical and First Amendment experts will invite summit collaborators to help define the lines between commercial rights and free-speech obligations, and how municipal ownership of “pipes” could help.
- 1:45 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Media Café break
- 2 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
CC101
- Session THREE: **“Can Free Media Sustain Democracy?”**
CONVENERS: Peter Krasilovsky, Krasilovsky Consulting; Charles Lewis, Center for Public Integrity; David Beers, The Tye; John Byrne, RawStory.com; Staci Kramer, PaidContent.org; Barry Parr, Coastsider.com. While print-newspaper circulation slowly declines, online newspapers are experiencing a Renaissance, reaching new peaks in readership nearly every month. How long will it take before that readership translates to revenue large enough to sustain great, watchdog journalism? Will web advertising alone support today’s newsrooms? Is that an issue for democracy? And what sort of platform for public debate will emerge? What other funding options are possible? Experts who have considered the issue for a decade forecast the future and listen to summit participants’ predictions, needs and initiatives.

- 3:45 p.m.-4 p.m. Media Café break
- 4 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
CC Reading Room
Session FOUR: **“Immigrant and Ethnic Markets: Once Below the Radar; Now a Coveted Revenue Source. Who Should Own the Market?”**
CONVENERS: Ellen Hume, UMass Boston; Jerry Villacres, El Planeta and the Ethnic Media Project of Boston; Sandy Close, New California Media ; Peter Wells, the Providence American;
Small newspapers, radio and TV for immigrants were overlooked by mainstream media. Now these niche audiences are coveted by MSM. How is the web changing the news experience for immigrants and ethnic populations? What impact does the “digital divide” have? Includes a discussion of the Ethnic Media Project of Boston.
- 5:15 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
CC101
Media – **“How can old media be part of the new news ecology?”**
SPEAKER: Michael Skoler, Center for Innovation in Journalism;
DISCUSSANTS: Barry Parr, CoastSider.com; Jiah Kim, FreeSpeechTV; Michael Tippett, NowPublic.com (tentative); David Platt, Island Institute, Maine, Kevin Howley, DePauw University; Jeremy Iggers, Twin Cities Daily Planet; Scott Brodeur, MassLive; Paul Thomas, ePluribusMedia. A briefing on the new Center for Innovation in Journalism, with feedback and reaction from a mix of discussants.
- 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Herter Hall
Videoconferencing
Center
SPECIAL EVENT – (tentative) “[The Philadelphia Experiments](#)”
For the first time in decades, major U.S. metropolitan newspapers are be sold by a chain to [local owners](#) . At the same time, a working group of citizens in the city where American independence sprang are considering what the next news organization will look like. An effort to set up a live videoconference between Amherst and Philadelphia is planned. Conveners: Jay Rosen, New York University and Chris Satullo, the Philadelphia Inquirer.
- 6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.
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Reception for all conference attendees (including Friday sessions)
- 7:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Dinner
8:15 p.m. – Discussion starts (buffet desserts, coffee and tea).
9:45 p.m. – Discussion ends.
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Dinner-and-discussion: **“Can Ownership Make a Difference?”**
CONVENERS: Vin Crosbie, Corante Media Hub, Jay Rosen, New York University. DISCUSSANTS: Rick Edmonds, The Poynter Institute; Richard Anderson, VillageSoup.com; Paul Bass, *New Haven Independent*; Dave Johnson, Atwater [Wis.] *Sunfish Gazette (tentative)*; Joseph McQuaid, New Hampshire Union Leader; Dave Carlson, Univ. of Florida/SPJ; Christopher Mackin, Ownership Associates; Chris Satullo, The Philadelphia Inquirer
What do reformers really mean by the term “corporate media”? Do forms of ownership make a difference? A dessert-and-discussion town meeting session with corporate governance, family ownership and non-profit experts unpacking assumptions about this issue.

Thursday, June 29, 2006

Special Event – TRACK SIX – THURSDAY AFTERNOON ONLY

- 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **CITIZEN MEDIA FILMMAKING WORKSHOP & FESTIVAL**
CONVENERS: Aldon Hynes, Ned Lamont Senate Campaign; Steve Garfield, RocketBoom.com.
Special registration:
\$40 for afternoon;
no food;
Filmmaking track only
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As digital video cameras become more popular, as people start taking videos from their cellphones, and as new sites emerge online to distribute these videos, citizen filmmaking is taking off. Many people will be simply sharing home movies. Others, however, will want to create documentaries, political advertisements, and citizen journalism. The Workshop & Festival will celebrate noteworthy citizen filmmaking and provide workshops for those wishing to learn how to become more involved.

Thursday, June 29, 2006

TRACKS TWO, THREE, FOUR, and FIVE – General Conference

- 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. Conference check-in, Campus Center Concourse level
- 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Reception for all conference attendees
- 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Buy-your-owner dinner, cafeteria style, in the Blue Wall, with Friday's agenda update from track leaders Christopher Grotke/Lise LePage; Aldon Hynes, Norman Sims, Rob Williams , Steve Garfield and others.

Friday, June 30, 2006

- TRACK TWO:** [Citizen Media Bootcamp: Lessons from the front](#)
TRACK THREE: [Politics and the Internet: What's next?](#)
TRACK FOUR: [Educating Smart Media Consumers/Creators](#)
TRACK FIVE: [Technology/Multimedia: Where's journalism?](#)

Each track will present four workshops or panels. In the fifth time slot, the track leader will manage an optional "Media Café" collaboration for coffee/tea and discussion. These collaborations will occur in the Media Café on the Campus Center Concourse Level.

Friday, June 30, 2006

Special Event – TRACK ONE OPTIONAL DAY 2

- 9:30 a.m.-5:45 p.m.
CC Room 101 ["Journalism That Matters: Looking Beyond the Newsroom Walls"](#) –
CONVENERS: Stephen Silha, news consultant; Chris Peck, daily editor, *The Commercial Appeal*, Memphis, Tenn.
A special seminar for working journalists and other stakeholders. Roll up your sleeves and create experiments in journalism and community storytelling, explore new economic models, journalism as a conversation, teaching and learning, as well as changing leadership in the newsroom and the community.

Friday, June 30, 2006

Tracks TWO – FIVE

- 7:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Conference check-in, Campus Center Concourse level
- 7:00 a.m.-8 a.m. Continental breakfast for summit participants
(Campus Center lower concourse)
- 8 a.m.- 9:15 a.m.
GENERAL SESSION
CC Reading Room Report from Thursday's summit:
"Setting the scene: What's the future of the web and news?"
CONVENERS: Dale Peskin, The Media Center at API; Lee Rainie, the Pew Project on Internet & Society; Tom Rosenstiel, Project on Excellence in Journalism.
A news-industry futurist, an Internet demographics researcher and a key observer and facilitator of online multimedia news trends forecast the next year and the next decades for the Fourth Estate. How should media executives, citizen journalists, political strategists / public officials, educators and technologist prepare and collaborate?
- 9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Media Café break
- 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
TRACK TWO Media – **"Experiment in Collaboration: Can MSM and citizens work together?"**

- CC163-C PRESENTERS: Lew Friedland, Univ. of Wisconsin and Madison Commons. A quick summary of the issues involved in a unique effort by the Madison, Wis., daily newspapers to join and assist a local citizen-media news collaborative, the Madison Commons; Jeremy Iggers, Twin Cities Media Alliance.
- 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
TRACK TWO
CC163-C **CITIZEN MEDIA BOOTCAMP** – Morning session
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – Bootcamp Orientation: **“Why Citizen Journalism?”**
Can citizens be journalists? A discussion and debate. What is the role of advocacy journalism? How does citizen journalism relate to professional media? What are the effects of citizen journalism on the civic arena? Can a lost dog be news . . . and much more. MODERATOR: Tish Grier, editor, Corante Media Hub. DISCUSSANTS: Eesha Williams, author “Grassroots Journalism,” , Ilona Meagher, ePluribus media; Lisa Williams H2OtownLise LePage, iBrambleboro.
- 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
TRACK THREE
CC Reading Room **Politics – “The Internet as an Organizing Tool”**
MODERATOR: Ralph Whitehead, Univ. of Mass.; DISCUSSANTS: Josh Silver, FreePress.NET; Chellie Pingree, CommonCause; Aldon Hynes, Ned Lamont Senate campaign; Richard Viguerie, ConservativeHQ.com
In 2004, the Internet took the main stage as a political organizing tool for U.S. political strategists. Learn what’s going on behind the scenes to make the 2008 presidential race an order of magnitude closer to “digital democracy” – and what role citizens will play.
- 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
Media Café
TRACK FOUR **Education – Media Café Collaboration – Informal convening with Rob Williams and Colin Rhinesmith of Media Educators to discuss their goals, curriculum and projects.**
- 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
TRACK FIVE
CC162-175 **Technology – “When Web Data Makes News”**
CONVENERS: Adam Clayton Powell III, University of Southern California; Brant Houston, Investigative Reporters & Editors; Adrian Holovaty, WashingtonPost.com.
With search engines, data crawlers and memory by the terabyte, it is becoming ever easier to crunch previously unimaginable amounts of data from across the web into useful information. What are the watchdog possibilities – and privacy dangers – for journalists harnessing newly opened information?
- 10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. **Media Café break**
- 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
TRACK THREE
CC Reading Room **Politics – “The Internet as a Government-to-Citizen Tool”**
CONVENERS: Stephen Clift, Democracies Online Newswire; Conor Kenny, CongressPedia.org; Rafael DeGennaro, ReadTheBill.org; Craig Sandler, IssueSource.org/State House News Service; Ed Fouhy, StateLine.org .
In the last few years, just about every U.S. community of any size has put up a website posting meeting notices, accepting tax payments, describing key issues and, sometimes, pushing political agendas. Learn how government should be using the net to deepen citizen involvement in governing – and how citizens can take the upper hand.
- TRACK FOUR
CC162-175 **Education: “[Building Bridges with Blogging – a Case Study](#)”**
CONVENERS: Catherine Moore, Rob Williams and the M.E.D.I.A. team of 20 high school students from Vermont and Jordan.
Bringing together [high-school students](#) from Vermont and the Middle East, three nonprofits – [Project Harmony](#), the Action Coalition for Media Education, and Champlain College – are pioneering an effort at teaching media education, digital video production, and cross-cultural youth leadership skills. Hear from their students about what they’re learning through this “media education.”
- TRACK FIVE
CC **Technology: “The Maine Blogger: A Case Study of a Blogstorm”**
CONVENERS: Robert Cox, Media Bloggers Association; Lance Dutson, Maine

- CC Auditorium
Web Report (defendant); Fred Frawley, Preti Flaherty Beliveau & Pachios (attorney for WKPA); and Greg Herbert, Greenberg Traurig (attorney for Lance Dutson).
When New York ad agency Warren, Kremer, Paino Advertising filed a seven-figure federal lawsuit against blogger Lance Dutson, an unknown gadfly was transformed overnight into a First Amendment martyr. When the lawsuit was withdrawn amidst a withering media campaign organized by the Media Bloggers Association, the "Maine Blogger" became a cause celebre in the blogosphere. Join us as we go behind the scenes with the key players to examine the legal issues raised by the case, the blogstorm which erupted and the implications for citizen journalists and the businesses and government officials they cover.
- Noon-1:15 p.m.
CC 165-169
SPECIAL EVENT – “Is it time to build the New England Common?”
CONVENER: Christopher Lydon, Open Source Radio.
Does New England need a virtual meeting place for discussion and action on politics, culture, environment and living? Could the Massachusetts governor’s race be a catalyst to establish one? An idea session. More info:
<http://www.mediagiraffe.org/wiki/index.php/Newengland>
- 12:15 p.m.-12:30 p.m.
Media Café break
- 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
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Buffet lunch (CC Auditorium or Campus Center Ballroom)
“Is Media Performance Democracy’s Critical Issue?”
SPEAKER: Tom Stites, Center for Public Integrity;
INTRODUCED BY: Chris Peck, *Memphis Commercial Appeal*.
Thirty years ago, if your policy message was on the three networks, *The New York Times* or the *Washington Post*, it spread quickly across America. We are now in an era of micro-media – blogs, email, dozens of networks and cable channels, multimedia chaos and creativity. Political strategists who disagree on issues often agree that media structure and performance is now their No. 2 issue. Has the state of our media become the most important threat to participatory democracy? Why?
- 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
TRACK TWO
CC 163-C
CitiMedia Bootcamp -- **“Citizen Journalism in Action: A Practicum”**
An overview of web-based citizen journalims in action with an emphasis on doing it yourself. The panel will look at examples of successful citizen-journalism projects and issues of interest to those looking to launch such ventures themselves – how to get started, add interactivity and features, and tackle technical issues as well as build participation, create policies and procedures and relate to the community at large. MODERATOR: Lisa Williams, H2otown. DISCUSSANTS: Christopher Grotke, iBrattleboro, Maureen Mann, Philbrick James Forum; Gordon Joseloff, Westport Now; Dan Barlow, reporter and citi-J site user.
- 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
TRACK THREE
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Politics -- **“Anonymity and identity: Journalists/bloggers sources and whistleblowers”**
CONVENER: Shava Nerad, Tor Coalition. DISCUSSANTS: Steve Clift, Democracies Online Newswire, Derek Anderson, VillageSoup.COM.
Join a reporter who became a technologist and now helps protect political dissidents who need anonymity in a debates over anonymity vs. identity. News websites, and local online community sites debate whether to allow anonymous comments. Is anonymity ever justified? Who’s responsible? Is anonymous posting ever journalism? What is the impact on sources, on news gathers, on whistleblowers, as the government seeks the ability to track search queries?
- TRACK FOUR
CC162-175
Education – **“Creating Digital Video For Classrooms – a Case Study”**
WORKSHOP PRESENTER: James Valastro, MemeFILMS, Vermont
(www.memefilms.org).
- TRACK FIVE
Fusing media education and digital video production in the K-12 classroom,

- CC Reading Room MemeFILMS has been working with Vermont schools for three years. Explore how to make mini-DV media and public health/news stories with K-12 students in this exciting hands-on workshop.
- Technology – **“News a la Carte – Fracturing The Public Sphere?”**
CONVENERS: Holmes Wilson, Participatory Culture Foundation; Thomas Marban, PopUrls.com; Consumers can now paste together their version of a news event from multiple sources in seconds. What’s the impact of news *a la carte* on understanding and what new technologies feed this trend? How does it fracture the public sphere – or enrich it?
- 3:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m. Media Café and free ice cream social, courtesy of Ben & Jerry’s Homemade, Inc.
- 4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
TRACK TWO
CC-163C Citizen Media – **“Your Project: Expert Feedback”**
CO-CONVENER: George White, UCLA Center for Communications & Community. Any and all citizen journalists are invited to be on hand to provide advice to others. Designed to provide real interaction between attendees hoping to start or strengthen their own projects. Join citizen-media veterans, as participants, for an idea exchange. Come prepared to tell others what your project is about and specific problems you face. Fellow participants and experts will provide feedback, suggestions and ideas specifically for you.
- TRACK THREE
CC165-169 Politics: **“The Internet As An Advocacy Tool – Case Studies”**
CONVENER: Rosalyn Lemieux, MoveOn.org (, Jo Lee, CitizenSpeak.org , Frederick Clarkson, Talk2Action.org and Steve Anderson, CoaNews.org
Costly direct mail was once the only effective way for public policy non-profits to reach the faithful. The Internet is now the most efficient advocacy, motivational, and fund-raising tool in the NGO arsenal. How is the Internet changing public policy formulation? Who’s winning? Who’s losing?
- TRACK FOUR
CC162-175 Education – **“Morphing from Music: iPods enter the Classroom”**
CONVENER: Colin Rhinesmith, Action Coalition for Media Education, Boston chapter (www.acmeboston.org); Mark Frydenberg and Elizabeth Ledoux, Bentley College. The how’s and why’s of sending downloadable audio files over the Internet -- how is this being adopted by educators? How can a Internet news operation serve the need for classroom-ready podcasting material?
- TRACK FIVE
CC Reading Room Technology: **“Who Will Narrow the Digital Divide?”**
CONVENER: Case Lide, Baller Herbst Law Group. DISCUSSANTS: Wally Bowen, Mountain Area Information Network; Josh Silver, FreePress.net
As music, movies, news, archives and other data increasingly are delivered on-demand over the Internet rather than in physical form, first-class citizenship requires a high-speed connection. Who’s left in steerage? How can technology narrow the digital divide? A look at municipal wireless initiatives.
- 5:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Media Café -- networking / discussion
- 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Campus Center Reading Room – reception and hor d’oeuvres for all attendees. (Spill out into CC Concourse)
- 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
DINNER Dinner and discussion, CC Auditorium, Campus Center
- 7:30 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
SPEECH **SPEAKER:** Dr. Rob Williams, president, Action Coalition for Media Education; professor, Champlain College, Burlington, Vermont: **“Why Doesn’t Johnny Care? How Media Can Bring Young Adults Back Into The Public Sphere?”**
- 8:15 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Young adults have abandoned the news as presented in traditional forms.

- DISCUSSION Newspaper and TV users are aging. But they are heavy media consumers. What will put public affairs back into their diet? And why does it matter?
DISCUSSANTS: Andrea Frantz, Wilkes University; Melissa Krodman, Project Think Different; Mark Lopez, CIRCLE .
- 9:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
Campus Center
CC Auditorium Media Café Extra: **“War Stories – Avoiding Other’s Mistakes”**
An informal session for all participants able to share “war stories” from the trenches of citizen journalism. What has been your worst experience? Share your nightmares and tales of woe over beer, wine or whatever.

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- 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast for summit participants (Campus Center Lower Level Concourse)
- 8:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m.
TRACK TWO
CC 163-C Citizen Media: **“The Daily Grind”**
Discuss the day-to-day operation of a citizen-journalism site project, from moderating submissions and comments, setting a tone, dealing with users, building traffic, selling ads and other facets of running a citizen-journalism outlet. DISCUSSANTS from the Philbrick James Forum, H2Otown, VillageSoup.com, WestportNow.com, CTNewsJunkie.com, the New Haven Independent, ePluribus Media and other sites.
- TRACK THREE
CC-165-169 Politics: **“Political Blogs: Free Speech or Campaigning?”**
CONVENERS: Mark Karlin, BuzzFlash; Richard Howe, LowellDems.org; Steve Brant, Trintab/HuffingtonPost blogger; Steve Fox, WashingtonPost.com
The 1970s-era campaign-finance reform may become irrelevant as blogs and websites funded by partisan political groups become a primary source of campaign spin and *faux* news. Can laws be written to regulate the financing of partisan websites that won’t infringe on free speech? Are they needed?
- TRACK FOUR
CC162-175 Education: **“Streaming Source Material: Lectures On Demand?”**
CONVENER: Donna M. Liu, University Channel, Princeton University.
The combination of ubiquitous high-speed connections in schools and archives of streaming and downloadable video/audio lectures and news add new options for classroom curriculum. Who’s innovating? A survey and demonstrations.
- TRACK FIVE
CC Reading Room Technology: **“Merging Forms: Is the Medium Still the Message?”**
CONVENERS: Steve Garfield, Rocketboom.com; Paul Grabowicz, University of California Berkeley; Robb Montgomery, VisualEditors.com
Blogging... reporters who pack a camera, MP3 recorder and a notepad ... 24/7 deadlines ...is journalism using technology or the other way around? As the information fire hose reaches full pressure, is wisdom increasing too?
- 10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
(same rooms as earlier sessions) Media Café collaboration and Track meet-ups for “next step” ideas:
Topic ideas:

POLITICS: Pitching the big tent
TECHNOLOGY: Making adoption easy
CITIZEN MEDIA: Inviting participation
EDUCATION: Making media cool

- 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. **“What Did We Learn/What’s Next”** -- Reports from track managers or

CLOSING SESSION
AND BOX LUNCHES
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designees
“Speak to the Group” – Moderated open microphone session

Closing Talk: **“Keeping Participatory Democracy Alive: Talking Across The Divides Of Media, Politics, Education And Technology.”**

CONVENERS: Norman Sims, UMass Amherst and principal investigator, Media Giraffe Project; Bill Densmore, director/editor.

12:45 p.m.

Conference Ends

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Independent meet-ups
and outdoor
bootcamps

POST-CONFERENCE MEET-UPS:

Independent groups with membership at the conference hold planning or strategy sessions in rooms provided at no additional charge by the Media Giraffe Project and UMass Amherst.

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ACTIVITIES/TRIPS: (LINK: [Amherst area](#))

INDIVIDUAL LINKS:

[Hiking: Mount Toby, the Norwottuck Trail](#)
[Rafting on the Deerfield River](#) (Charlemont, Mass.)
[Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art](#) (Amherst, Mass.)
[Historic Deerfield](#) or [Yankee Candle](#) (South Deerfield, Mass.)
[Amherst College Mead Art Museum](#) (Amherst)
[Amherst College Museum of Natural History](#)
[Smith College Museum of Art](#) (Northampton)
[National Yiddish Book Center](#) (South Amherst)
[Emily Dickens House Museum](#) (Amherst)
[Official NBA Basketball Hall of Fame](#) (Springfield, Mass.)
[Mass. Museum of Contemporary Art](#) (North Adams, Mass.)

Saturday evening

Events in the Five College Area:
Tanglewood (BSO-Lenox, Mass. – [Garrison Keillor / Prairie Home Companion](#) Live, 5:45 p.m., Sat., July 1)