Daniels Fund Colloquia on Ethics in Communication

# **TRUST, TRUTH** & TERROR: A CONVERSATION WITH DAVID IGNATIUS ABOUT THE ETHICS OF NATIONAL SECURITY REPORTING

September 12 | 7 pm | LSC Terrace Room







## DANIELS FUND COLLOQUIA ON ETHICS IN COMMUNICATION

The Department of Communication at CU Denver is delighted to partner with the Daniels Fund to present the Daniels Fund Colloquia on Ethics in Communication, an educational enhancement designed to promote principles-based ethics in media in a rapidly changing news environment. The series promotes interaction between eminent seminar guests and university students, faculty, partners, and the wider community to generate in-depth scholarly discourse about the meaning and impact of ethics and integrity in gathering, disseminating, and interpreting information.

## **ALSO IN THE SERIES**

October 31, 2016 A Conversation with Governor John Hickenlooper About Ethical Communication in Election Campaigns with Karrin Anderson, Joey Bunch, Kyle Dyer,

Akshay Kumar, and Brandon Rittiman

March 31, 2017 Fake News and Filer Bubbles: Overcoming Our Information Divide with Molly Hughes, Alexios Mantzarlis, Ashley Muddiman, and Hedrick Smith

April 19, 2017 The Ethics of Covering Race News in a Complex Time with Rinku Sen

> November 2, 2017 The Ethics of Reporting on Cyberbullying with Christina Beck, Keith Berry, and Amy Hasinoff

## PROGRAM

WELCOME Lisa Keränen

## INTRODUCTION

Elaine Appleton Grant

#### **OPENING REFLECTIONS** David Ignatius

### RESPONSE

Jennifer Mercieca

### PANELIST CONVERSATION

### **VIDEO QUESTIONS**

### **CLOSING THOUGHTS FROM PANELISTS**

## **RECEPTION & BOOK SIGNING**

### ACCORDING TO THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER (2013):

•The American public is nearly **evenly divided** in its approval of the government's anti-terrorism surveillance programs and associated reporting.

•51% of both Republicans and Democrats feel that the news media should not report information about secret anti-terrorism methods.

•45% of Democrats and 43% of Republicans believe they should report that information.

# PARTICIPANTS

## **ELAINE APPLETON GRANT**



Elaine Appleton Grant is a lifelong journalist a magazine writer and editor who made the leap to public radio in 2003. She's produced public affairs interview programs for WBUR Boston and Colorado Public Radio in Denver. In between, she served as New Hampshire Public Radio's health reporter. She now runs Appleton Studios, Inc., which produces podcasts and develops books and other communications for thought leaders. Among others, Appleton Grant produces Hard Call, an ethics podcast.

## JENNIFER MERCIECA



Dr. Jennifer Mercieca is a historian of American political discourse, especially discourses about citizenship, democracy, and the presidency. Her scholarship combines American history with rhetorical and political theory in an effort to understand democratic practices. She is the author of *Founding Fictions* and the co-editor of *The Rhetoric of Heroic Expectations: Establishing the Obama Presidency*. She has been interviewed by the BBC World News, the *New York Times*, and more.

## **DAVID IGNATIUS**



David Ignatius is an associate editor and columnist for the *Washington Post*, where he also co-hosts PostGlobal, an online discussion of international affairs. He has also written nine novels, including *New York Times* bestsellers *Body of Lies*, *Bloodmoney*, *The Increment*, and *The Director*. His tenth novel, *The Quantum Spy*, will be released in November. He has been awarded with the Legion of Honor

from the French Republic, the Urbino World Press Award from the Italian Republic, and a lifetime achievement award from the International Committee for Foreign Journalism. Ignatius is currently serving as a Senior Fellow to the Future of Diplomacy Project at Harvard Kennedy School.

### ACCORDING TO THE COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (2016):

- "Social media and other technologies have changed the nature of news around terror. The journalist is no longer the primary gatekeeper, as the public can get information directly from other citizens, the authorities, or the terrorists themselves."
- "The same technologies that give journalists the power to report quicker and more extensively also speed up the news cycle and fill the public sphere with confusing, false, and complex information."
- •A major issue for journalists reporting on national security is deciding when to use the word "terrorism." Some media outlets, including Al Jazeera and ABC, tell their journalists not to use the word except when quoting other people.

# **ADVISORY BOARD**

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## **SPECIAL THANKS**

Daniels Fund, CU Denver Department of Communication, CU Denver College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, our panelists and moderator, Chancellor Dorothy Horrell, Bo Peretto, Stephen Hartnett, Michelle Médal, Lisa Keränen, Laura Argys, JoAnn Porter, Leanna Clark, Tracy Kohm, Sonja K. Foss, Bruce Wilmsen, Jessica Webb, Matthew Kaskavitch, Claire Shannon, Van Browning, Lauren Pfefferle, Pamela Jansma, Mazin Zien, and Cydney Phan.

# DANIELS FUND ETHICS INITIATIVE

### PRINCIPLES

*Integrity* Act with honesty in all situations

*Trust* Build trust in all stakeholder relationships

Accountability Accept responsibility for all decisions

*Transparency* Maintain open and truthful communications

### Fairness

Engage in fair competition and create equitable and just relationships

Respect Honor the rights, freedoms, views, and property of others

**Rule of Law** Comply with the spirit and intent of laws and regulations

*Viability* Create long-term value for all relevant stakeholders

## About the CU Denver Department of Communication

The Department of Communication at the University of Colorado Denver is a dynamic community of learners and scholars who are committed to "cultivating the knowledge and ability to use communication to create a more equitable and humane world." Through our BA, MA, online, and certificate programs, we serve approximately 600 majors and minors, 30 graduate students, and online students from around the world.

We are proud advocates for global learning and are among the first Communication programs to establish a cooperative learning agreement with China's Ministry of Education to offer a CU Denver BA program in Communication in China at our International College Beijing.

Our alumni form a vibrant group of leaders across many industries, including communication, higher education, justice, healthcare, government, nonprofits, and beyond. Our faculty and staff are united by a passion for teaching and for fostering meaningful learning opportunities.

We place a premium on experiential learning and high-impact teaching practices, stressing service learning, civic engagement, internships, travel study and writing-intensive practices.

Our research faculty are well-known leaders in their respective areas of study. Together, they have received more than 15 major awards for research, teaching, and service in the past several years.

We invite you to stop by our offices on the third floor of the Student Commons Building at 1201 Larimer Street or find us online at clas.ucdenver.edu/communication.

