

Comments from Former Fellows

“My semester as a Shorenstein Fellow was immeasurably rewarding—intellectually, professionally, and personally. Those four months were an induplicable gift.”

Daniel Okrent, author, journalist, and consultant, Time Inc. Fellow, Spring 2006

“Stimulating discussions, fascinating speakers, and colleagues who remain friends to this day—all this comes to mind when I recall my time as a Fellow at the Shorenstein Center.”

Holli A. Semetko, Vice Provost for International Affairs and Professor of Political Science, Emory University Fellow, Spring 1994

“Four months at the Shorenstein Center gave me a chance to research an issue that is close to my heart. It was an opportunity to go back to the days of the University and learn from the Center and Kennedy School faculty on a variety of topics. It was an adventurous time.”

Nachman Shai, former chief spokesperson, Israel Defense Forces Fellow, Fall 1996

“I have no doubt that it was my Shorenstein Fellowship that helped me get tenure. It was the most demanding and rewarding intellectual experience of my life.”

Erna Smith, Department Chair and Professor of Journalism, San Francisco State University, Fellow, Fall 1992

“The Shorenstein Center provided a rare opportunity to step away from deadlines, delve deeply into issues, and interact with thoughtful faculty, staff and students. It expanded my thinking and my journalism.”

David Rohde, reporter, *New York Times* Fellow, Spring 2005

“A semester at Shorenstein connects a journalist with so many things—a superb staff and faculty, first of all; new friendships with other fellows, all doing fascinating work; a stimulating series of speakers and events; time to think about the challenges facing our profession; and great people to discuss them with. . . . It was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.”

Michael Tomasky, *Guardian America* Fellow, Spring 2003

Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy

The Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy is a research center at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. It was established in 1986 to promote a greater understanding of the media by public officials, to improve coverage by media professionals of government and politics, to better anticipate the consequences of public policies that affect media and the First Amendment, and to increase knowledge about how the media affect our political processes and governmental institutions. The Center includes a faculty of scholars and practitioners who, through their research and teaching programs, are creating a body of knowledge about the press, politics and public policy in theory and in practice.

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Background

The Shorenstein Center Fellowship Program offers an opportunity for accomplished individuals to spend a semester at Harvard University. Outstanding journalists and scholars share their knowledge and expertise in a collegial and intellectually stimulating environment. During their stay at the Center, Fellows write a magazine essay, journal article or book examining the influence of the press on politics and public policy in the domestic or international arena.

The mission of the Fellowship Program is to advance research in the field of press, politics and public policy; provide an opportunity for reflection; facilitate a dialogue among scholars, journalists and policymakers; and create a vibrant and long-lasting community.

The Center accepts four Fellows each semester and offers a stipend of \$30,000. Since 1986, the Center has hosted over 200 visiting journalists and scholars. They have traveled from China, Burundi, Nigeria, South Africa, Italy, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Canada, Australia, Japan, Finland, Sweden, England, Ireland, Senegal, the Philippines, Austria, Russia, France, Israel, Zimbabwe, India, and around the United States.

Research and Writing

Shorenstein Center papers and books by former Fellows have added significantly to the body of work on press and politics. Fellows' papers have been published as articles in journals such as *Foreign Affairs* and the *Columbia Journalism Review*, form the basis for longer books or essays, are included in compilations such as *Terrorism, War and the Press* (2003) and *Politics and the Press: The News Media and Their Influences* (1997), and are posted on the Center's website.

Events

Fellows participate in the Center's seminars and conferences, attend public lectures and explore cultural and intellectual offerings at Harvard University. The Shorenstein Center creates opportunities for its Fellows to interact with Fellows, students, and faculty from other Harvard programs. Each Shorenstein Fellow is assigned a student assistant to facilitate their research, and participates in special activities for students and Fellows.



A Sampling of Papers by Shorenstein Center Fellows

- "Hamlet's Blackberry" by William Powers
- "Soundbite Democracy" by Kiku Adatto
- "Covering the CIA in Times of Crisis" by Ted Gup
- "School for Scandal" by Sissela Bok
- "The Growing Importance of Nonprofit Journalism" by Chuck Lewis
- "Shoah in the News" by James Carroll
- "The Worldwide Conversation" by Rebecca MacKinnon
- "The Partisan Nature of Editorial Pages" by Michael Tomasky
- "Notes for the Next Epidemic" by Timothy E. Cook
- "The Media in Europe after 1992" by Sylvia Poggioli
- "Journalism and Economics" by Richard Parker
- "The Los Angeles Riots in Television News" by Erna Smith
- "Ijambo: Speaking Truth amidst Genocide" by Alexis Sinduhije
- "The Role of the News Media in Unequal Political Conflicts" by Gadi Wolfsfeld
- "American Efforts to Create a Vibrant Free Press in Iraq and Afghanistan" by David Rohde

