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Shorenstein Center Announces Fellows and Visiting Faculty for Spring 2008

CAMBRIDGE, MA— The Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy, located at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, announced their Spring Fellows today.

"We are delighted to welcome this semester's Fellows," said Tom Patterson, acting director of the Shorenstein Center. "They are an outstanding group, who hopefully will learn something from us, as we surely will learn from them. We are looking forward to a stimulating spring term."

The Shorenstein Fellows will work on research projects while at the Center. The 2008 Spring Fellows are:

- Elizabeth Becker, an author and journalist, is the Edelman Family Fellow at the Shorenstein Center. She will examine press coverage of economic issues.
- **Richard Davis,** a professor of political science at Brigham Young University, is the author of books on media and politics. He will be researching and writing about the political blogosphere.
- **Philip J. Hilts**, an author and journalist, is the Goldsmith Fellow at the Shorenstein Center. He will be writing about press coverage of global health issues.
- **J.H. Snider,** a scholar who writes about new technology, is the president of iSolon.org. His research will focus on the role of information policy in enhancing democracy.

In addition, **Tom Fiedler** will be the Visiting Murrow Lecturer of the Practice of Press and Politics. In 2007, he retired after a 35-year career at *The Miami Herald* working as an investigative reporter, political columnist, editorial page editor and, ultimately as *The Herald's*, executive editor. He will teach a course entitled "Press, Politics and Public Policy."

The Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy is a Harvard research center dedicated to exploring the intersection of press, politics and public policy in theory and practice. The Center strives to bridge the gap between journalists and scholars and, increasingly, between them and the public.

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