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**Shorenstein Center Announces
Fellows and Visiting Faculty for Spring 2009**

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.

"Our fellows and visiting faculty this semester reflect the cutting edge of new media, traditional journalism and scholarship, and will offer Harvard students a rich resource in multiple dimensions," said Alex S. Jones, director of the Shorenstein Center.

The Shorenstein Fellows will work on research projects while at the Center. The 2009 Spring Fellows are:

- **James O'Shea** was the editor and executive vice president of the *Los Angeles Times*. Previously, he was managing editor at the *Chicago Tribune*. O'Shea is a Goldsmith Fellow at the Shorenstein Center whose research will examine conflicts between editors and owners of newspapers.
- **Maralee Schwartz** spent over two decades as a reporter and editor at the *The Washington Post*. She was the Visiting Murrow Lecturer in the Practice of Press and Politics at the Kennedy School in the Fall of 2008. As a Fellow, her research will focus on nonprofit journalism.
- **Mitchell Stephens**, professor of journalism and mass communications at New York University, is the author of *A History of News*. His research project will argue for a proposed change in the priorities of major news organizations providing more informed analysis on major events of the day.
- **Michael Traugott**, professor of communication studies at the University of Michigan, studies the mass media and its impact on American politics. Traugott has consulted with media and news organizations on their coverage of elections, including networks, newspapers, and the Voter News Service, the national exit poll operation. His research will focus on polling and newsmaking in the 2008 campaign.

In addition, **Nicco Mele** will be the Visiting Lecturer in the Murrow Chair. He will teach a Kennedy School course on the Internet as a mechanism for communication, with a special emphasis on its use in politics. Mele is the founder and president of EchoDitto, an Internet strategy consulting company.

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.