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Shorenstein Center Announces Fellows and Visiting Faculty for Spring 2010

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.

"The world of the media is expanding at breakneck speed, and this semester's group of Fellows and our visiting faculty member reflect the stunning diversity of what is now included when we use the term 'news media,'" said Alex S. Jones, director of the Shorenstein Center.

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

- **Deborah Amos**, the Shorenstein Center's Goldsmith Fellow, covered Iraq for National Public Radio. Prior to NPR, she worked for ABC's *Nightline, World News Tonight,* and the PBS programs *NOW with Bill Moyers* and *Frontline*. Her research will focus on the emergence of new media outlets in Iraq.
- Steven Guanpeng Dong, director of the Global Journalism Institute at Tsinghua University, is professor of political communications at the National School of Administration. His research will examine political communications in China during the Beijing Olympics, natural disasters and social crises in 2008.
- **Gene Gibbons**, former executive editor of Stateline.org and former Reuters chief White House correspondent, has covered six U.S. presidents and major political events such as Watergate and Iran-Contra. He will examine news coverage of state governments.
- **Peter Maass**, the Shorenstein Center's Reidy Fellow, is a contributing writer at *The New York Times Magazine*. He has reported on conflict situations including wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. While at the Center, Maass will examine how photographs from Firdos Square framed the invasion of Iraq.

In addition, **Zephyr Teachout**, associate professor of law at Fordham University, will be a Visiting Assistant Professor of Public Policy. She was the director of Internet organizing for Howard Dean's presidential campaign and now serves as a national director for the Sunlight Foundation. She will be teaching a module on Politics, Money and the Internet.

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. More information about the Center is available at <u>www.shorensteincenter.org.</u>