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Harvard's Shorenstein Center Announces Rosenthal Writers Program

Cambridge, MA – Harvard University's Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy has created a new program for writers, named in honor of A.M. Rosenthal.

The Rosenthal Writer-in-Residence Program will bring professional nonfiction writers to the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and provide an opportunity for them to conduct research and work on a specific project, as well as interact with a community of scholars and students.

The Rosenthal Writer will receive a stipend of \$30,000, and will have an office at the Shorenstein Center and a student research assistant. In addition to the writing project, the Writer will teach student workshops and participate in Shorenstein Center events. Candidates for the program should be writers with an established project and a solid history of published books or essays in the area of press, policy or public affairs.

Mr. Rosenthal, former executive editor of *The New York Times*, was a passionate reporter and editor who had a profound influence on the shape of journalism. As an editor he oversaw the coverage of major news stories, including the Vietnam War, the Pentagon Papers, and the Watergate scandal. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1960 for international reporting.

"Abe Rosenthal was my boss at *The Times*," said Alex S. Jones, director of the Shorenstein Center. "I think he would be delighted by the idea of a writing program in his name at Harvard. We are honored that Abe's family and friends have chosen this new initiative as his memorial. He was a fierce believer in the power of writing and in democracy, and we will work to instill those values in the program."

Shirley Lord Rosenthal, Mr. Rosenthal's widow, is the lead donor to the program. Proceeds from the sale of Mr. Rosenthal's papers to the New York Public Library were given by Mrs. Rosenthal to the Harvard Rosenthal Fund. Other donors include the Bialkin Family Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lauren, the Samuel I. Newhouse Foundation, Peter G. Peterson, the Rattner Family Foundation, Ingeborg and Ira Leon Rennert, Richard E. Snyder, the A. Alfred Taubman Foundation, James D. Wolfensohn and the Wolfensohn Family Foundation.

Writers who wish to be considered for the Rosenthal Writer-in-Residence Program should send a one-page letter describing their writing project, along with their curriculum vitae, to Alex S. Jones (alex_jones@harvard.edu), who will chair the selection committee. The first Rosenthal Writer will be in residence during the spring semester in 2010.

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. The Center includes a faculty of scholars and practitioners who, through their research and teaching programs, are creating a body of knowledge about press, politics and public policy in theory and in practice. More information about the Center is available at www.shorensteincenter.org.