



HARVARD Kennedy School

## SHORENSTEIN CENTER

on Media, Politics and Public Policy

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**January 21, 2014**

**Contact:**

**Edith Holway: 617-495-8209**

**Shorenstein Center**

### **Shorenstein Center Announces New Fellows for Spring 2014**

**CAMBRIDGE, MA** — The [Shorenstein Center](#) on Media, Politics and Public Policy, located at the Harvard Kennedy School, is pleased to announce the [Joan Shorenstein Fellows](#) for the 2014 Spring semester.

“This semester’s Shorenstein Fellows are a rich blend of the very best in reporting and writing,” said Alex S. Jones, the Center’s director. “Diane McWhorter is a Pulitzer Prize–winning writer with fierce reporting chops, and Steve Oney is one of the nation’s premier magazine and book writers. Jill Dougherty has created a powerful following for her work at CNN, and Robert Lenzner has been aggressively exposing Wall Street for many years,” said Alex S. Jones, the Center’s director.

Joan Shorenstein Fellows spend the semester researching and writing a paper, and interacting with students and members of the Harvard community.

**Jill Dougherty** worked for CNN from 1983 until December 2013, most recently as foreign affairs correspondent based in Washington, D.C. She also served as White House correspondent, Moscow bureau chief, U.S. affairs editor for CNN International, managing editor for CNN International Asia Pacific and Midwest correspondent based in Chicago. Prior to CNN, Dougherty was correspondent for WMAQ-TV in Chicago and has done freelance assignments for NPR and *Time* magazine. She began her career as a broadcaster and writer for Voice of America, USSR division. While at the Shorenstein Center, she will be writing a paper on the relationship between the Russian government and the media.

**Robert Lenzner** has been senior editor, national editor and contributing editor of Forbes Media for the past 22 years. His blog, “The Croesus Chronicles,” is about the disparity in wealth, Wall Street, public policy controversies at the Federal Reserve and the financial world. Prior to Forbes, Lenzner was New York correspondent for *The Boston Globe* and Wall Street correspondent for the *Economist*. He wrote a best-selling biography of billionaire oilman, J. Paul Getty, *The Great Getty*. He has also written for the *Financial Times*, *Barron’s* and *Vanity Fair*. At the Shorenstein Center, he will be researching the media coverage of Wall Street.

**Diane McWhorter** is the A.M. Rosenthal Writer-in-Residence. She is the author of *Carry Me Home*, a history of the civil rights revolution in her hometown of Birmingham, Alabama. It won the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction. Her young-adult history of the civil rights movement, *A Dream of Freedom* was one of *The New York Times's* nine "Notable Children's Books of 2004." McWhorter has been a longtime contributor to *The New York Times* and is on the *USA Today* Board of Contributors, writing for its op-ed page. She will be conducting a series of workshops on opinion writing at the Kennedy School.

**Steve Oney** is a former Nieman Fellow and author of the book, *And the Dead Shall Rise: The Murder of Mary Phagan and the Lynching of Leo Frank*. He worked for many years as a staff writer for *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Magazine*. He has also contributed articles to many publications including *Esquire*, *Playboy*, *Los Angeles Magazine* and *The New York Times Magazine*. At the Shorenstein Center, Oney will write about Bill Siemerling and his impact on American broadcasting as part of a book he is writing for Simon & Schuster about National Public Radio.

The Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy analyzes the power of media, in all its forms, and its impact on public policy and politics. Through research, teaching, high-profile events and engagement, the Center plays a leading role in the discussion about media and politics in the 21st century. Digital technology pushes the impact of the Shorenstein Center far beyond Cambridge. More information about the Center is available at <http://shorensteincenter.org>.