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on Media, Politics and Public Policy

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The Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy is a Harvard Kennedy School research center dedicated to exploring and illuminating the intersection of press, politics and public policy in theory and practice. The Center strives to bridge the gap between journalists and scholars, and between them and the public. The Center advances its mission of protecting the information ecosystem and supporting healthy democracy by addressing the twin crises of trust and truth that face communities around the world. It pursues this work through academic research, teaching, a program of visiting fellows, conferences, and other initiatives.

RESEARCH PROGRAMS

News Quality (Journalist's Resource)

A well-informed citizenry is essential for a healthy democracy. But are today's news sources providing the information, analysis, and context needed to help Americans make informed decisions? As newsrooms shrink, journalists struggle to build expertise in the wide variety of topics they often are called on to cover. Journalist's Resource is a project of the Shorenstein Center aimed at bridging the gap between journalism and academia. Its primary goal is helping journalists improve their work by relying more often on scientific evidence and high-quality, peer-reviewed research.

Visit journalistsresource.org to learn more and to subscribe to the weekly newsletter.

Technology and Social Change Project

Led by Dr. Joan Donovan (@BostonJoan), The Technology and Social Change Project (TaSC) explores how media manipulation is a means to control public conversation, derail democracy, and disrupt society. TaSC conducts research, develops methods, and facilitates workshops for journalists, policy makers, technologists, and civil society organizations on how to detect, document, and debunk media manipulation campaigns.

Visit shorensteincenter.org/programs/technology-social-change to learn more about TaSC, sign up for their newsletter, Meme War Weekly, and find more information on upcoming webinars and workshops.

Digital Platforms & Democracy

A handful of large digital platforms dominate the public space online. Every day, these platforms make decisions on a range of issues that affect the public sphere—including misinformation, hate speech, and digital advertising. The world's leading technology firms – most of which are U.S. companies – today operate in a largely unregulated environment. The Digital Platforms & Democracy Project at the Shorenstein Center aims to address these issues through expert analysis, research, and convenings of policy makers and experts in the field.

Visit shorensteincenter.org/programs/digital-platforms-democracy to learn more about Digital Platforms & Democracy and read their latest paper, New Digital Realities; New Oversight Solutions.

News Sustainability & Business Models

Apart from the major national newspapers like the New York Times and the Washington Post, the traditional business models for local journalism have collapsed, and most of the current revenue models in the industry are unsustainable. The News Sustainability program produces original research on sustainable business models for the digital age, and works closely with legacy and emerging news organizations to put the theories into practice—creating a cycle of research, implementation, and learning.

Visit shorensteincenter.org/programs/news-sustainability to learn more.

The Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review

The Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review is a new format of scholarly publication with a fast approach to peer review. It is an interdisciplinary, open access forum where journalists, technologists and educators can connect with timely, peer-reviewed research about misinformation.

Visit misinforeview.hks.harvard.edu to learn more and read the latest research.

Institutional Antiracism and Accountability Project

The Institutional Antiracism and Accountability (IARA) Project is an initiative directed by Khalil Gibran Muhammad, Professor of History, Race, and Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School and the Suzanne Young Murray Professor at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies. The goal of this enterprise is to use research and policy to promote anti-racism as a core value and institutional norm. To this end, IARA proposes to further explore and examine how understanding and engaging with institutional history impacts organizations when forging a path forward for equity. While the field of racial equity and anti-racism is not new, it remains underdeveloped within the context of applied knowledge and pedagogy for organizational behavior and institutional change.

Visit shorensteincenter.org/programs/anti-racism-accountability for the latest updates, and to check out IARA's Resources and Reading on Racial Justice, Racial Equity and Antiracism.

UPCOMING EVENTS - FALL 2020

Confronting Disinformation: A Conversation with Audrey Tang
Tuesday, September 22 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm ET

Join us for a conversation with Audrey Tang, Taiwan's Digital Minister in charge of Social Innovation, moderated by Dr. Joan Donovan. Audrey is known for revitalizing the computer languages Perl and Haskell, as well as building the online spreadsheet system EtherCalc in collaboration with Dan Bricklin. In the public sector, Audrey served on Taiwan national development council's open data committee and K-12 curriculum committee; and led the country's first e-Rulemaking project. **For more information and to RSVP visit our website.**

Truth and Transformation 2020
Friday, October 2 | 10:00 am - 5:30 pm ET

This online conference will explore the questions: Why Diversity and Inclusion practices fail to achieve racial equity in the workplace, and when they succeed, what works? How do companies and consultants effectively transform organizations? The goal of the 2020 conference is to better understand the limitations of the "business case" for Diversity and Inclusion and to explore implications for engaging in racial equity work with greater accountability and in partnership with other sectors. **For more information and to RSVP, visit: iaratruthandtransformation.org**

Theodore H. White Lecture on Press and Politics
Wednesday, October 28 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm ET

Eugene Robinson will deliver the 30th annual Theodore H. White Lecture on Press and Politics. Robinson writes a twice-a-week column on politics and culture for The Washington Post. In a three-decade career at The Post, Robinson has been city hall reporter, city editor, foreign correspondent in Buenos Aires and London, foreign editor, and assistant managing editor in charge of the paper's Style section. **Subscribe to our mailing list for more information.**

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