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FRIDAY CONT'D.

11:05–12:00 p.m.—Panel
Exiled but not silenced: Technology and the global surge of displaced journalists

- Moderator: Summer Harlow, associate director, Knight Center
- Carlos Lauría, executive director, Inter American Press Association
- Maral Jekta, managing director, JX Fund – European Fund for Journalism in Exile (Germany)
- Jose Zamora, regional director, Americas, Committee to Protect Journalists
- Sarah Zaaimi, communications manager, Reporters Without Borders (RSF)

12:00–12:30 p.m.—Insights and discussion
Measuring and managing AI traffic: What does it mean for the future of journalism?

- Kinsey Wilson, founder and head, Newspaper @ Automatic
- Jill Nicholson, chief marketing officer, Chartbeat
- Dan Petty, independent consultant and former director of audience strategy, ProPublica

12:30–2:00 p.m.—**Lunch break**

12:35–1:50 p.m.—Lunch workshop in the Quadrangle Room (Available only to pre-registered attendees.)

AI tools for newsrooms

- Mago Torres, GNI trainer for North America, Google News Initiative

2:00–3:00 p.m.—Panel
The next disruption: How agentic AI will reshape news consumption

- Moderator: Rosental Calmon Alves, founder and director, ISOJ/Knight Center
- Florent Daudens, co-founder and CEO, Mizal (Canada)
- Nathalie Malinarich, executive news editor for digital development and AI, BBC (UK)
- Zach Seward, editorial director of A.I. initiatives, The New York Times

3:00–3:30 p.m.—Rapid research roundup

- Sue Robinson, Helen Firstbrook Franklin Professor of Journalism, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Jay Barchas-Lichtenstein, senior research manager, Center for News, Technology & Innovation
- Benjamin Toff, associate professor and director, Minnesota Journalism Center, University of Minnesota
- Gina Masullo, associate professor and associate director, Center for Media Engagement, University of Texas at Austin

3:30–4:00 a.m.—**Coffee break**

4:00–4:15 p.m.—Presentation
Global trends in digital news sustainability in the age of AI

- Janine Warner, executive director and co-founder, SembraMedia

4:15–5:00 p.m.— Fireside Chat

Who shapes the future of news? A conversation about AI, platforms and journalism's next chapter

- Allison Murphy, chief operating officer, Axios
- Neil Chase, CEO, CalMatters

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.—Santa Rita Room

19th Iberoamerican Colloquium on Journalism

This annual gathering of journalists from Latin America, Spain and Portugal is conducted entirely in Spanish, without interpretation. Available only to pre-registered attendees.

- Keynote speaker: Carmen Aristegui, award-winning Mexican journalist



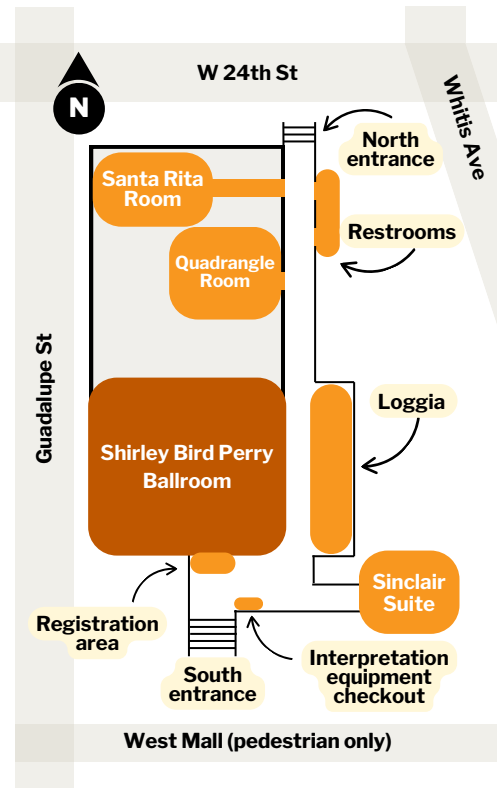
PROGRAM

International Symposium on Journalism

September 17-18, 2026
University of Texas at Austin



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THURSDAY

Unless noted otherwise, all sessions are in the Shirley Bird Perry Ballroom in the Texas Union, located at 2308 Whitits Ave in Austin, Texas.

7:30–8:30 a.m.—Registration and breakfast

8:30–9:00 a.m. —Opening Inspiration

- Rosental Calmon Alves, founder and director, ISOJ/Knight Center
- Tom Rosenstiel, Eleanor Merrill Scholar on the Future of Journalism and professor of the practice, University of Maryland Philip Merrill College of Journalism

9:00–9:45 a.m.—Keynote

The journalistic superpower: My plan for what comes next

- Keynote speaker: Elizabeth Green, CEO and founder, Civic News Company
- Moderator: Marisa Kwiatkowski, director of journalism, Knight Foundation

9:45–10:45 a.m.—Panel

Future of public and nonprofit media

- Moderator: Luis Patiño, CEO, Austin PBS & Austin City Limits
- Sarah Adler Hartman, CEO, The Texas Tribune
- Ashley Alvarado, president and CEO, Texas Public Radio
- Melissa Bell, CEO, Chicago Public Media
- Lauren Gustus, executive editor and CEO, The Salt Lake Tribune

10:45–10:50 a.m.—Special Announcement

- Trei Brundrett, founder-in-residence, New_Public
- Melissa Bell, CEO, Chicago Public Media

10:50–11:10 a.m.—Coffee break

11:10 a.m.–12:10 p.m.—Lightning presentations + discussion

Rebuilding trust: Community-centered journalism in an age of misinformation, crisis and uncertainty

- Moderator: Lynette Clemetson, director, Wallace House Center for Journalists, University of Michigan
- Jody Chong, executive director, City Bureau
- Martina Guzmán, founder, VERDAD
- Vanan Murugesan, executive director, Sahan Journal
- Nina Weingrill, journalist and researcher, D.I.G – Democratic Information Governance (Brazil)

12:10–12:40 p.m.—Spotlight talks

Innovating to build community: Live journalism, games and more

- Laura Aguirre, co-founder and strategic director, Alharaca (El Salvador/Germany)
- Madeleine Bair, founder & co-executive director, El Tímpano
- Catarina Carvalho, editor and founder, Mensagem de Lisboa (Portugal)

12:40–2:00 p.m.—Lunch break

12:50–1:50 p.m.—Lunch workshop in the Quadrangle Room (Available only to pre-registered attendees.)

How might we build future-ready news organizations?

- Becca Aaronson, chief product officer, News Product Alliance
- Eric Ulken, 2026 John S. Knight Journalism Fellow, Stanford University

2:00–3:00 p.m.—Lightning presentations + discussion

Independent and creator journalists and the new information economy

- Moderator: Mallery Tenore Tarpley, assistant professor of practice, UT-Austin
- Micah Gelman, CEO, Local News International
- Liz Kelly Nelson, founder, Project C
- Aaron Parnas, independent journalist, The Parnas Perspective

3:00–4:10 p.m.—Panel

Reporting the U.S. midterms: Domestic and international eyes on democracy

- Moderator: David Ryfe, director and professor, School of Journalism and Media, UT-Austin
- Bhagyashree Garekar, U.S. bureau chief, The Straits Times (Singapore)
- Patrick Svitek, politics reporter, CNN
- Macarena Vidal, U.S. correspondent, El País (Spain)
- Patrick Marley, national reporter, Washington Post
- Anna Johnson, Washington bureau chief, The Associated Press

4:10–4:30 p.m.—Coffee break

4:30–5:15 p.m.—Fireside chat

What does it take for journalism to be trusted in a democracy? Lessons from community and local journalism

- Adam Ganucheau, executive editor and chief content officer, Deep South Today
- Richard Gingras, board chair, Village Media

5:15–5:30 p.m.—Skill sharing

Listening as leadership for resilient newsrooms

- Luisa Ortiz Pérez, executive director, The Media Resilience Network

5:30–7:00 p.m.—The Moody Party

A welcome reception offered by the Moody College of Communication, UT Austin.

FRIDAY

8:00–8:50 a.m.—Research breakfast workshop in the Quadrangle Room (Available only to pre-registered attendees.)

AI in journalism education and academic research

- Moderators: Amy Schmitz Weiss, professor, San Diego State University; and Cindy Royal, professor and regents' teacher, Texas State University

9:00–9:45 a.m.—Keynote

The fork in the road: Journalism's AI moment

- Keynote speaker: Jonathan Greenberger, global editor in chief, POLITICO
- Moderator: Upasna Gautam, head of Product & AI Studio, American Journalism Project; board chairwoman, News Product Alliance

9:45–10:45 a.m.—Panel

Reaching young audiences

- Moderator: Jeremy Gilbert, professor and Knight Chair in Digital Media Strategy, Medill, Northwestern University
- Ryan Kellett, co-founder, The Independent Journalism Atlas
- Sisi Wei, chief impact officer, CalMatters & The Markup
- Adriana Lacy, founder and CEO, Field Nine Group, Influencer Journalism

10:45–11:05 a.m.—Coffee break

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