

Event Series: "Making Journalism Matter"

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This is the place where you can find information about the passions and beliefs held dear by Cole C. Campbell concerning the role of journalism and journalists in our democracy.

To honor and further Cole's ideas, we have established the Cole C. Campbell Dialogue on Democracy endowment. These conversations will be held throughout the year in various places and media across the country.

Please check back often to learn about upcoming events and contribute your own thoughts and support to the dialogues

Upcoming Events

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First Cole Campbell Symposium

The University of Alabama, December 2-4, 2007

We are pleased to announce that The Knight Community Journalism Fellows at the University of Alabama and the *Anniston (AL) Star* will present the Cole Campbell Symposium, Dec. 2-4, as part of the Campbell Dialogues on Democracy. Please check back for more information.

Conversations

What are "The Cole C. Campbell Dialogues on Journalism and Democracy?"

Cole C. Campbell was passionate in his belief that journalism should play an essential role in a healthy democracy. He constantly challenged those in the fields of journalism and journalism education to find ways to tap into the needs and voices of the people within the public – to engage individuals and the community in order to hear, validate, and problem-solve with them on issues of the day.

Calendar

January 2008

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Jay Harris Urges The Press to Balance Rights and Responsibilities, Help with Renewal of Civic Virtue

September 19th, 2007 Ed Lenert



Journalist and educator Jay T. Harris celebrated the life of the late Dean of Journalism, Cole C. Campbell, and called for the newspaper industry to renew its concern with preserving the civic foundation our Republic.

Speaking at a September 19, 2007, Constitution Day address at the University of Nevada, Reno, Harris, former publisher of *The San Jose Mercury News*, emphasized "the moral right of the people to be well-served by the press" and called for a "journalism that met the needs of the sovereigns of our nation."

Harris, who holds the Wallis Annenberg Chair in Journalism and Democracy at the University of Southern California, highlighted the fact that the US Constitution created a system of rights and responsibilities, and emphasized that the right of freedom of expression guaranteed to The Press comes with corresponding duties to all of the citizens of the republic.

Recalling the words of Robert Hutchins, the former president of the University of Chicago, Harris reminded the audience that, "...since the citizen's political duty is at stake, the right to have an adequate service of news becomes a public responsibility as well."

Harris, the Inaugural Cole C. Campbell Dialogue on Democracy speaker, observed that Campbell, the late Dean of the Reynolds School of Journalism, "was on a quest, as many journalists and citizens are on a quest, to transform the Press of today into the people's tool for self-government and the protection of American liberty."

He praised Campbell as true friend of the people, the press and American democracy, and noted that while he and other newspaper editors such as Campbell often disagreed on the means, "we all agreed on the end," Harris said.

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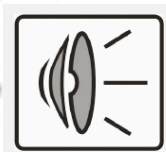


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Rosemary McCarthy interviews Jay Harris for the inaugural

Cole C. Campbell Dialogue on Democracy event.



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(10 minutes, requires Flash)



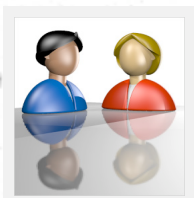
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Summing up, Harris recalled that Dean Campbell said that "We must enlarge our conception of journalism beyond merely printing news to help make people make sense of their lives of their times. To do that, we must hone our minds and our methods in order to probe deeper."

At the end of his address, "Rights and Responsibilities: The People, the Press and the Constitution," Harris posed several questions. To respond, **click "comment,"** below

- (1) How are the emerging communications technologies changing the traditional civic role of journalism?
- (2) Harris also said that The Press can help mold the future of the republic, and emphasized that the press is the educator of the public. So, to what extent is the teaching of values appropriate in Journalism School? How well are citizens and journalists fulfilling their mutual civic responsibilities?
- (3) In Harris' view, the demands of the American system of capitalism and the traditional role of The Press as a public trust in a republic are in conflict. So, in a system of government that depends on journalism, how should requirements of the market and the needs of citizens be reconciled?

Please join our emerging Dialogue on Journalism and Democracy.



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Inaugural Cole C. Campbell Dialogue on Democracy Event

September 1st, 2007 CCDD Staff



What: The 2007 Dialogue speaker will be **Jay T. Harris**, a professor at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California where he holds the Wallis Annenberg Chair in Journalism and Communications. He will speak on the topic of, "Rights and responsibilities: The People, The Press and the Constitution"

When: Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 7:00 PM

Where: ASUN Auditorium, Jot Travis Student Union, University of Nevada, Reno.

More info: (775) 784-6531

Parking is available in the Brian J. Whalen Complex south of Lawlor Events Center on Virginia St.

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