

Free public forum on postwar journalism set for April 2 at UCSD

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FREE PUBLIC FORUM ON "POSTWAR JOURNALISM...IS YOUR FIRST AMENDMENT MISSING IN ACTION?" SET FOR APRIL 2 AT UCSD

Concerned that censorship of the media will spread, the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) and the University of California, San Diego are inviting the public to join a panel of war correspondents and media critics to scrutinize the state of the First Amendment on Tuesday, April 2. The free public forum, to be followed by a hosted reception, will be held at 7 p.m. at UCSD's Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) auditorium.

The forum marks the ninth in a series of "Project Watchdog" programs produced by the SPJ San Diego Chapter to assist the public's understanding of the news media. KNSD-TV news anchor Marty Levin will moderate the 90 minute program entitled "Post-War Journalism...Is Your First Amendment Missing in Action?" Levin will employ a question-answer format similar to his "Third Thursday" TV program, which relies heavily on audience participation. The panelists will include:

* S. Lynne Walker, war correspondent for the San Diego Union; * Daniel Hallin, professor of communication at UCSD and an authority on media coverage during wartime;

* Jim Michaels, war correspondent for the San Diego Tribune;

* William Stothers, media critic and ombudsman for the San Diego Union;

* Dana Levin, war correspondent and photographer for KFMBTV, and;

* A public spokesperson for the U.S. Marine Corps (tentative).

The April 2 program will be taped by Cox Cable (Channel 4) for countywide cablecast on April 9. The program will also be aired on Daniels Cablevision (Channel 3) on April 15, and on Southwestern Cable (Channel 16) on April 14.

The local "Project Watchdog" program was one of only two in the nation to be honored last fall at the national SPJ conference. The upcoming program is being sponsored by SPJ in cooperation with UCSD.

Parking permits are required for evening events at UCSD. They can be purchased for \$1 at the Gilman and Northview Drive entrances to the campus.

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