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**THE PRESS AND POLITICS:
An Examination of the Coverage of Campaign 2008**

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Monday through Friday: June 9th to June 13th 2008

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Does the media merely report the news or, by story selection and emphasis, does journalism shape the public conversation in a presidential election year? We will explore the pivotal role of the press - for good and ill - in the ongoing Campaign of 2008, examining news coverage as it happens and revisiting questions raised about: Barack Obama's pastor, John McCain's favorite lobbyist and Hillary Clinton's not-so-close encounter with sniper fire in Bosnia.

Eileen McNamara became a Professor of the Practice of Journalism at Brandeis University last year after a nearly 30-year career at *The Boston Globe*, a career she began as a secretary in the newsroom and ended as a Pulitzer Prize winning columnist (in 1997). A graduate of Barnard College and the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, she was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard and an adjunct lecturer at Brandeis for 13 years before joining the faculty full-time. In her career at *The Globe* she covered everything from the night police beat to the United States Congress but made her greatest impact writing long investigative and magazine pieces on such pressing social issues as domestic violence, infant mortality and urban violence. For that work, she has been recognized with awards from Sigma Delta Chi, The American Society of Newspaper Editors and the Robert F. Kennedy Foundation. The mother of two college students and a high school junior, she is married to sportswriter Peter May who covers professional basketball for *The Boston Globe*.

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