

The Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism

at Brandeis University

Schuster Institute Welcomes New Fellows

The Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism welcomes four investigative journalists as Senior Fellows to the **Institute's Ethics & Justice Investigative Journalism Fellowships**. They join 14 other Fellows in working with Institute staff and Brandeis University student research assistants on reporting projects related to social justice and human rights issues that are often underreported by mainstream media.

The fellowship program is supported by a grant from the **Ethics & Excellence in Journalism Foundation** and a gift from the **Elaine and Gerald Schuster Charitable Trust**. Some fellows are selected through a Schuster Institute collaboration with the **Fund for Investigative Journalism** in Washington, D.C. which awards financial grants to investigative journalists for major projects.

Trevor Aaronson



Trevor Aaronson is co-director of the Florida Center for Investigative Reporting and author of the forthcoming book "The Terror Factory: Inside the FBI's Manufactured War on Terrorism." Aaronson has won more than 25 journalism awards, including the Molly Prize, the Data Journalism Award and the John Jay College/H.F. Guggenheim Excellence in Criminal Justice Reporting Award. His recent [story for Mother Jones](#) probed the FBI's network of spies/informants created to thwart domestic terrorism attacks.

Phillip Martin



Phillip Martin is Senior Investigative Reporter for WGBH Boston Public Radio, a regular panelist for [Basic Black](#), and hosts PBS World TV Channel's Presidential Primary coverage 2012. He has reported on human trafficking in southern New England, carbon offset schemes, police training and race, among other topics. He is an adjunct professor at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management and Executive Producer for [Lifted Veils Productions](#).

Maryn McKenna



Maryn McKenna is a journalist and author specializing in public health, global health and food policy. She blogs for [Wired](#) and is a columnist and contributing editor for [Scientific American](#). She [writes for](#) SELF, Nature, the Guardian, China Newsweek, MSNBC and other national and international publications and is the author of [Superbug](#) (2010) and [Beating Back the Devil](#) (2004), both published by Simon & Schuster.

James Verini



James Verini is a journalist based in New York. He has written for Vanity Fair, the [New York Times Magazine](#), National Geographic, Wired, Foreign Policy and Newyorker.com, among other publications. While a contributing editor at Conde Nast Portfolio magazine, he was twice nominated for a National Magazine Award. He's reported from Russia, Palestine, India, Japan, and Latin American. When not chasing after thieves and smugglers, he likes to write about boxers and musicians.

Other News

Appearances

June 15. The Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism hosted two panels and participated on two others at this year's **Investigative Reporters and Editors** (IRE) conference in Boston.

Video: [Showcase Panel: Investigating Power](#)

Video: [Truthiness in Investigative Reporting](#)

Video: [Guilty Until Proven Innocent—
The role of journalists in exonerating the innocent](#)

Video: [Investigating Slavery in the Supply Chain](#)

[Event pictures](#)

June 19. Schuster Institute Executive Editor **Melissa Ludtke** joined a panel discussing the “Role of the Media in Advancing Gender Equality, Accountability and Good Governance” at the inaugural **Women in Public Service Summer Institute** at Wellesley College.

Awards

The American Jewish Press Association [awarded](#) Senior Fellow **Hella Winston** first place in the category of Excellence in News Reporting for “In Lakewood Abuse Cases: A Parallel System of Justice,” and second place for “Tragedy in Borough Park Puts Shomrim Under Scrutiny.” Both pieces were published by The New York Jewish Week.

The Overseas Press Club of America honored Senior Fellow **Erin Siegal** with a Robert Spiers Benjamin Award Citation for her work on “Finding Fernanda,” as did the Society of Professional Journalists (Northern California) with a James Madison Award, and the Independent Publishers Book Award with a Gold IPPY.

The Society of Professional Journalists honored Senior Fellow **Madeline Drexler** and Fellow **Rebekah Cowell** with Sigma Delta Chi Awards for their reporting on United States food safety policies and municipal policies in North Carolina that historically place wastelands near low-income communities, respectively. [Press release](#)>

Books

Beacon Press published Senior Fellow Erin Siegal’s award-winning book about international adoption corruption in Guatemala, “**Finding Fernanda: Two Mothers, One Child, and a Cross-Border Search for Truth.**” [More](#)>

Scribner published Senior Fellow and award-winning author Tracie McMillan's book **"The American Way of Eating: Undercover at Walmart, Applebee's, Farm Fields and the Dinner Table."**

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Profiles

American University Professor Charles Lewis [featured Florence Graves](#), Schuster Institute Founding Director, in **"Investigating Power,"** a new online resource featuring 26 prominent investigative journalists and their contributions to "great moments in history." The project was created to spotlight the crucial value of investigative reporting to the health of our democracy.

Brandeis Magazine featured Schuster Institute Assistant Director **Lindsay Markel** and her work for the **Justice Brandeis Innocence Project** in ["Quest for Justice"](#) by Theresa Pease.

Commentary

["Supreme Court Issues Three Major Rulings As Drama Mounts,"](#) by Senior Fellow Andrew Kreig, June 25, The Justice Integrity Project.

["Rove Repeatedly Lies on Fox News About Siegelman Case,"](#) by Senior Fellow Andrew Kreig, June 23, The Justice Integrity Project.

["Who Loves You, Baby?"](#) by Senior Fellow **E.J. Graff**, June 22, The American Prospect.

["Why Does The Atlantic Hate Women?"](#) by Senior Fellow **E.J. Graff**, June 21, The American Prospect.

["Commentary: Did slaves catch your seafood?"](#) by Schuster Institute Program Associate **Sophie Elsner**, April 12, GlobalPost.

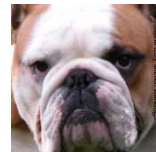
Who we are:

[The Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism at Brandeis University](#), founded in 2004, is the nation's first nonprofit investigative reporting center based at a university, and the only one with a central focus on social justice and human rights.

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