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In these times when journalists are disrespected, condemned, ridiculed, assaulted and constantly face layoffs, pay cuts and worse, let it be known that we honor and support journalists and journalism. Keep at it. Your work is important to the people and essential to democracy itself. - Roger Summers

* In the days of hot type, a chaser was a late edition of the newspaper for which the presses were not stopped until the plates were ready. Those pages were said to be "chasing" a running press.

Fort Worth SPJ's own Rebecca Aguilar voted first Latina SPJ national president-elect

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Remote work is killing the hidden trillion-dollar office economy

Sierra Club: Racism is killing the planet

Texas pols, megachurches receive millions in PPP small-business loans

Next at Fort Worth SPJ ... celebrating national News Engagement Day

For observers who consider a free press crucial to a democratic society and worry that not enough people appreciate this, a Fort Worth SPJ panel will Zoom the matter at 6 p.m. Sept. 30 in commemoration of national News Engagement Day.

News Engagement Day, Oct. 6, complements a global campaign aimed at reversing the public's declining attention to news, lack of understanding about journalism, and waning trust in the news media. People worldwide are being encouraged that day to "read, watch, like, tweet, post, listen to or comment on news, and learn news reporting principles."

Journalism educators Dr. **Tracy Everbach**, **Jake Batsell**, Dr. **Sarah Maben**, Dr. **Kim Pewitt-Jones** and Dr. **Kay Colley** (moderator) will discuss how journalists and j-supporters can support the effort. [More here.](#)

To join the meeting (via phone or computer):

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QUICK HITS

- Arlington Conservation Council — no meetings scheduled, but volunteer activities abound at the Molly Hollar Wildscape in Veterans Park. [Info.](#)
- BRIT — it's all happening at the speed of Zoom. [Info.](#)
- GFW PRSA virtual webinar, "The Art and (Brain) Science of Effective Communications," with **Kristin Graham**, Amazon — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7. [Info.](#)
- Dow Jones News Fund — deadline Nov. 9 for college juniors, seniors and graduate students to apply for paid summer 2021 internships in data journalism, digital media, business reporting and multiplatform editing. [Info.](#)
- Meetups: [hosting an online event](#) Fort Worth Chapter – Nonfiction Authors Association ... [Trinity Arts Writers Workshop](#) ... [20BooksTo50k - Michael Anderle](#) ... [Fort Worth Area Journalists Meetup](#) ... [The DFW Bloggers Classroom](#)

IN THE WORKPLACE: GET A JOB *Listings in [journalismjobs.com](#) and [dfwcommunicators.com](#) appear in this report.* The Fort Worth Star-Telegram seeks a state government/politics reporter, to be based in Austin, and a local government/politics reporter who will work out of Fort Worth. [Info.](#) ... Texas Monthly has an immediate full-time opening for a copy editor. Primary focus on the print magazine but may be asked to edit web copy and scripts for audio and video stories. Remote work for now. [Info.](#) ... [Solutions Journalism Network](#) has a part-time copy editor opening, variable hours, remote work, \$55/hour. [Info.](#) ... The [Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting](#) seeks a full-time environment investigations editor. Remote work. [Info.](#)

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“What is good journalism?”



Rambler staff members being themselves on Facebook.

ON CAMPUS The Rambler at Texas Wesleyan University scored a double handful of awards in Texas Intercollegiate Press Association and College Media Association spring judging, including a website first place and newspaper second place in Overall Excellence at TIPA. The Rambler was a finalist for a CMA Pinnacle Award in its division. TIPA announced seven individual first places, five seconds, eight thirds and four honorable mentions — 24 awards total — on the work of Rambler staffers **Hannah Lathan, Ashton Willis, Elizabeth Lloyd, LaTerra Wair, Tina Huynh, Elena Maldonado, Amanda Roach, Tyreeyana Otkins, Lexi Barlow, Hannah Onder, Queen Elizondo and Hope Allison.**



UNT's **Tracy Everbach** moderates a breakout session on the language journalists use to discuss sensitive topics such as race, gender and identity.

SPJ2020: It all just worked, and well

SPJ's first virtual national conference brought journalists together for two days of learning and sharing in a year of extraordinary news events — a global pandemic, racial justice protests, attacks on journalists at the highest level of government and arrests by law enforcement, and an upcoming national election that looks to be one of the most contentious in history.

Replays of the sessions will remain online through spring 2021. [Retrieve your passkey](#) for full access.

While lacking the traditional face-to-face camaraderie, the conference used Zoom to advantage, lining up working, real-time experts on topics from newsroom diversity to freelancing to covering covid-19. Breakout sessions explored journalists' mental health, science coverage, using Census data to enhance news stories, accessing healthy records and newsroom ethics.

Fort Worth SPJ member and national president-elect **Rebecca Aguilar** interviewed PBS NewsHour anchor **Judy Woodruff** about Woodruff's former PBS colleague, **Gwen Ifill**, who was named an SPJ fellow. She also talked to Washington Post opinions contributor **Michele Norris** and Ifill's brother, **Bert Ifill**, about his sister's legacy.

Also named SPJ fellows were **Jorge Ramos**, Emmy Award winner and anchor for "Noticiero Univision" since 1986; **Nikole Hannah-Jones**, a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter covering racial injustice for The New York Times and creator of the "1619 Project," which places slavery and black Americans' contributions in the narrative of early U.S. history; **Les Zaitz**, an editor and publisher in Oregon whose family rescued a newspaper from closure; and **Marty Baron**, executive editor of The Washington Post.

During closing ceremonies, SPJ announced that Aguilar was elected president, tallying more than 62 percent of the vote; she will take office in September 2021. She is SPJ's first Latina president and previously served as secretary-treasurer. Freelance writer and author **Kathryn Jones** was re-elected Region 8 coordinator.

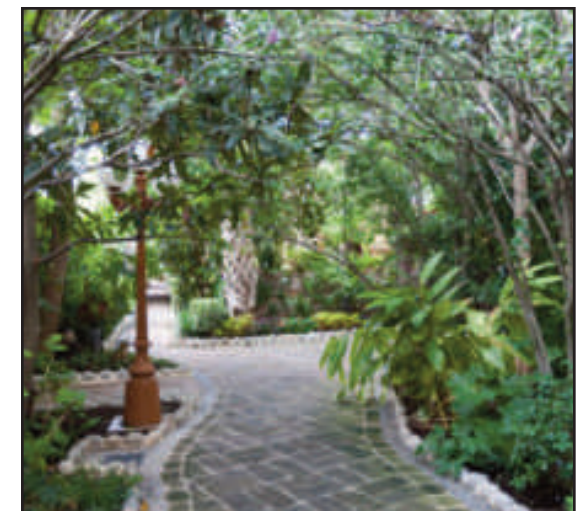
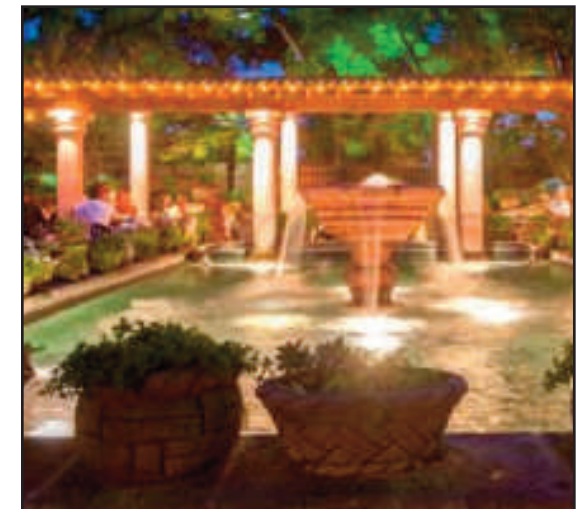
UNT journalism professor **Tracy Everbach**, a member of the SPJ Diversity Committee, moderated a panel, "Words Matter," about the language journalists use in coverage of race/gender/identity issues.

— Kathryn Jones

F.O.I.F.T. UPDATE: The Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas continues to hear from Texans who have encountered barriers to obtaining public information amid the pandemic. The FOIFT is tracking these problems as it works on solutions for how the Texas Public Information Act and the Texas Open Meetings Act should function during such an unprecedented emergency. [Details.](#)

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PEOPLE & PLACES The artists' platform CreativeMornings has opened a Fort Worth outpost, which recently received its Texas nonprofit designation. Chapter host **Vivian Carrasco**: "CreativeMornings/Fort Worth was born out of a great love for this city and a desire to create a space that supports, celebrates and encourages us to make the things we love. We firmly believe that everyone is creative, and that a creative life requires bravery and action, honesty and hard work. Anyone can be these things. CreativeMornings/Fort Worth is a space for everyone at all stages of their lives and careers." [More here.](#)

OVER & OUT | [John Dycus](#), Fort Worth SPJ

Substance. Import. Timeliness. Tech that was almost bullet-proof. SPJ2020 powerhoused its way onto your computer screens, America, and left you wanting (needing) more. Thank you, **Patti Gallagher Newberry**, **John Shertzer** and your board/headquarters teams for a remarkable weekend of meaningful. The assembled exceptionals are as important as they are determined. They are patriots, truly. May they always have a democracy in which to ply their trade. ...

New SPJ president **Matt Hall** has a thing for impassioned, involved volunteers on committees. He writes: "I'm asking you to help me diversify and enrich our committees by joining — and encouraging others to join — [at least one of these groups](#): Awards and Honors, Bylaws, Diversity, Ethics, Finance, Freedom of Information, Journalism Education, Membership, Nominations or Resolutions. Not only will you be helping SPJ, but you will gain the invaluable experience, camaraderie and networking that comes with being a leader in the most broad-based journalism organization in the United States." Reach Matt at smallhalls@gmail.com. ...

From **Jennifer Henderson**: "My office window is my temperature gauge on Fort Worth's economy. I've seen the small businesses across the street turn their lights on every morning and off at night, and I've watched the constant hustle of patrons in and out of those businesses. I was saddened this spring when that hustle slowed down, but now, thankfully, it's starting to feel a little more normal and I sense the economic temperature rising." Here's to hope!

SPJ factoids: The United States Postal Service [warned employees that they should not speak to the press](#) and that any customer asking lots of questions may be a journalist sneakily trying to get information. Memos sent to employees instructed them to direct reporters through official channels to, as the USPS put it, "protect its brand." ...

The White House began [compiling a "very large" dossier](#) on Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington Post reporter **David Fahrenthold** and reporters **Josh Dawsey** and **Joshua Partlow** after the Post requested comment for a story the journalists wrote that detailed how President **Trump's** company was charging the U.S. government for services at his resort, Mar-a-Lago. ...

Los Angeles NPR station KPCC reporter **Josie Huang** was [forced to the ground and arrested](#) while covering the ambush shooting of two sheriff's deputies. A video of the skirmish shows five deputies handcuffing her as she repeatedly screamed, "KPCC!" ...

While many American voters [don't expect to know who wins on election night](#), news organizations are getting advice on [how to avoid an election-night disaster](#) with their coverage. ...

The campaign for the Pennsylvania Senate's top Republican, **Joseph Scarnati**, [is suing a publication](#) of LNP Media Group and two journalists who uncovered questionable spending by the lawmaker and other politicians. Media experts say that if the suit prevails, it could make it easier for politicians to hide their campaign spending from the public while at the same time have a chilling effect on investigative reporting. ...

Journalists who cover education [must track constant updates](#), as many K-12 schools and colleges reopen in the midst of the pandemic. Reporters are also navigating how to cover a beat and find sources when they can't physically be there. Another issue they face is [how to convey the risks](#) and the inevitable reports of school-based infections without fanning readers' fears. College media outlets are [casting critical eyes at administrators](#). ...

Gallup and the Knight Foundation released their [2020 American Views](#) survey, which found deepening pessimism and further partisan entrenchment about how the news media delivers on its democratic mandate for factual, trustworthy information.

Caught my eye: [Conservation efforts prevented dozens of extinctions, study says.](#) ... [Are radioactive diamond batteries a cure for nuclear waste?](#)

Closing words [with gratitude to **Garrison Keillor** and Prairie Home Productions]: "Religion is the everlasting dialogue between humanity and God. Art is the soliloquy." — **Franz Werfel**

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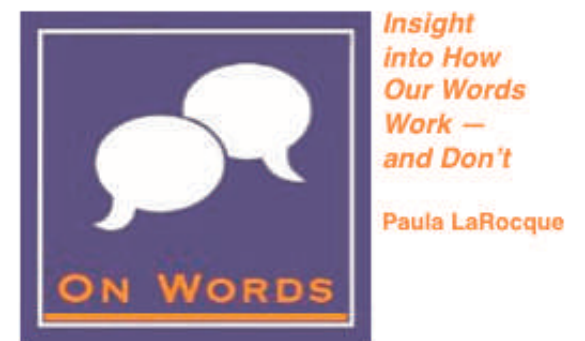
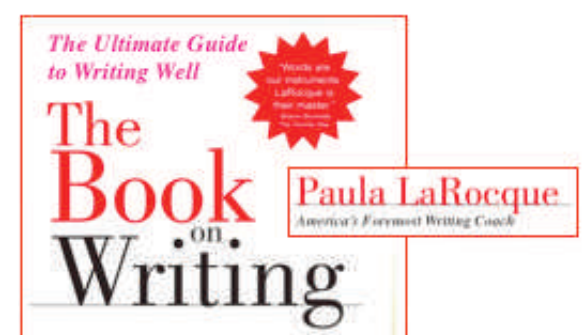
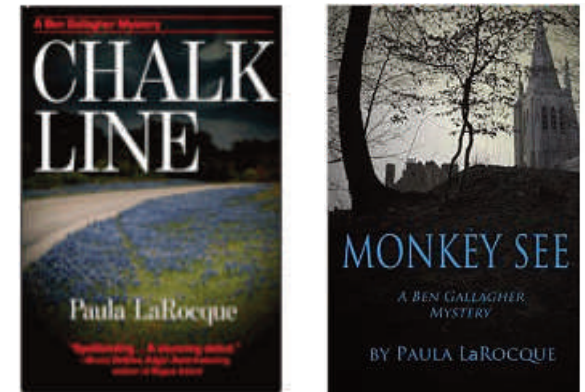
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