

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

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Doug Newsom, 1934-2021



Dr. **Doug Newsom**, APR, Fellow PRSA, a nationally recognized academic in public relations and a force of nature as a professor and department chair of the TCU journalism program, died May 24. She was 87.

She joined Fort Worth SPJ in 1981 and was third in length of local membership at the time of her death. She was the second woman president of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), according to the association, which honored her in establishing the [Doug Newsom Award for Global Ethics and Diversity](#).

A professor emerita in the TCU Schieffer School of Journalism, she authored several books, including "This is PR: The Realities of Public Relations," first published in 1976. Dr. **Dean Kruckeberg**, APR, Fellow PRSA, a coauthor on subsequent editions, called her "a great influence and role model for hundreds of educators as well as for untold numbers of her former students." She retired from TCU in 2009.

Dr. Newsom was a trailblazer — first woman to win PRSA's Educator of the Year Award in 1982, first PR educator to be AEJMC president in 1985, first recipient of the Educator of the Year award from the Public Relations Foundation of Texas in 2008.

She was in PRSA 48 years and served as president of both the Dallas and Fort Worth chapters and as a national faculty adviser to PRSSA. She chaired the College of Fellows in 1992.

She received PRSA's highest individual honor, the Gold Anvil Award, at the PRSA 2016 International Conference in Indianapolis.

"Public relations has been my career path for as long as I can remember. Many colleagues guided that path and offered advice and wise counsel," she said at the time. "Doing the same for others is what I try to do through LinkedIn, articles, textbooks and during conferences. My mantra at TCU was 'the most important part of your education was learning how to learn.'"

— Robert Bohler and the Public Relations Society of America contributed to this report.

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- Arlington Conservation Council remote monthly program, "Dallas Comprehensive Environmental & Climate Action Plan: An Overview," with **Susan Alvarez**, Dallas Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 2. [Info.](#)
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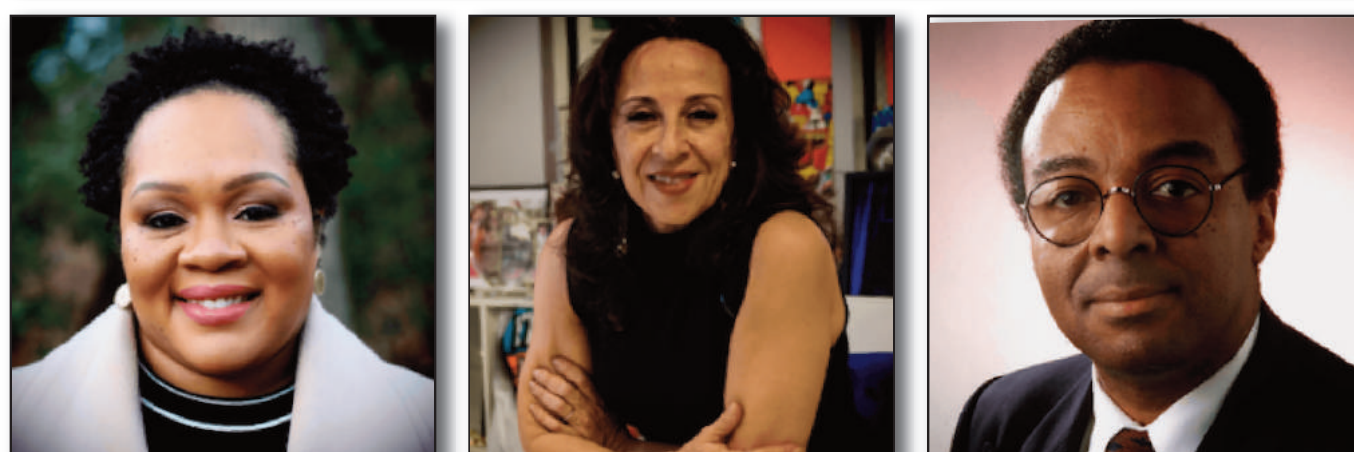


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The SPJ Board of Directors voted to make this year’s convention a hybrid affair, letting participants choose whether to attend in person in New Orleans or virtually from home or the office. SPJ21 is Sept. 2-4 and will feature outstanding educational programming, networking, career-building opportunities and social activities.

Both virtual and on-site attendees should anticipate a comprehensive conference experience. Watch your e-mail inbox and SPJ's social media for registration details and more information.

Events will be streamed live and available later on demand for all attendees, and technology will allow virtual attendees to chat, network and interact in real time with event speakers.



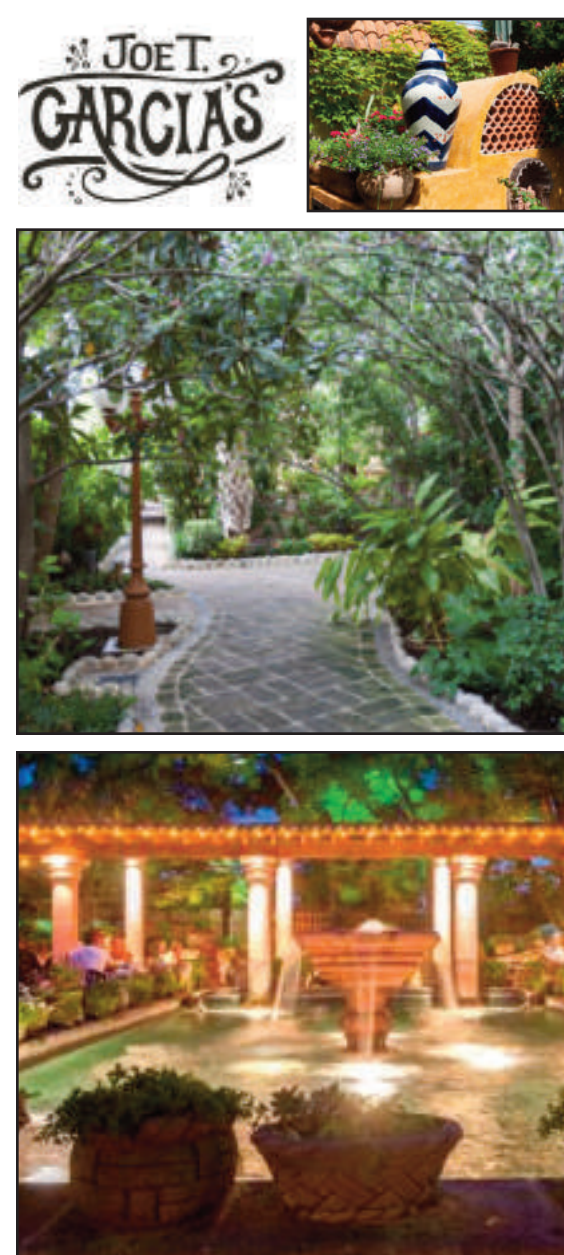
F.O.I.F.T. UPDATE Texas lawmakers approved two key transparency measures this legislative session to ensure greater access to public records after some governments closed off information during the pandemic. Gov. **Greg Abbott** signed both bills in the final days of the session. The laws take effect Sept. 1. Senate Bill 930 guarantees the public’s right to know about coronavirus and other communicable disease outbreaks in nursing homes and assisted living centers. Senate Bill 1225 updates existing law to clarify how governmental bodies can use the “catastrophe notice” provision of the Texas Public Information Act. [Details](#). ... The public will gain access to information on covid-19 and other communicable disease outbreaks in Texas nursing homes and assisted living centers under a bipartisan transparency bill signed into law May 24. [Details](#).

PEOPLE & PLACES The Salt Lake Tribune has switched to totally digital except for one print newspaper per week — a weekender, distributed by mail. Some other newspapers have done the same. Fort Worth Star-Telegram unofficial historian **Roger Summers** forecasts more of this in 2021. **Lauren Gustus**, one-time editor of the Star-Telegram, is now Tribune executive editor. ... **Jessamy Brown**, right, APR, has completed her master’s degree in strategic communication and innovation from Texas Tech University. She serves as secretary on the 2021 Greater Fort Worth PRSA Board of Directors and is an integral part of the communications team at JPS Health Network.



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

Our friend **Paula LaRocque** faces significant rehab after breaking her hip. The LaRocques' daughter, **Carol Martin**, drove over from Louisiana to help out and is looking for an apartment or small house and maybe a job. Any resources you can offer, reach husband **Paul** at paullarocque@sbcglobal.net or 817 271-7060.

SPJ factoids: SPJ has urged the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill to [reconsider denying Nikole Hannah-Jones a tenured professorship](#). Hannah-Jones, a Pulitzer Prize winner and 2020 SPJ Fellow of the Society, was named the Hussman School of Media and Journalism Knight chair, a position historically offered with tenure. ...

CNN anchor **Chris Cuomo** advised his brother, New York Gov. **Andrew Cuomo**, on conference calls how to handle sexual misconduct allegations made by women who had worked with the governor, [The Washington Post reported](#). SPJ national president **Matt Hall** told [The Hill](#) that Cuomo [should not have been on the calls](#). ...

With more newspapers closing or relocating, concerned residents are looking to their local libraries for solutions. **Scott Converse** in Colorado likes the idea of a [publicly funded newspaper](#) published through the city library. [More here](#). In New Hampshire, **Michael Sullivan** and his fellow librarians are [producing a weekly newspaper](#) to fill the void left when their town's newspaper closed. ...

ProPublica is [experimenting with plain language stories](#) about people with disabilities. [Forbes](#) contributor **Andrew Pulrang**: "Although the general idea of making information accessible to people with cognitive disabilities isn't new, it's an area of accessibility that is surprisingly ignored." ...

According to [Axios'](#) **Sara Fischer**, a [record number of journalists unionized during the pandemic](#) — more than 1,800 in 2020. [News media unionization efforts have seen a massive uptick during the pandemic](#). [The Kansas City Star](#) and [The Appeal](#), a nonprofit news outlet that reports on criminal justice issues, announced their intentions May 10. ...

The fourth annual [Press Freedom Report](#) from the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press revealed the numbing extent of police violence against journalists during a year of protest by analyzing data from the [U.S. Press Freedom Tracker](#). Arrests of journalists increased 1,400 percent in 2020, with at least 134 reporters arrested or charged. ...

The Bureau of Indian Education [fired the president of Haskell Indian Nations University](#), **Ronald Graham**, after an internal investigation revealed he was stifling the free speech rights of students and faculty.

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Closing words [with gratitude to **Garrison Keillor** and Prairie Home Productions]: "I beseech you to treasure up in your hearts these my parting words: Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity." — abolitionist and public education advocate **Horace Mann**, to the 1859 graduating class of Antioch College

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