Media Citizenship in a Divided Time

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Lee Honors College Lounge

A Panel Discussion

Sue Ellen Christian, Professor, School of Communication and Department of Gender and Women's Studies, Western Michigan University

Mickey Ciokajlo, Regional News Manager for Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Muskegon, MLive Media Group

Peter W. Wielhouwer, Associate Professor of Political Science, Director of the Institute for Government and Politics, Western Michigan University

Moderated by Dianna E. Sachs, Associate Professor and Instructional Services Librarian, WMU Libraries

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Sue Ellen Christian is a professor of communication with a dual appointment in WMU’s School of Communication and Department of Gender and Women’s Studies. In 2016, Christian won the Michigan Professor of the Year award from the Michigan Association of State Universities. She has received the College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award as well as the University’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

Before joining academia, she was a reporter for *The Detroit News, Los Angeles Times* and the *Chicago Tribune*. She is the author of *Overcoming Bias: A Journalist’s Guide to Culture and Context*, which is a guide in newsrooms and classrooms to addressing implicit biases in news. Her research focuses on diversity and inclusion in news reporting and media literacy.

Mickey Ciokajlo is the regional news manager for Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Muskegon at MLive Media Group where he has worked since the company was formed in 2012. Before that, he was a local news editor for the *Kalamazoo Gazette*. Mickey holds a bachelor’s degree from Western Michigan University and a master’s degree from Columbia University’s Graduate School of Journalism. Mickey has also worked as a staff reporter for the *Grand Haven Tribune* and the *Chicago Tribune*. He lives in Kalamazoo with his wife, Kristen, and their two children.

Dr. Peter W. Wielhouwer (Ph.D., Univ. of Georgia) is associate professor, Department of Political Science at Western Michigan University, where he is director of the Institute for Government and Politics. He specializes in campaigns and elections, religion and politics, and racial politics. His current research analyzes the intersection of religious worldviews and politics, and he regularly speaks on faith and politics and American electoral politics for universities, professional organizations, churches, and other faith-based organizations.

Dianna E. Sachs (MLS, MA) is associate professor, University Libraries. She has coordinated the libraries’ information literacy instruction program since 2006 as the Instructional Services Librarian. Her current research examines the impact of information literacy instruction on undergraduate students’ academic success.