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About the Gloria L. Negri First Amendment Institute

Named after the late trail-blazing Boston Globe journalist, the Gloria L. Negri First Amendment Institute (formerly the New England First Amendment Institute) is an annual, multi-day, intensive training program on freedom of information law and investigative reporting techniques. It is offered each year exclusively to 25 working New England journalists and a select group of student journalists from local colleges and universities.

The Negri Institute is provided by the New England First Amendment Coalition. It gives editors, reporters and producers the support and training necessary to become accomplished investigative journalists, well versed in the access laws that govern today's difficult reporting landscape. Many exceptional, award-winning journalists and outstanding First Amendment attorneys give their time to make the Negri Institute an extraordinary learning

experience. Presenters and fellows span print, broadcast and online media. A goal of the Negri Institute is to change the culture of journalism in New England by way of the ripple effect — our fellows are required to share what they have learned with colleagues.

WHO IS IT FOR? The Institute is designed for both up-and-coming and veteran print, digital and broadcast journalists working in the region. Applicants should have at least two years of professional news reporting experience and long-term plans to stay within the profession.

WHAT DOES IT COST? The fellows selected for this year's Institute will attend at no cost. A limited number of scholarships are available to cover hotel and travel expenses, if necessary to attend.

Former Institute Fellows

CONNECTICUT

2011

Richard Campbell

The Register Citizen

Jenna Cho

The Day

JC Reindl

The Day

Alexandra Sanders

New Haven Register

Julie Stagis

Hartford Courant

2012

Shawn Beals

Hartford Courant

Beau Berman

WTIC-TV

Alexander Goldstein

The Day

Kevin Litten

Republican-American

Erin Logan

WTNH

Fran Silverman

Hearst Newspapers

2013

Lisa Backus

The Bristol Press

Jenna Carlesso

Hartford Courant

Tina Detelj

WTNH

Jessica Glenza

The Register Citizen

Maggie Gordon

Hearst Newspapers

David Iversen

WTNH

Alec Johnson

Republican-American

Viktoria Sundqvist

The Middletown Press

2014

Jason Bagley

TruthInAdvertising

Kelly Catalfamo

The Day

Jennifer Swift

New Haven Register

Tess Townsend

The Day

2015

Lindsay Boyle

The Day

Suzanne Carlson

Hartford Courant

Susan Haigh

The Associated Press

Esteban Hernandez

New Haven Register

Patrick Skahill

WNPR-Connecticut

2016

Julia Bergman

The Day

Anna Bisaro

New Haven Register

Mikaela Porter

Hartford Courant

2017

Stephen Busemeyer

Hartford Courant

Jill Konopka

WVIT-Hartford

Kaitlyn Krasselt

Norwalk Hour

Martha Shanahan

The Day

2018

Skyler Frazer

New Britain Herald

Ben Lambert

New Haven Register

Barry Lytton

The Stamford Advocate

Erica Moser

The Day

2019

Kimberly Drelich

The Day

Meghan Friedmann

Hearst Connecticut

Jo Kroeker

Hearst Connecticut

Justin Papp

Hearst Connecticut

2020

Tatiana Flowers

Hearst Connecticut

Peter Yankowski

Hearst Connecticut

2021

Verónica Del Valle

Hearst Connecticut

Currie Engel

Hearst Connecticut

Alex Putterman

Hartford Courant

Elizabeth Regan

The Day

2022

Richard Chumney

Hearst Connecticut

Emily DiSalvo

Hearst Connecticut

Walter Smith

Randolph

Connecticut Public

Sten Spinella

The Day

2023

Amy Coval

Hearst Connecticut

Media Group

Ashad Hajela

Connecticut Public

Kate Seltzer

Connecticut Public

Jared Weber

Hearst Connecticut

Media Group

2024

Liz Hardaway

Hearst Connecticut

Media Group

Jeniece Roman

WSHU

Jessica Simms

Greenwich Time

Abby Weiss

Hearst Connecticut

Media Group

2025

Jessica Bravo

Hearst Connecticut

Media Group

Jayne Chacko

NBC Connecticut

Shaniece

Holmes-Brown

Connecticut Post

MAINE

2011

Susan Cover

Maine Today

Emily Guerin

The Forecaster

Jesse Nankin
Watchdog New England

Eric Russell
Bangor Daily News
2012

Will Graff
The Forecaster

Lindsay Tice
Sun Journal
2013

Matthew Curren
WGME

David Harry
The Forecaster
2014

Jon Chrisos
CBS13/Fox23

Michael Shepherd
Kennebec Journal
2015

Jordan Bailey
Courier Publications

Nate Holst
WMTW-Portland

David Sherwood
Maine Center for
Public Interest
Reporting
2016

Matthew Daigle
Sun Journal

Stephanie Grinnell
The Republican Journal

Kyle Jones
WMTW News

Joshua Moore
Maine Center for
Public Interest
Reporting

Marina Villeneuve
Associated Press
2017

Abigail Adams
Lincoln County News

Charles Eichacker
Kennebec Journal

Callie Ferguson
The Forecaster
2018

Anne Berleant
Penobscot Bay Press

Joe Glauber
WMTW-Portland

Rachel Ohm
Morning Sentinel

Amanda Post
WGME-Portland
2019

**Sarah Craighead
Dedmon**
Machias Valley
News Observer

Dan Lampariello
WGME-Portland

Patty Wight
Maine Public Radio
2020

Molly Shelly
The Morning Sentinel

Terry Stackhouse
WMTW News 8

Andrea Swiedom
Sun Media
2021

Lynda Clancy
Penobscot Bay Pilot
2022

Kaitlyn Budion
Morning Sentinel

Joaquin Contreras
Sun Journal

Emily Duggan
Kennebec Journal

Sawyer Loftus
Bangor Daily News

Kay Neufeld
Sun Media Group

Vanessa Paoellela
Sun Journal
2023

Joseph Charpentier
Sun Journal

Stephanie Grindley
WGME-Portland

Norah Hogan
WMTW-Portland

Zara Norman
Morning Sentinel

Kathleen O'Brien
Bangor Daily News
2024

Anna Coon
WGME

Jake Freudberg
Morning Sentinel

Dylan Tusinski
Morning Sentinel

Marie Weidmayer
Bangor Daily News

2025

Sam DeCoste
WGME

Cate McCusker
WMTW

Emily Bader
The Maine Monitor

Ethan Horton
Kennebec Journal

Emily Allen
The Portland Press
Herald

Daniel Kool
The Portland Press
Herald

MASSACHUSETTS
2011

Keith Eddings
Eagle-Tribune

Jim Haddadin
Arlington Advocate

Laura Hutchinson
WWLP 22News

Lyle Moran
Lowell Sun

David Riley
MetroWest Daily News

Rory Schuler
Taunton Daily

Matthew Stout
The Enterprise
2012

Alex Bloom
The Enterprise

George Brennan
Cape Cod Times

Deirdre Fernandes
The Boston Globe

David Eisenstadter
The Transcript

Sarah Favot
Lowell Sun

Martine Powers
The Boston Globe

Patrick Ronan
Patriot Ledger

Shaun Sutner
Worcester
Telegram & Gazette

Ryan Walsh
WWLP
2013

Doug Fraser
Cape Cod Times

Wes Lowery
The Boston Globe

Joshua Miller
The Boston Globe

Shawn Musgrave
MuckRock

Neena Pathak
Schuster Institute

Neal Simpson
The Patriot Ledger

Schuyler Velasco
Christian Science
Monitor
2014

Sean F. Driscoll
Cape Cod Times

Beryl Lipton
MuckRock

Priyanka McCluskey
The Boston Globe

Alexa Mills
The Boston Globe

Alex Ruppenthal
Medford Transcript

Eli Sherman
Waltham News Tribune
2015

Samantha Allen
Worcester
Telegram & Gazette

Jonathan Dame
GateHouse Media

Nicole Dunga
The Boston Globe

Jenna Fisher
GateHouse Media

Allison Manning
Boston.com

Jordan Mayblum
Wellesley Townsman

Jan Ransom
The Boston Globe
2016

Zeninjor Enwemeka
WBUR

Jordan Frias
Boston Herald

Phil Marcelo
Associated Press

Tom Relihan
The Recorder

Susan Spencer
Worcester
Telegram & Gazette

Gerry Tuoti
Gatehouse Media
2017

Collin Binkley
Associated Press

Amanda Drane
Berkshire Eagle

Melissa Hanson
MassLive

Brad Petrishen
Worcester
Telegram & Gazette

Greg Ryan
Boston
Business Journal
2018

Sarah Betancourt
Boston Institute for
Nonprofit Journalism

Michael Bonner
The Standard Times

Lisa Creamer
WBUR-Boston

Dialynn Dwyer
Boston.com

Jennifer Lu
Independent

Angela Rowlings
Boston Herald

Bridget Turcotte
The Daily Item

Grant Welker
Worcester
Business Journal
2019

Amanda Burke
Fall River Herald News

Jo C. Goode
Fall River Herald News

Zoe Greenberg
The Boston Globe

Gal Tziperman Lotan
The Boston Globe

Haven

Orecchio-Egresitz
Berkshire Eagle
2020

Dusty Christensen
Daily Hampshire
Gazette

Vernal Coleman
The Boston Globe

Jessica Hill
Cape Cod Times

Jennifer Huberdeau
The Berkshire Eagle
Lucia Maffei
Boston Business Journal
Samantha Mercado
Patch.com
Dasia Moore
The Boston Globe
Shira Stoll
NBC 10 Boston
Julia Taliesin
Somerville Journal
2021
Dugan Arnett
The Boston Globe
Greta Jochem
The Berkshire Eagle
Anastasia Lennon
New Bedford Light
Alex Newman
Patch
Emma Platoff
The Boston Globe
Tiana Woodard
The Boston Globe
2022
Marco Cartolano
Worcester
Telegram & Gazette
Audrey Cooney
Fall River Herald News
Samantha Gross
The Boston Globe
Faith Imafidon
Boston Neighborhood
Network Media
2023
Toni Caushi
Worcester
Telegram & Gazette
Theresa Gaffney
STAT
Peter O'Neil
Needham Observer
Julian E.J. Sorapuru
The Boston Globe
2024
William Dowd
The Marblehead Current
Grace Ferguson
New Bedford Light
Colin Hogan
New Bedford Light
Anjali Huynh
The Boston Globe

Namu Sampath
The Republican
Walter Wuthmann
WBUR
2025
Jesse Collings
Worcester
Telegram & Gazette
Molly Farrar
Boston.com
Eleonora Bianchi
The New Bedford Light
Brooke Kushwaha
The New Bedford Light
Trajan Warren
GBH News
Talia Lissauer
The Berkshire Eagle
NEW HAMPSHIRE
2011
Joseph Cote
Nashua Telegraph
Mark Davis
Valley News
Maddie Hanna
Concord Monitor
2012
Maggie Cassidy
Valley News
Maryalice Gill
Nashua Telegraph
Meg Heckman
Concord Monitor
Annmarie Timmins
Concord Monitor
2013
Todd Bookman
NH Public Radio
Sarah Brubeck
Valley News
Christopher Garofolo
Eagle Times
Kathryn Marchocki
Union Leader
Kaitlin Mulhere
The Keene Sentinel
2014
Emily Corwin
NH Public Radio
Alyssa Dandrea
The Keene Sentinel
Nora Doyle-Burr
Valley News

Peter McGuire
Forecaster Newspapers
Kerry Miller
Eagle Times
2015
Jeremy Blackman
Concord Monitor
Megan Doyle
Concord Monitor
Rob Wolfe
Valley News
2016
Peter Biello
New Hampshire
Public Radio
Tim Camerato
Valley News
Meghan Foley
The Keene Sentinel
Allie Morris
Concord Monitor
Ella Nilsen
Concord Monitor
2017
Caitlin Andrews
Concord Monitor
Allison DeAngelis
Eagle-Tribune
Casey McDermott
New Hampshire
Public Radio
Paige Sutherland
New Hampshire
Public Radio
2018
Breanna Edelstein
The Eagle Tribune
Sierra Hubbard
The Keene Sentinel
Meg McIntyre
The Keene Sentinel
2019
Hadley Barndollar
Portsmouth Herald
Paul Cuno-Booth
The Keene Sentinel
Mary McIntyre
New Hampshire
Public Radio
Leah Willingham
Concord Monitor
2020
Olivia Belanger
The Keene Sentinel

Madeline Hughes
The Eagle-Tribune
Alexander LaCasse
Seacoast Media Group
2021
Julia Furukawa
New Hampshire
Public Radio
Amanda Gokee
New Hampshire Bulletin
Cassidy Jensen
Concord Monitor
Jordan Phelan
Eagle Times
Jack Rooney
Keene Sentinel
2022
Ryan Spencer
Keene Sentinel
Michaela Towfighi
Concord Monitor
2023
Jamie Costa
Concord Monitor
Hunter Oberst
The Keene Sentinel
Olivia Richardson
New Hampshire
Public Radio
2024
Sruthi Gopalakrishnan
Concord Monitor
Charlotte Matherly
Concord Monitor
Catherine McLaughlin
Concord Monitor
2025
Emilia Wisniewski
Concord Monitor
Rachel Wachman
Concord Monitor
Jackie Harris
New Hampshire
Public Radio
Lau Guzmán
New Hampshire
Public Radio
Jonathan Phelps
New Hampshire
Union Leader
RHODE ISLAND
2011
Amanda Milkovits
Providence Journal

David Scharfenberg
Providence Phoenix
Karen Ziner
Providence Journal
2012
Lynn Arditi
Providence Journal
Ian Donniss
Rhode Island
Public Radio
Kathleen Mulvaney
Providence Journal
2013
Bill Malinowski
Providence Journal
Mark Reynolds
Providence Journal
2014
Randal Edgar
Providence Journal
Paul Grimaldi
Providence Journal
Janine Weisman
Newport Mercury
2015
Jennifer Bogdan
Providence Journal
Alex Kuffner
Providence Journal
Steph Machado
WPRI-Providence
2016
**Jacqueline
Tempera**
Providence Journal
2017
Kate Bramson
Providence Journal
Susan Campbell
WPRI-Providence
Derek Gomes
Newport Daily News
Diana Pinzon
WPRI-Providence
2018
Brian Amaral
Providence Journal
Parker Gavigan
WJAR-Cranston
Kim Kalunian
WPRI-Providence
2019
Jessica Botelho
WJAR-Cranston

Laura Damon The Newport Daily News	Alex Torres-Perez WPRI 2025	Katie Jickling The Herald	Kevin Gaiss WCAX	<u>STUDENT</u> 2023
Hannah Dickison WPRI-Providence	Katie Castellani Providence Business News	Elizabeth Murray Burlington Free Press 2017	Michael Hoey-Lukakis WVNY/WFFF	Susan Azizi Salve Regina University
Nadine Maya Sebai The Public's Radio 2020	Kate Wilkinson WPRI	Alicia Freese Seven Days	Lilly St. Angelo Burlington Free Press 2023	Noble Brigham Brown University
Madeleine List Providence Journal 2021	<u>VERMONT</u> 2011	Tommy Gardner Stowe Reporter	Sophia Buckley-Clement Rutland Herald	Lauren Drapeau University of Rhode Island
Jeremy Bernfeld The Public's Radio	John Briggs Burlington Free Press	Hilary Niles Independent	Corey McDonald Vermont Community Newspapers	Tyler Jackman Rhode Island College 2024
Lauren Clem The Valley Breeze	Anne Galloway Vermont Digger	Adam Silverman Burlington Free Press	Megan Stewart Mountain Times	Juliannie Ayala University of Massachusetts Amherst
Sarah Guernelli WPRI-Providence	Shay Totten Seven Days 2012	Greg Sukiennik New England Newspapers 2018	Megan Stewart Burlington Free Press 2024	Caitlyn A. Bailey Salve Regina University
Rachel Nunes Patch	Dan D'Ambrosio Burlington Free Press	Catherine Buni Independent	Emma Cotton VT Digger	Ava Berger Boston University
Amy Russo Providence Journal 2022	Jennifer Cleveland Caledonian-Record	Staci DaSilva WFFF-Burlington	Shaun Robinson VT Digger	Maria Gabriela De Leon Rhode Island College
Temi-Topé Adeleye WJAR	Andrew Stein Vermont Digger 2013	Xander Landen VTDigger 2019	Laura Ullman WCAX 2025	Sonel Cutler Northeastern University
Wheeler Cowperthwaite Providence Journal	Nathan Burgess Stowe Reporter	Liam Elder-Connors Vermont Public Radio	Aaron Calvin Vermont Community Newspaper Group	Hannah Nguyen Emerson College
Jacqueline Gomersall WPRI	Olga Peters The Commons	Christopher Mays Brattleboro Reformer	Sophia Thomas WCAX	Ellie Sennhenn University of Rhode Island
Nina Sparling The Public's Radio	Jennifer Reading WCAX 2014	Alex Nuti-de Biasi Journal Opinion	Lucy Tompkins Seven Days	Alexandra Tavaglione Roger Williams University 2025
Zane Wolfgang Newport Daily News 2023	Taylor Dobbs Vermont Public Radio	Orrin Schonfeld WPTZ-Burlington	<u>REGIONAL</u> 2021	Sadie Brandt The University of Rhode Island
Colleen Cronin ecoRI	Abby Ledoux Milton Independent	Cat Viglienzoni WCAX-Burlington 2020	Maya Ergas Shwayder	Luke Macannuco University of Massachusetts Amherst
Savana Dunning The Newport Daily News	Allison Teague The Commons 2015	Devin Bates Local 22/44	New England Public Media	Addison Mason Roger Williams University
Cheryl Hatch The Public's Radio	April Burbank Burlington Free Press	Tom Garris WPTZ NBC 5	Kyle Stucker Gannett New England	Adam Nuñez Emerson College
Alexandra Leslie WPRI-Providence	Lola Duffort Rutland Herald	Anna Merriman Valley News		Anna Rubenstein Boston University
Stella Lorence Woonsocket Call 2024	Lesley Engle Fox44/ABC22	Christopher Ross Addison County Independent		Emily Spatz Northeastern University
Ben Berke The Public's Radio	Courtney Lamdin Milton Independent 2016	Tiffany Tan Bennington Banner 2021		Timothy Yean Rhode Island College
Nancy Lavin Rhode Island Current	Jess Aloe Burlington Free Press	Dom Amato WCAX-Burlington		
Chris Shea Rhode Island Current	Colin Flanders The Essex Reporter and Colchester Sun	Jack Lyons VT Digger 2022		
Rob Smith ecoRI	Stephanie Gorin NBC5-Vermont	April Barton Burlington Free Press		

About Gloria L. Negri

Indispensable and unstoppable, Gloria Negri was at the heart of the Globe

By Thomas Farragher

There had been a shooting on the North Shore and as the all-male editors of The Boston Globe scanned their sparkling new newsroom on Morrissey Boulevard on that sleepy Saturday afternoon in the late 1950s, their options for quick coverage were slim.

The only reporter in sight was the new kid, a young woman fresh from the Miami Herald, a Brown University graduate named Gloria Negri. Surely they couldn't send a woman to a grisly crime scene, could they?

And then Negri walked up to the city desk and said something she would repeat countless times over the next half century. "Send me," she said.

When President Kennedy and his wife, Jacqueline, lost their infant son in August 1963 it was an eternally sad story that required just the right touch. "Send me," Gloria said.

When young women were turning up dead in their Boston apartments, strangled by a madman on the loose, the Globe

dreamed up an idea that seems insane now. Let's put a woman on a park bench in the South End as bait for the killer. "Send me," Gloria said.

When men blasted off from Cape Kennedy, bound for the moon, somebody had to go to Florida to cover it. "Send me," Gloria said.

Race riots. Apartheid. Chappaquiddick. Assassinations. Papal visits. Penitent fever at Fenway Park. Presidential campaigns. The theft of a bronzed duckling at the Public Garden. Hundreds of deftly written obituaries, carefully crafted stories now framed by grateful families across Eastern Massachusetts.

All of it — the work of a pioneering newspaper woman — now carefully tucked into yellowing scrapbooks beneath her bed, and preserved on microfilm for posterity. It is the legacy of a woman who dedicated her life to this newspaper.

I ask for your indulgence today as we pay tribute to one of our own. If you're reading this, you were part of her extended family. The Boston Globe was in many ways Gloria's home. Her living room. Her den. Her kitchen. The place where she grew up.

Gloria died on Sunday morning as a fresh blanket of snow covered a breathtaking hillside in Hingham outside her



window and Christmas carols played softly in the background.

She was whip-smart, funny, feisty, stubborn, loyal, deeply appreciative of any kindness to come her way, and wonderfully absent-minded. She also was a poet at her keyboard. The woman could flat-out write. Lyrical.

She was a columnist for the old Evening Globe, a job shoehorned between regular assignments and coverage of breaking news. She would write late at night on her trusty Royal typewriter and — very early in the morning — summon Globe photographer Dan Sheehan to collect her copy and drive it to the Globe for publication that afternoon.

She was a world-class procrastinator. The woman simply could not — would not — make up her mind.

Here she is from a May 1973 Globe column headlined, so aptly, "Manana."

"A few years ago, I was invited to join some friends on a trip to Australia. I couldn't make up my mind to go until an hour before the flight left Boston. The travel agency had to speed my ticket over by special delivery. When I got to Sydney, my friends had left three days earlier. Never did catch up with them, though I came close in Fiji."

In 1997, I became Gloria's colleague and, in short order, her friend. We lived within a mile of each other. My kids mowed her lawn and shoveled her snow. And she would dote on them afterward with sweets and soft drinks. They learned that she appreciated the chores they did for her. But what she really loved was their company.

And what company it was.

Over Saturday afternoon beers at her kitchen table, the stories of Gloria's life and career spilled out in delightful detail.

If you had pulled up a chair next to me,

here's some of what you would have heard.

She sipped whiskey at the LBJ ranch in Texas with Lady Bird Johnson, where her dress somehow got ripped and repair work was done with the help of LBJ's daughters.

She spent a year in South Africa, once driving all night across bush country for an interview with Desmond Tutu.

She went on a morning run with Joe Frazier in 1971 when he was training for his titanic fight with Muhammad Ali.

She rode an elephant in the circus, rang the Salvation Army bell over a red kettle at Christmastime, followed Margaret Heckler to Dublin, flew to Northern Italy when a major earthquake struck, and had to be told to leave Saigon during the height of the Vietnam War.

"Gloria Negri wants to stay," members of the Associated Press's Saigon bureau

wrote to their superiors in New York, who forwarded the message to Globe publisher Bill Taylor in Boston.

Taylor, who feared for her life, had a succinct reply: "No," he wrote back.

So Gloria came back to Boston, much to the delight of her editors.

"I could send you out to cover clothes drying on a clothes line and you'd come back with a great story," an editor once told her. It was a compliment any reporter would treasure. And she did.

Over the past 20 years, at doctor's appointments with Gloria or during our long commutes to and from the South Shore, I marveled at the length and breadth of her career.

You can learn a lot about a person during times like those. I learned that Gloria first heard George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," his 1924 musical composition, as a young girl while on a train heading for Boston. She loved it.

I learned that she once, with an old boyfriend, sneaked a shaker full of martini into the bleachers at Fenway Park — not far from her beloved home on the "Fabulous Fenway." It helped to cement

her lifelong love of the Red Sox.

I learned that once, on assignment for the Globe, she interviewed Officer Obie on Main Street in Stockbridge. Obie is featured in the Arlo Guthrie song "Alice's

done as a kid fresh out of college.

"And when the presses are rolling at night, I still feel that tingle," she said.

Gloria had a stock answer whenever I asked, as I did nearly every day, "How are you doing?"

"Oh, I'm falling apart at the seams," she would answer without fail.

It wasn't true. Until it was.

When Gloria died the other morning, there was a beautiful picture of her beloved mother hanging on the wall over her bed.

Shortly before she drew her last breath, she sat up and seemed to reach for that picture.

"I want my mother," she often told me in recent weeks.

And the image of that reunion gives me comfort — gives comfort to her entire Globe family — as we say goodbye to a Boston Globe original, my friend, the great Gloria Negri.



Restaurant," and that interview has always struck me as an emblem of Gloria's far-flung, remarkable journalism career.

Even in the twilight of her 53-year Globe career, Gloria told me that she still could feel the competitiveness and the thrill of producing stories just as she had

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FIRST AMENDMENT INSTITUTE

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To apply, please submit the documents listed below. Please also fully answer the following questions, restating the question in your answer.

- (1) Describe why you would like to attend the Institute. What do you hope to take away from the program? What do you hope to add to the program?
- (2) Describe a problem you have encountered while investigating a story and how you reacted to it. Do you think attending the Institute might help you with similar difficulties in the future? If so, how?
- (3) Describe what you believe is your best asset as a journalist. Please tell us what you feel has been your greatest success as a journalist.
- (4) Tell us how you would spread the knowledge you gain at the Institute to others in your news organization.
- (5) The Institute is designed for professional journalists, with different levels of experience, who are committed to continue working in journalism after the Institute. What skills do you hope to acquire during the Institute to help your journalism career over the next several years?
- (6) Have you applied to or attended the Institute in a previous year?
- (7) If you are selected as a fellow for this year's Institute, will your attendance be contingent on the availability of a scholarship to cover all or part of your travel and hotel accommodations?

Required Documents

- (1) Resume, including mailing address, phone number and preferred email address.
- (2) Recommendation from a current editor/supervisor or, if self-employed, a former or current editor of your freelance work. Please use the Recommendation Form included in this application.
- (3) Portfolio of your three best investigative stories. If you have not done investigative work, please attach three news-based stories that represent your best effort.

*Please submit your application, resume, portfolio and recommendation in **one single PDF file** via email on or before July 24, 2026, to justin@nefac.org. If there is no acknowledgment from NEFAC, please confirm that your application has been received.*

Gloria L. Regie

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Applicant Name _____

Applicant Position _____

Your Name _____

**Your Organization
and Position** _____

Phone/Email _____

Please fully answer the questions below in your letter of recommendation and attach your letter to this form.

- (1) How long have you worked with the applicant, and in what capacity?
- (2) How long have you known the applicant?
- (3) In detail, what is your assessment of the quality of the applicant's work and the level of investigative reporting the applicant is capable of currently?
- (4) Why do you believe the applicant is firmly committed to freedom of information and will use the knowledge gained through this fellowship to improve his or her reporting — as well as to help colleagues with their own reporting — during the next several years?
- (5) While the three days of training and meals are covered in full by the Institute fellowship, will your organization pay the applicant's other associated costs, such as transportation and lodging?

Yes

No