



Dorothy Storck Award Luncheon

NOVEMBER 3, 2018

ROCK BOTTOM RESTAURANT & BREWERY

1 W. GRAND AVENUE

Longtime member Dorothy Storck was a former syndicated newspaper columnist and Pulitzer Prize-winner who passed in August 2015. She began her journalism career at the Chicago American, which later became known as Chicago Today, and ended her career at the Philadelphia Inquirer. She was also a U.S. Air Force squadron commander who held the rank of major before becoming a journalist.

Storck's family and her fiancé, University of Illinois at Chicago Political Science Professor Dick Simpson, in 2017 established this annual \$1,000 award in her honor, to recognize a Chicago area Print, Broadcast or Digital columnist sharing Storck's dedication, impact and commitment to craft.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dorothy Leavell

Dorothy Leavell, in late 2018, became Chairman of the Board of STM Reader, LLC, publishers of the Chicago Reader Newspaper. Since 1968, Dorothy Leavell has served as editor and publisher of the Crusader Newspaper Group, instituting modern changes to enhance the production and effectiveness of the newspapers. In 2017, Mrs. Leavell was also elected Chairman of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) for the third time, the only Black newspaper trade organization.



Edwin Eisendrath

Edwin Eisendrath in 2017 led the effort to save the Chicago Sun-Times from being purchased by the parent company of the Chicago Tribune and until recently served as CEO of Sun-Times Media. During his first year at the helm of the company, his group rebranded the paper, restructured the business, and improved company financial performance while investing more in Journalism.

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FINALISTS



Mark Brown

Mark Brown specializes in government and politics as a columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times. He is a graduate of Northern Illinois University, and attended the Public Affairs Reporting Program at University of Illinois-Springfield, joining the Sun-Times in 1982.



Deborah Douglas

Deborah Douglas has taught at Northwestern University's Medill School for a decade, now at DePauw University as the Eugene S. Pulliam Center Distinguished Visiting Professor of Journalism. She was an editor with the Chicago Sun-Times for eight years, a senior leader with The OpEd Project the past six years, and recently managing editor of the MLK50: Justice Through Journalism project. Her work has appeared in Oprah, TIME, American Prospect and Ebony. She's been featured on the BBC, CNN and others.



Mick Dumke

Mick Dumke joined ProPublica after two years on the Watchdogs team at the Chicago Sun-Times, where he reported on the dismantling of public housing, impacts of the state budget crisis on prisoner re-entry, and the police department's use of a secret watch list. He spent almost a decade as a politics writer and editor for the Chicago Reader, and was a reporter and editor at the Chicago Reporter. He has taught social studies at an alternative high school and studied religion at McCormick Theological Seminary.

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PROGRAM

APPETIZERS & NETWORKING — Noon to 12:30

WELCOME & INTRO, WAITERS TAKE MEAL SELECTIONS — 12:30-12:40

KEYNOTE ADDRESS, DOROTHY LEAVELL — 12:40-12:55

KEYNOTE ADDRESS, EDWIN EISENDRATH — 1:00-1:15

LUNCH IS SERVED— 1:15

AWARD PRESENTATION — 1:15-1:45

PREVIEW OF NEW CJA MENTORING PROJECT/CJA NEWS — 1:45-1:55

PHOTOS & DISMISSAL – 2:00

CHICAGO JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION HISTORY

The 79-year-old Chicago Journalists Association is a respected nonprofit organization that has been rewarding journalistic excellence and providing comradeship among Chicago area journalists since 1939. CJA annually hosts several prestigious Journalism award competitions: The Sarah Boyden Awards, the Daniel Pearl Award, and the Dorothy Storck Award.

President: Maudlyne Ihejirika, Columnist, Chicago Sun-Times

Vice President/Treasurer: Yudi Zhang, President, CSN News International

Vice President/Secretary: Stephanie Choporis, Managing Editor, Happenstance

Board of Directors: Jessica Raines, WGN Radio; Ashley Wijangco, Freelance Journalist; Lyanne Alfaro, Nasdaq; Ariel Parrella-Aureli, LoganSquarist; and La Shawn Cobb, Freelance Journalist.

CJA's new Executive Board is excited about this newest chapter in our distinguished history! We have eliminated annual membership dues, and welcome all Chicago area journalists to our ranks! Follow us at chicagojournalists.net On Facebook: @ChicagoJournalistsAssociation On Twitter: @cja_updates On Instagram: @chi_journalists_association