



Women in Media Panel Discussion

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FEATURED GUESTS



Lolly Bowean

General assignment reporter,
Chicago Tribune



Melissa Sanchez

Reporter,
ProPublica Illinois



Ashley Hamer

Managing editor,
Curiosity.com

AGENDA

6:00-6:30 pm

Sign-In/Networking

6:30-7:30 pm

Women in Media Panel Discussion

7:30-7:45 pm

Audience Questions/Interactions

7:45-8:00 pm

Closing Remarks/Chicago Journalists Association Information

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ABOUT THE FEATURED GUESTS



Lolly Bowean

Lolly Bowean is a general assignment reporter at the Chicago Tribune who has a particular focus on urban affairs, youth culture, housing, minority communities and relations. She writes primarily about Chicago's unique African-American community and the development of the Obama Presidential Center. She has written about the death of Nelson Mandela, how violence has troubled neighborhoods, and the 2008 election and inauguration of President Barack Obama. She has written for the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, the Boston Globe, Lenny Letter and Longreads. She is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists.

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Melissa Sanchez

Melissa Sanchez is a reporter at ProPublica Illinois, where she has investigated the harm caused by unpaid parking tickets on low-income and minority Chicagoans and conditions at shelters for immigrant children in Illinois. She has previously reported on immigration, education, and politics in English and Spanish for a number of outlets, including The Chicago Reporter, el Nuevo Herald in Miami, the Yakima (Wash.) Herald-Republic. She has also reported from Nicaragua through a fellowship from the Inter American Press Association.

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Ashley Hamer

Ashley Hamer is the managing editor of Curiosity.com and a writer who has been quoted in Cosmopolitan, TIME, BuzzFeed, Mashable, and USA Today. She is also the co-host of Curiosity Daily, a daily podcast that was named No. 1 in the Science and Medicine category of the 13th Annual People's Choice Podcast Awards. Additionally, Ashley is a scriptwriter for the science YouTube channel SciShow.

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CHICAGO JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION HISTORY

The 80-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.

CHICAGO JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP

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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!

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