



On February 16, the Frank W. and Sue Mayborn School of Journalism hosted a panel discussion “First Amendment: Under Siege?” in conjunction with the Headliners Foundation.

## “First Amendment: Under Siege?”

By Emily Goldstein

For journalist Rebecca Aguilar, concern about Americans’ rights is nothing new.

“I’m the daughter of immigrants — undocumented immigrants ... so I know about rights,” she said.

Even before Aguilar became a reporter, she exercised her First Amendment right to free speech.

“I grew up going to protests, not to the mall on the weekends,” she said.

Freedom of speech was at the forefront of a panel discussion titled “First Amendment: Under Siege?” hosted by the Frank W. & Sue Mayborn School of Journalism and moderated by Aguilar.

Adjunct professor Randy Lee Loftis suggested the event because of what he described as “fundamentally different” relations between the media and the administration of President Donald Trump.



Panelists included (L-R): Matt Mackowiak, Paul Watler, Dr. Kimi King, Moderator Rebecca Aguilar, Aman Batheja, and Michael Lindenberger.

Loftis, who also works as an environmental journalist, said he’s never experienced a time when the First Amendment was questioned as a premise — until now.

“I think everything we do as journalists wouldn’t be possible without it,” Loftis said while noting that the amendment’s importance extends beyond reporters to anyone who doesn’t want the government interfering in what people can say, write or publish.

Panelists for the event were Aman Batheja, political editor at *The Texas Tribune*; Kimi Lynn King, political science professor at the University of North Texas; Michael Lindenberger, editorial board member of *The Dallas Morning News*; Matt Mackowiak, president of Potomac Strategy Group; and Paul Watler, First Amendment attorney and partner at Jackson Walker LLP.

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# A Message From Dean Dorothy Bland

**S**orting through books and other materials donated to the University of North Texas by Barbara Colegrove's family, I was reminded that a parent's legacy, as well as a teacher's legacy, lives on through her family and students.

For those who may not have had the pleasure of knowing Colegrove, she was also affectionately known as "Bara" and "Mrs. C." She died Feb. 5 in Dallas. When I joined UNT in 2013, she became my Texas mom in residence. She was a trailblazer who had worked for Time magazine and was among the first female journalism instructors at North Texas State University, which has since become UNT. Although Bara was a shortened version of her first name, I initially thought it captured her strong qualities, including being brave, assertive, resilient and known for preaching, "Accuracy! Accuracy! Accuracy!" While she earned her master's degree at Columbia University, she later became an honorary UNT alum.

Advertising professor Sheri Broyles often says the journalism program at UNT has the "best mentoring anywhere." That tradition started long before I was born as Colegrove often told wonderful stories about journalism program founder C.E. "Pop" Shuford. Colegrove also had an amazing impact as a teacher. Some of her former students, such as Cragg Hines, a retired Washington bureau chief for the Houston Chronicle, and Bill Perkins, managing partner for Potomac Communications Group, came from as far away as Washington, D.C., for her memorial service Feb. 16. (See a photo of the Colegrove Student Fan Club of 50-plus years on page 3.)

We are grateful to Colegrove's sons, Alan and Lloyd, for sharing their mother as well as her treasures. They donated some of her treasured books and other materials to the UNT libraries. The donations provide further evidence of her passion for journalism as they include books such as *The Girls in the Balcony: Women, Men and The New York Times* and *Cronkite*, as well as the Nov. 23, 1963, issue of *The Dallas Morning News*, which captured the news of President John F. Kennedy's assassination and President Lyndon B. Johnson succeeding him.

She was a great teacher, mentor and generous soul who established the Barbara Colegrove Endowed Scholarship Fund. She also had a great sense of humor and loved a good party. For her 87th birthday party last year, she insisted I



bring a tin cup to remind her former students to donate to the scholarship fund to help current UNT students.

I hope she will be pleased that her legacy of teaching, mentoring and giving back continues at The Frank W. Mayborn School of Journalism. As part of the Mayborn Alumni Mentor & Mentee Network, 19 alumni are serving as mentors to current students in 2017. The alumni mentors range from Leona Allen, a Pulitzer Prize-winner who is now an editorial board member at *The Dallas Morning News*, to Becky Kimbro, the Texas Rangers vice president for marketing. All the mentors are professionals with strong connections in Advertising, Public Relations, Digital/Print, Broadcast/Digital and Photo Journalism. See the list on page 4. If you'd like to apply to be a mentor or mentee for 2018, please email me at [dorothy.bland@unt.edu](mailto:dorothy.bland@unt.edu).

Onward and upward,

Dorothy Bland  
Dean

# In Memoriam



Barbara Colegrove served as the first female lecturer of Journalism at the University of North Texas, mentoring many students who went on to notable careers in journalism and communications.

**S**ince the start of the year, the Mayborn School of Journalism has lost two of its special friends, former lecturer Barbara Colegrove and alumnus/retired *Dallas Morning News* sports writer/columnist Bob St. John.

## Barbara Colegrove

Barbara Colegrove, who was the first female faculty member in the journalism program at what is now UNT, passed away Feb. 5.

After graduating with a MS from the Columbia School of Journalism, Colegrove began her career at Time Magazine before working at a precursor program to PBS. She then moved to the Dallas area and was hired as a lecturer for the journalism program at then North Texas State University. She would later teach at SMU before taking retirement, after which she remained busy by working as an editor for a local magazine, as a restaurant critic and as a historian for the town of Addison.

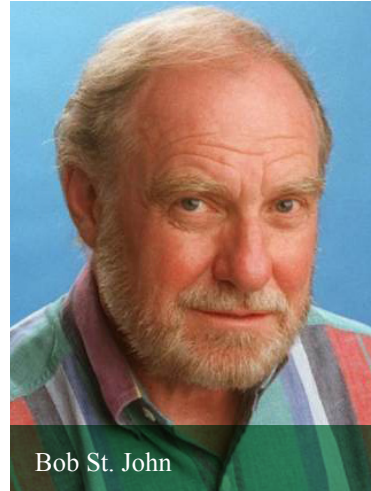
A philanthropist, Colegrove funded an undergraduate journalism scholarship at UNT, which is endowed in her name.

“Barbara brought many of the founders and crusaders of American journalism to life in her classes by dressing like them and expressing their words,” says UNT Regents professor Roy Busby. “You would have thought you were witnessing each in real life in live theater.”

Former student Mary Taylor adds, “It was a joy to have her

as a teacher. I have a pillow at home that says, ‘A daughter is a little girl who grows up to be a friend.’ In Barbara’s case, we could say she was a teacher who helped her students grow up to be friends. I found her to be a blessing and I’m thankful for the influence she had on my life.” Colegrove is survived by two sons and four grandchildren.

## Bob St. John



Bob St. John

Bob St. John passed away Jan. 12. After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in journalism from then North Texas State University in 1960, St. John worked for the *San Angelo Standard Times* and *Lubbock Avalanche Journal* before joining *The Dallas Morning News* as a sports writer in 1963. He covered the Dallas Cowboys through its second Super Bowl

win in 1978 and then moved to the metro section, where he entertained and informed the community as a general columnist until his retirement in 2000 after 37 years of service.

St. John was a published author, whose works include a number of sports-related books and compilations of his many columns for the News. Throughout his career, St. John was many times honored; UNT named him a Distinguished Alumni in 1986.

“Like many great writers, Bob was very self-conscious and insecure,” says Busby. “Both of these traits led to his witty and soft personality showing in the many different subjects he wrote about in his books and columns. He and C.E. ‘Pop’ Shuford (former head of the journalism program at then North Texas State University) became even better friends after Bob graduated, and Bob often got Pop tickets to Dallas Cowboys games as a small repayment to Pop for training him so well.”

As he was once mentored, St. John passed it forward and is also remembered for his service as a mentor to younger writers during his tenure with the News.

He is survived by his wife, five sons and numerous grandchildren.

# Student, Faculty, Staff and Alumni Updates

## Students

- Congratulations to **Alex Lilley**, a senior broadcast/digital journalism student, who is the first Mayborn student to serve as an intern with the Dallas Cowboys as part of UNT's historic agreement with the country's top NFL franchise.
- Congratulations to **Alexis Reese**, who has been selected as one of the top journalism students from across the nation for the News21 project in 2017. Thanks to *The Dallas Morning News* for helping sponsor her participation.
- Two members of the UNT National Association of Black Journalists will participate in the Multimedia Short Course from March 16-19 at Florida A&M University. They are **Jordan James** and **Victoria Upton**. Also, congratulations to **Victoria Upton** for being selected to attend the 2017 National Student Journalism Conference on March 24 at The New School in New York City.
- **Krystal Solomon**, a public relations student from Houston, was among 10 finalists for the \$10,000 Rather Prize.
- Did you know that **Andrea Czobor**, a junior broadcast/digital journalism student, worked as a production assistant during the Super Bowl in Houston?

## Faculty & Staff

- Associate professor **Koji Fuse**, an alumna and two master's students will be presenting papers during the AEJMC Mid Winter Conference from March 3-4 in Norman, Okla. Associate professor **Koji Fuse** and master's student **Leah Waters** will present their paper titled "Construction of Gender-Based Humor in Sitcoms: A Textual Analysis of *2 Broke Girls*, *Two and a Half Men*, and *The Big Bang Theory*." He also supervises Waters' thesis. Master's student **Jessie Laljer** will also be presenting the paper he worked on with assistant professors **Gwen Nisbett** and **Sara Champlin**. It is titled "Covering the University Community: Encouraging Mental Health Resource Use." Alumna **Kate Skinner**'s paper is titled "The 'Castle/Nikki Heat' Phenomenon: A Detailed Examination of Language Perpetuating Rape Culture Through Entertainment Media." Associate professor Tracy Everbach was the chair for her thesis committee. Skinner earned the Outstanding Graduate Student award and graduated in December 2016.
- NT Daily general manager **Adam Reese** and advertising director **Adela Francis** will participate in the College Media Business and Advertising Managers Conference from March 29-April 1 in Fort Worth along with student ad reps **Dane Fuentes**, **David Tuck** and **Shelby Holmes**.
- NT Daily adviser **Gary Ghioto** will participate in the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Conference from March 30-31 in Dallas with 11 students. The student editors and reporters who will compete in onsite competition are **Hannah Lauritzen**, **Linda Kessler**, **Reece Waddell**, **Tom "Ramiro" Gonzalez**, **Sarah Lagro**, **Adalberto Toledo**,

**Biana Mujica**, **Circe Marez**, **Jake King** and **Colin Mitchell**.

- Congratulations to **Andrew Tanielian**, a broadcast/digital journalism lecturer, for earning the Best of the Competition award in the BEA Media Festival of Arts Faculty Promotional Video Category for his "Mayborn in Japan" video. Here's the link: <https://bea2016.secure-platform.com/a/gallery/rounds/1246/details/25769>. Also, thanks to **Koji Fuse**, the associate professor who planned this study abroad experiential learning experience, as well as the students who participated in this amazing learning opportunity in the summer of 2016.
- Principal lecturer **Neil Foote** has been selected to participate in the Scripps Howard Academic Leadership Academy from June 11-14 at Louisiana State University.

## Alumni

- Did you know **Becky Kimbro** is vice president of marketing for the Texas Rangers? She also is expected to join the Mayborn School of Journalism Board of Advisors in the spring.
- Kudos to **Scott Sidway**, a journalism alumnus, who tied for second place in the BEA Media Festival of Arts Radio Newscast Category for his "Texas Super Tuesday Election Update — 10:30 p.m."
- Did you know alumnus **David Moore** is the Cowboys Insider columnist for *The Dallas Morning News*?

## 2017 Mayborn Mentee & Mentor Pairings

Student Name	Alumni Mentor
Alexandra Considine	Leona Allen
Briana Castanon	Samantha Guzman
Britney Davis	Dana Benton-Long
Sekou DeJean	Graham Douglas
Haki DuBose	Lauren Frock
Lola George	Melissa Boughton
Lauren Gordon	Katie Grivna
Bria Graves	Blessing Woksman
Daniela Ibarra	Jordan Schaffer
Tate Owen	Morty Ortega
Blanca Reyes	Vernon Bryant
Melonee Scruggs	Becky Kimbro
Jillian Selzer	Nicholas Friedman
Krystal Solomon	Cheryl Richards
Marcus Sykes	Nadia Galindo
Shitara Taylor	Calah Kelley
Cesar Valdez	Scott Sidway
Caroline Wright	Ted Emrich
Khadijah Grimes	Dexia Smith

# “First Amendment: Under Siege?” Continued



Nearly 400 students and others attended “First Amendment: Under Siege?” at the University Union Lyceum on February 16, asking in-depth questions of panelists and promoting the event on social media. Panelists approached the subject from a variety of perspectives, generating an extended audience response that trended at #2 on social media behind that day’s presidential news conference.

Much of the discussion focused on the amendment’s abilities and limitations.

“All of you guys have every bit of right to stand up on your chairs and shout us down,” Lindenberger told the audience.

That freedom extends to the nation’s highest office.

“We can’t stop the president from delegitimizing the news media if that’s what he chooses to do,” Watler said.

That is what Trump chose to do the day after the panel discussion when he called the media “the enemy of the American people” in a tweet.

Regardless of whether Americans agree with the president’s sentiment, “I don’t think it’s the job of journalists to be approved of by the public,” Mackowiak said.

One audience member asked the panelists how to combat fake news.

“Fake news is not a new concept. It’s been around for a long, long time,” Batheja said. However, social media has changed the way information — or misinformation — spreads.



The impact of fake news on the presidential campaign has ignited recent conversations about the topic, Lindenberger said. He suggested that readers “come up with a media literacy strategy” and increase their skepticism of publications they know to be biased.

Brittany Burnam, a senior integrative studies major who attended the event, said she wished there was more diversity among the panel.

She said she’d be interested in a deeper conversation because “the political is personal,” but she learned about freedom of speech on campus and the difference between hate crimes and hate speech.

Loftis said he hoped students gained an “understanding that the First Amendment is a living thing that has to be nurtured over the centuries.”

# Barbara Jordan Media Awards



The Frank W. and Sue Mayborn School of Journalism and other UNT organizations are partnering with the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities to host the Barbara Jordan Media Awards luncheon on April 29 at the Apogee Stadium Club. The event recognizes the accomplishments of one of Texas' most prominent advocates for persons with disabilities and a leading legislator who left an indelible mark on the state's history.

The annual awards recognize contributions in Texas communications media and are presented to media professionals, students and organizations for eliminating attitudinal and social barriers. Specific honors will be given for winning entries in categories including photojournalism, print, internet, extended television feature and radio. This year a special new category, the Director's Challenge, will award a \$500 scholarship to the student who submits a winning 30-60-second video on parking issues.

For more information, or to secure a table sponsorship or individual seats, visit [http://gov.texas.gov/disabilities/awards/barbara\\_jordan\\_media\\_awards/](http://gov.texas.gov/disabilities/awards/barbara_jordan_media_awards/).

# Career Fair 2017 Vendors



Each semester the Mayborn School partners with the UNT Career Center to host an Internship and Career Fair, which brings dozens of top area employers to campus to recruit soon-to-be journalism graduates. This year's fair was held in the new University Union.

### This year's list of vendors:

Agency Entourage  
American Campus Communities  
Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Collabera  
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Dieste  
Innovative-IDM  
Ivie & Associates, Inc.  
J&S AUDIO VISUAL  
KAUZ-TV  
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Maloney Strategic Communications  
Mixed Media Creations  
MSB Consulting  
PAVLOV, LLC  
Peace Corps  
projekt202  
Salem Media Group  
Seacrest Studios at Children's Health  
Shoptology  
Social Media Delivered  
Splash Media  
The Five Star Institute  
TPN  
TracyLocke  
URCM  
USAA

Steve Utley of S-Squared Creative awarded tubs of cheese balls or cans of Vienna Sausages to students of the JOUR 4052 Advertising Portfolio class, demonstrating that breakthrough presentation skills can involve “thinking outside the lines” to make creative work memorable.

# Life @ the Mayborn



Mayborn broadcast student Andrea Czobor supported this year’s Super Bowl as a production assistant for Houston –based Video Perspective. “What excited me most was working in a supercharged room with extremely skilled people whom I can learn from.”



Under the direction of Senior Lecturer Michelle Redmond and Technology Manager Chuck Weatherall, Mayborn students prepare for the first broadcast of Spanish Headlines, a new all-Spanish news roundup carried on NT Daily en Espanol.



Journalism professor spouses Jake Batsell (L) and Tracy Everbach (R) hold a banner honoring women journalists on the Mall in front of the U.S. Capitol during the Women’s March on Washington, Jan. 21, 2017.

# Upcoming Events in 2017

## March 1

Internship/Career Fair

## April 13

Barbara Jordan Media Awards

## April 20

Mayborn Agency Showcase

## April 27

Celebrate Mayborn

## April 29

Dallas Book Festival  
Literary Nonfiction Conference Exhibitor

## May 12

Spring Commencement

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Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference



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