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**JUSTICE AND JOURNALISM FELLOWS STUDY CRIME AND PUNISHMENT  
Eight Journalists to Meet With Experts at New Center Based at John Jay College**

LOS ANGELES (November 20, 2006) – Eight Justice and Journalism Fellows will join an array of experts at City University of New York (CUNY) in late November to enhance their expertise in crime and punishment issues. They will gather again at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication in early 2007 to discuss their in-depth reporting projects.

The eight journalists selected as Criminal Justice Fellows of USC Annenberg's Institute for Justice and Journalism (IJJ) will participate in an IJJ conference and other activities launching the new Center on the Media, Crime and Justice at City University of New York's John Jay College. The new center is a partnership of IJJ, John Jay College, Criminal Justice Journalists and the new CUNY Graduate School of Journalism.

The IJJ Criminal Justice Fellowships program's opening conference, "Crime and Punishment in America: The Politics and Consequences of Removal, Incarceration and Reentry Policies," Nov. 27-Dec. 2, will be led by IJJ Senior Fellow **Joe Domanick**, an award-winning journalist and author whose latest book is *Cruel Justice: Three Strikes and the Politics of Crime in America's Golden State*.

Three of the journalists selected as IJJ Criminal Justice Fellows work for newspapers, three in public radio and two for an online news operation.

The Fellows are: **Dan Gunderson**, bureau chief for Minnesota Public Radio; **Gilman Halsted**, reporter for Wisconsin Public Radio; **Colleen Mensching**, staff writer for the Redlands (Calif.) Daily Facts; **Hilda Muñoz**, staff writer for The Hartford (Conn.) Courant; **Julia Reynolds**, staff writer for the Monterey County (Calif.) Herald; **Harriet Ryan**, senior special correspondent for CourtTVnews.com in New York City; **Frank Stoltze**, reporter for KPCC 89.3 FM in Los Angeles; and **Harry Swartz-Turfle**, senior producer for CourtTVnews.com in New York City.

At the IJJ Criminal Justice Fellowships conference, scholars and other experts will discuss the effects on communities of incarceration and prisoner reentry practices, the politics of crime-and-punishment policies, trends in imprisonment, the influence of tougher laws and the impact of U.S. incarceration policies on public health, families and society.

The IJJ Criminal Justice Fellows will also take part in John Jay College's Harry F. Guggenheim Symposium on Crime in America, which annually brings together journalists from around the country, academics who study crime trends and practitioners in the field of crime and justice. That program also is part of the new Center on the Media, Crime and Justice.

The IJJ Fellows will be joined by their editors or news directors at a follow-up conference, Feb. 13-17, 2007, in Los Angeles. These sessions will give the Fellows an opportunity to discuss the in-depth reporting projects they will undertake as part of the fellowship.

Created with Ford Foundation funding, the Institute for Justice and Journalism was established at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication in 2000 to strengthen journalism about issues involving justice and injustice.

Activities of the Center on the Media, Crime and Justice, created this year, are supported by funding from the Open Society Institute, The Ford Foundation and Harry F. Guggenheim Foundation.

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