

OLLI Lunch and Learn Series

“The Survival of Journalism in the Era of Fake News”

Tuesdays - 12:30-1:30PM - Room 116

Reminder: bring your lunch!

Free -- Registration NOT required

Tuesday, April 10

Lisa George

Lisa George is an Atlanta native. A graduate of the H. Sophie Newcomb College of Tulane University, George has more than 20 years of experience covering news for radio, television and print media outlets, primarily in the Southeast. Her background also includes work as Communications Director for the Georgia Innocence Project. George currently serves as WABE's newscast editor and producer of NPR's All Things Considered.

Tuesday, April 17

Nydia Tisdale

“Georgia’s most notorious citizen journalist” [Columbia Journalism Review] Nydia Tisdale video records public meetings of public interest to broadcast on her YouTube channel and blog AboutForsyth.com. To date, her 1,142 “nydeos” have 375,155 views, and her channel has 910 subscribers. Nydia Tisdale was born in Raleigh, North Carolina, but has called Georgia home for thirty years. Nydia learned her love of photography from her father, Wesley O. Doggett. In Georgia, Nydia worked as a property manager for a real estate investor for twenty years. When a landfill was proposed for an adjoining property on Hospitality Highway 400 in Forsyth County, she got involved in local government. After years of fighting a bogus landfill, she discovered the zoning application was not compliant with state law, and the application was ultimately withdrawn. The “phantom” landfill was the catalyst for her activism and citizen journalism. Her HD Sony video camera has been kicked out of several public meetings for which she has filed federal civil rights lawsuits. Tisdale continues to defend our collective First Amendment freedoms in the courts. Nydia Tisdale has been honored for her efforts with the Common Cause Georgia 2014 Democracy Award, the Georgia First Amendment Foundation 2015 Open Government Hero Award, and The Atlanta Press Club 2017 Impact Award. Nydia is married to Cooper Tisdale and lives in Roswell, Georgia.

Monday, April 23

Jay Bookman

Jay Bookman is a columnist and blogger at The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, specializing in foreign relations, environmental and technology-related issues and state and local politics. He generally writes about government and politics, with an occasional foray into other aspects of life as time, space and opportunity allow.

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Tuesday, May 1

Donna R. Krache

Donna Krache is a former CNN executive producer who has won several awards in journalism and communication, including three Peabodys. She has over 20 years' experience in broadcast and digital journalism. She led the first production team at CNN to convert its show to the digital platform. She has authored many articles for CNN and other media outlets. She is currently a lecturer in journalism at Georgia State University, where she teaches digital media writing and production.

Tuesday, May 8

Leroy Chapman

Leroy Chapman is a native of Greenville, S.C., who previously worked at the State newspaper in Columbia and then moved to Atlanta, Georgia with his family in 2011 to join The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. As Deputy Managing Editor, he supervises local news, business, politics and local, state and federal government at the AJC. He is one of the project managers on several of the newspaper's signature initiatives including overall responsibility for the RE: Race initiative. Leroy also manages the collaboration between the AJC and other Atlanta market Cox brands, WSB-TV and WSB-Radio.

Tuesday, May 15

Art Harris

Art Harris has gone from Nasirya to Neverland from 13 years with CNN as a two-time Emmy Award-winning investigative correspondent and an embedded reporter in Iraq, to covering Hollywood scoops, scandals and politics for Entertainment Tonight. As a journalist-producer, he also creates a variety of news, entertainment and web projects as CEO of Atlanta-based Busystreet Productions. A veteran journalist, he created The Bald Truth (www.artharris.com), a popular news blog with attitude that counts well over a million page views its first year, and draws on Art's three decades covering celebrity, politics, war, true crime, pop culture and Hollywood. It's scoops are often featured and linked at EOnline, Huff Po, People.com, New York Post's Page Six, CelebTV.com and others.

Tuesday, May 22

Cheryl Preheim

Cheryl Preheim is an experienced journalist, reporter and 11Alive news anchor. Preheim attended the University of Colorado and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications and English. Throughout her career, she has travelled abroad and covered big time events like the Winter and Summer Olympics where she followed the likes of Champion skier, Mikaela Shiffrin and champion swimmer, Missy Franklin. Cheryl has also reported on local stories such as the Columbine High School Shootings as well as interviewed the former US President, Jimmy Carter. A truly talented journalist, she has received quite a few accolades during her illustrious career including multiple Emmys, 3 Edward R. Murrow Awards and Colorado Broadcaster Association Awards.