

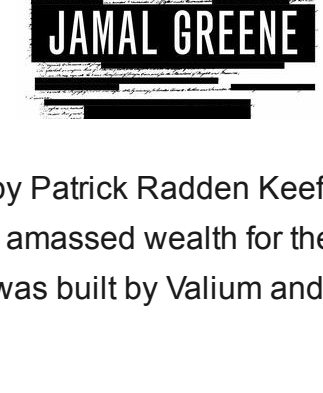
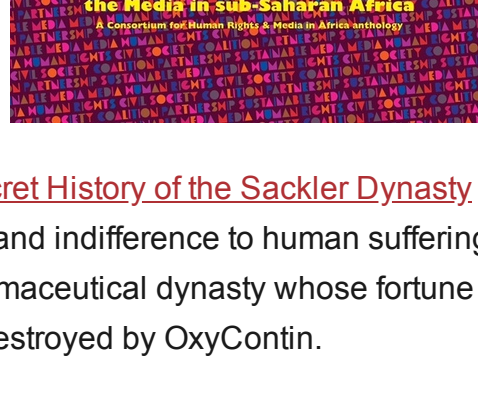
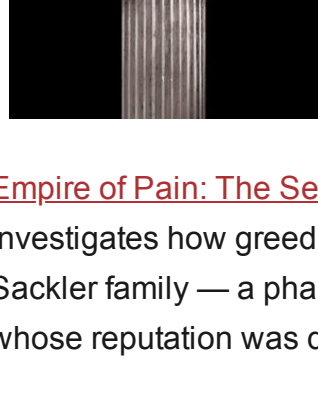
CENTER FOR MEDIA AT RISK NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2021

With risk surfacing everywhere around us, it's useful to have some cues about what's worth exploring. Here are our suggestions.

Have something to share? Email us [here](#) to submit announcements to appear in our next edition.

PUBLICATIONS

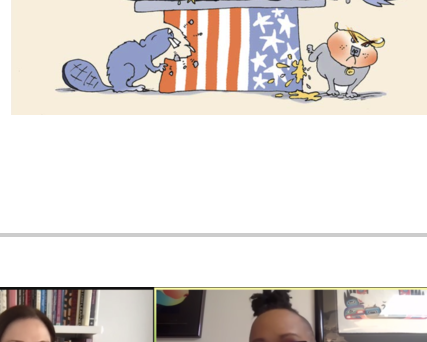


Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty by Patrick Radden Keefe investigates how greed and indifference to human suffering amassed wealth for the Sackler family — a pharmaceutical dynasty whose fortune was built by Valium and whose reputation was destroyed by OxyContin.

People, Power, Truth is an anthology by CHARM Africa aiming to confront the shrinking space of democracy in sub-Saharan Africa by strengthening coalitions between civil society, media and human rights defenders in the region.

How Rights Went Wrong: Why Our Obsession with Rights is Tearing America Apart by Jamal Greene forces readers to rethink the relationship between constitutional law and political dysfunction and shows how we can recover America's original vision of rights, while updating them to confront the challenges of today.

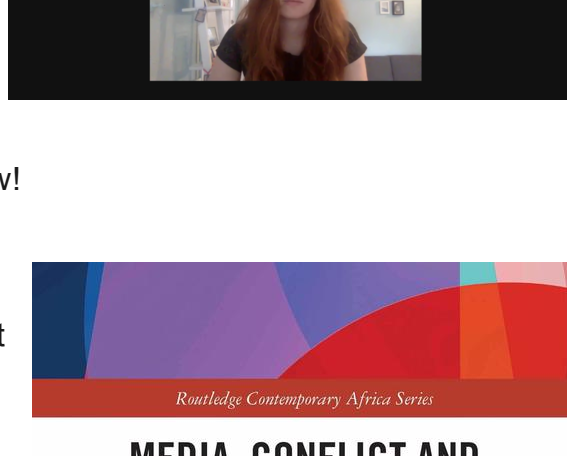
Free Speech and Why You Should Give a Damn by Jonathan Zimmerman and illustrated by cartoonist Signe Wilkinson tells the story of free speech in America: who established it, who has denounced it and who has risen to its defense.



NEWS

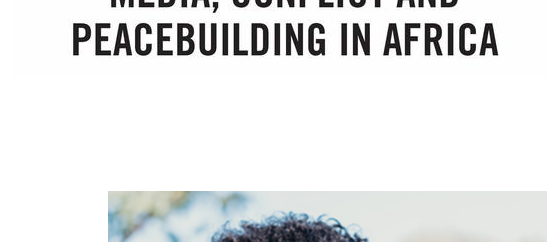
Sex, Power and Democracy with Galina Espinoza and Imani Gandy

Steering Committee member Sophie Maddocks leads a discussion about reproductive rights coverage and its relationship to the health of American democracy with Rewire News Group's Imani Gandy and Galina Espinoza. Text and video from the event are available now!



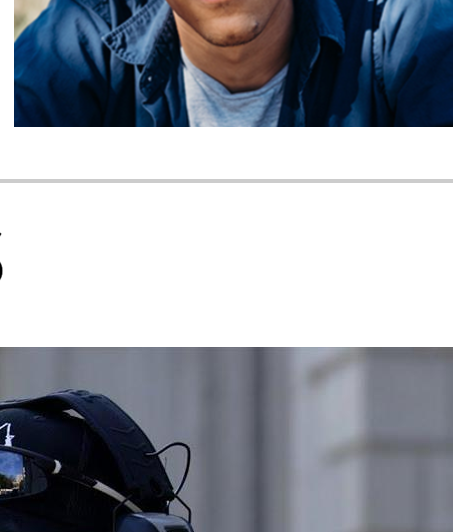
New Book Chapter by Richard Stupart

Center postdoctoral fellow Richard Stupart wrote the chapter "Precarity, Technology, Identity: The Sociology of Conflict Reporting in South Sudan" in the new book *Media, Conflict and Peacebuilding in Africa*.

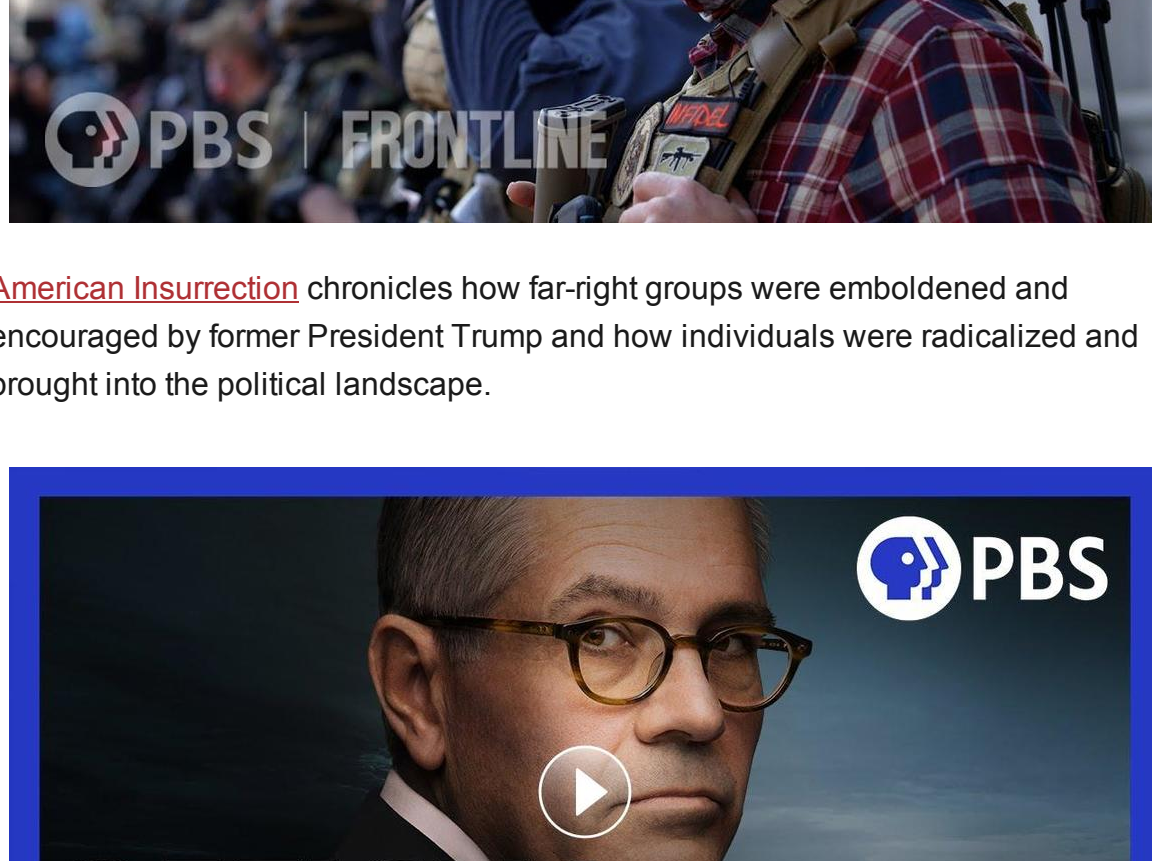


Q&A With Gabe Schneider

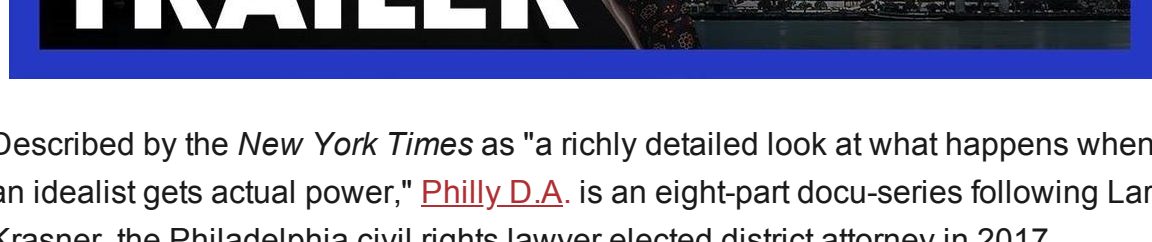
Center Steering Committee Member Louisa Lincoln speaks with Gabe Schneider, the co-founder and lead editor of *The Objective*, about journalism, objectivity and where the media industry goes from here.



FILMS

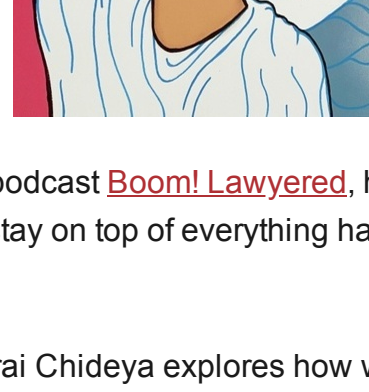
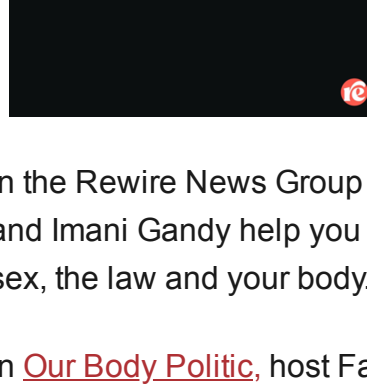


American Insurrection chronicles how far-right groups were emboldened and encouraged by former President Trump and how individuals were radicalized and brought into the political landscape.



Described by the *New York Times* as "a richly detailed look at what happens when an idealist gets actual power," **Philly D.A.** is an eight-part docu-series following Larry Krasner, the Philadelphia civil rights lawyer elected district attorney in 2017.

PODCASTS



In the Rewire News Group podcast **Boom! Lawyered**, hosts Jessica Mason Pieklo and Imani Gandy help you stay on top of everything happening at the intersection of sex, the law and your body.

In **Our Body Politic**, host Farai Chideya explores how women of color experience and shape the major political events of today. Recent topics include Black maternal death, Georgia's voting restrictions and how #OscarsSoWhite still applies in 2021.

Down, but Not Out highlights examples of innovation in journalism. Its most recent episode asks whether journalism cooperatives and subscription newsletters can put power back in the hands of media practitioners.

CONFERENCES/CFPS

GMU Communication Conference: Cancel Culture and Character Assassination

September 2021, Virtual Conference: DEADLINE: [MAY 3](#)

Gender and Media Matters Conference: Widening the Horizons of the Field of Study

October 2021, Sapienza University of Rome / online: DEADLINE: [MAY 15](#)

IIPPE 11th Annual Conference: The Pandemic and the Future of Capitalism

September 2021, online conference: DEADLINE: [MAY 15](#)

HKBU Interdisciplinary Conference: Narrating Cold Wars

November 2021, Hong Kong Baptist University: DEADLINE: [JULY 1](#)

Communication & Media Studies Conference: The Data Galaxy

October 2021, Toronto, Canada: DEADLINE: [JULY 7](#)

EVENTS



Subverting Stereotypes: Re-Writing Asian American Narratives in Film and TV

The Writers Guild Foundation,

Coalition for Asian Pacifics in Entertainment,

Think Tank for Inclusion & Equity

May 6, 7:00-8:30PM (ET)

Zoom Event

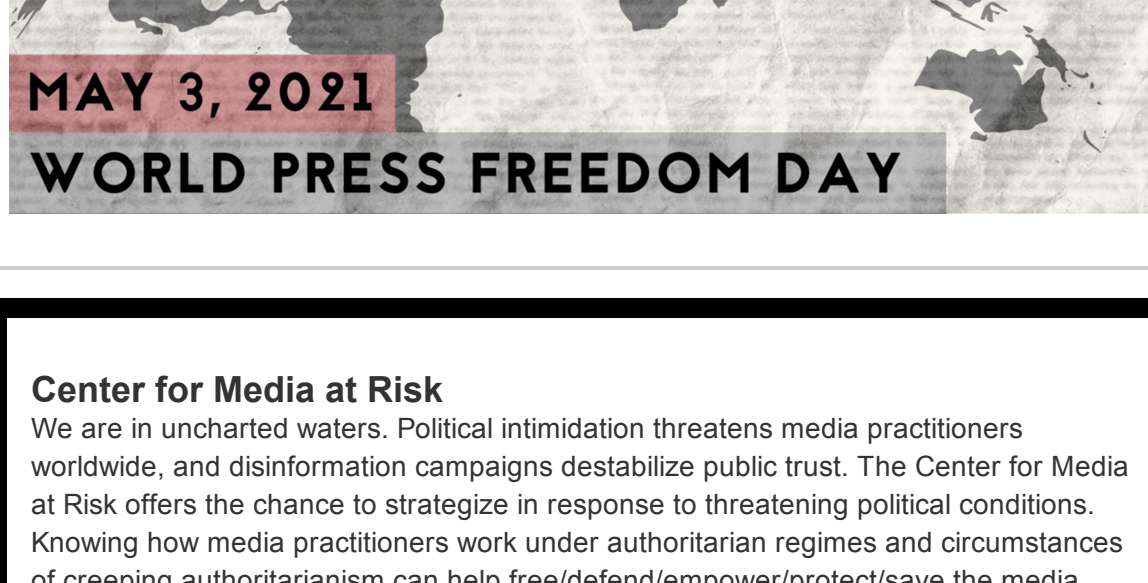


The Promise of Health Reform and a Public Option in the Biden Administration

presented by Penn LDI

May 7, 10am-1:45pm (ET)

Zoom Event



MAY 3, 2021

WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY

Center for Media at Risk

We are in uncharted waters. Political intimidation threatens media practitioners worldwide, and disinformation campaigns destabilize public trust. The Center for Media at Risk offers the chance to strategize in response to threatening political conditions.

Knowing how media practitioners work under authoritarian regimes and circumstances of creeping authoritarianism can help free/defend/empower/protect/save the media.

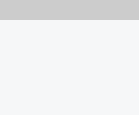
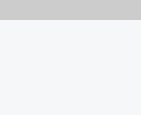
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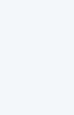
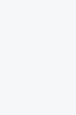
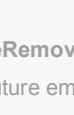
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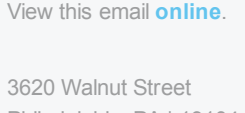
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