

**SHOOTING THE MESSENGER: THE MYTHS AND TRUTHS OF
INTERNATIONAL NEWS REPORTING
A SYMPOSIUM AND OPEN DISCUSSION**

**THURSDAY MARCH 3, 2005
3:00-6:00 P.M.
Two Mellon Center, 501 Grant Street Room 1150**

As broadcast television, broadcast radio and the newspaper industry become more consolidated under massive ownership concentration, the questions of how, why, and when our news is delivered to us becomes increasingly complex for those in the business of reporting the news. The war in Iraq, the stabilization of Afghanistan, the tsunami in Southeast Asia, misleading economic information from the Chinese government, the nuclear capabilities of North Korea. How do these events affect us as the average American? How do correspondents in the field accurately report events for international readership? Do alternative news sources (blogging, the internet) have significant impact in helping to define and shape national opinions regarding world events? And finally, how do those whose job it is to edit the news strike the balance between accurate, in-depth reporting of world events and maintaining local readership?

In this symposium our distinguished panel of speakers will address these compelling questions and offer up their views from inside the world of international news reporting.

Panelists:

Ted Anthony

"Making Them Care: Bringing the World Home to Americans"
Associated Press, National Correspondent/Editor
China News Editor, 2002-2004

Lisa Rose Weaver

"Coverage of the Wars: Is there a Split between Television and Print Media?"
Former CNN Beijing Producer and Correspondent
Freelance journalist for National Public Radio, Voice of America and Time Magazine
Adjunct Professor, Chatham College

Greg Victor

"Walking the Line: It's Not Easy Being Fair."
Nation/World Editor, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Rick Pieto

"The Ghost in the Global Village: Images, News and Globalization"
Lecturer, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Communications

Discussant:

Schuyler Foerster

President
World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required. Please contact the Asian Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh at 412-648-7370 or email Michele Heryford at ferrier@ucis.pitt.edu