Leading Journalists Conduct Workshop at Tulane

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Communication professors and award-winning journalists from media outlets whose coverage focuses on, or includes, ethnic issues will conduct a two-day workshop on Jan. 23â\['24 at Tulane University.

The Ethnic Media Watchdog Workshop, which is designed for both professional journalists and students, will provide training on topics of particular relevance to ethnic populations including the 2010 census, criminal justice, the economy, education, health care, immigration and local government.

The workshop is hosted by the Tulane communication department and presented by Investigative Reporters and Editors, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of investigative reporting.

Workshop instructors will include Edwin Buggage, editor-in-chief of *New Orleans Data News Weekly*; Stephanie Czekalinski, editorial coordinator for *The Columbus Dispatch* [Fronteras Manny Garcia, executive editor of *El Nuevo Herald* and former metro editor of *The Miami Herald*; Doug Haddix, training director for Investigative Reporters and Editors; Brant Houston, Knight Chair in Investigative and Enterprise Reporting at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Vicki Mayer, associate professor and chair of the Communication Department at Tulane; Brenda Melara, editor of *El Tiempo New Orleans*; Gordon Russell, city editor for *The Times-Picayune* and Lee Zurik, news anchor and chief investigative reporter for Fox 8 News, New Orleans.

Registration is \$25 for professional journalists and \$10 for students. Fees include a one-year Investigative Reporters and Editors membership. On-line registration closes at 5 p.m. on Friday (Jan. 15). After Friday, pending space availability, registrants may bring a copy of the printed-out registration form to on-site registration.

The workshop will take place from 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. on Jan. 23 and from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 24. Saturday's sessions will take place on the second floor of the

Lavin-Bernick Center and Sunday's sessions will take place in Howard-Tilton Memorial Library, Room 309.