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GPB and Georgia Humanities Present *Democracy and the Informed Citizen*

Tuesday, October 6, 7 PM

Livestream Discussion Highlights Journalism, Media Literacy, and the Role of Free Speech

(Atlanta, GA) - GPB and Georgia Humanities will present "[Democracy and the Informed Citizen](#)," on Tuesday, October 6, at 7 p.m. This livestream discussion will highlight journalism, media literacy, and the role of free speech in democracy, to help participants recognize how to get the best information available and make informed decisions.

The one-hour program will feature three segments, hosted individually by GPB's Leah Fleming, Donna Lowry, and Virginia Prescott, in conversation with expert guests including professor and Pulitzer Prize winner Douglas A. Blackmon, revered Atlanta journalist Jocelyn Dorsey, and CNN's Ram Ramgopal.

In the first segment, hosted by Leah Fleming with guest CNN executive editor Ram Ramgopal, Fleming and Ramgopal will discuss the concept of what journalism is, along with the qualifications of journalists, ethics, and reporting processes.

Segment 2 will be hosted by Donna Lowry with guest Jocelyn Dorsey, a WSB-TV news anchor and director of public affairs who recently retired after 45 years. Lowry and Dorsey will discuss the importance of local journalism and journalism "deserts."

Segment 3 will be hosted by Virginia Prescott with guest Douglas A. Blackmon, a Georgia State University professor and Pulitzer Prize-winning author of the *New York Times* bestseller, *Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World II*, and host of the new GSUTV program "Crucial Conversations," a series of civil, nonpartisan discussions addressing racial equity and reconciliation. Prescott and Blackmon will discuss the connections between journalism and the humanities disciplines, with particular focus on the role they play in creating an informed citizenry, and in turn, a healthy democracy.

Participants can submit questions for the event [here](#).

The event is supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and in partnership with the Pulitzer Prizes.

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