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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10 - 10 a.m. to Noon

IS INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING DEAD?

James Grimaldi Investigative Reporter, The Wall Street Journal and Pulitzer Prize winner

The media industry is beleaguered, suffering historic declines in newsroom size and income. Despite these unprecedented challenges, veteran investigative journalist James V. Gimaldi is optimistic about the state of investigative reporting. The presentation will include his insights on this beleaguered industry and his thoughts on the 2016 presidential election, which he has covered for The Wall Street Journal.

Grimaldi he has written about politics and global money laundering, among other things.





WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17 - 10 a.m. to Noon

AN INSIDER'S VIEW ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT

Susan Biniaz Lead Climate Lawyer, U.S. Department of State

Last December, over 190 countries adopted the Paris Agreement, an ambitious global agreement to address climate change. This presentation will include discussion of the controversial issues going into Paris, how they were resolved, some stories from Paris, and what is happening this year on the climate change front.

Biniaz, who has been in the Legal Adviser's Office at the United States State Department since 1984 specializing in scientific and environmental affairs, has been the principal lawyer on climate change negotiations since 1989.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17 - 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

CONTEMPORARY FLASH POINT: LEGAL AND POLICY ISSUES IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA

Robert Harris Assistant Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State

In recent years, international tensions resulting from territorial and maritime disputes over small and largely uninhabited islands in the South China Sea have become one of the most significant risks to peace in that region. Commentators have pointed to China's ambiguous maritime claims and its assertive conduct with respect to its neighbors as an important test of that country's ambitions as a growing power and its commitment to international law. Harris will explain these disputes, the relevant international law, and the role the United States is playing to support the peaceful resolution of these disputes.

