

Dr. Hamner Hill

Presents:



The Media, Democracy, and the 2008 Election

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

★ *Special Evening Presentation* ★

at 6:30 p.m. in Kent Library's Sadie's Place

As the 2008 election nears, it is fair to ask whether the media in America more closely resembles watch dogs against government and corporate misbehavior or lap dogs for government and corporate interests. While the watch dog model of the press is deeply rooted in our national psyche, there is good reason to believe that the press today fall far short of the standards of Murrow, and Woodward and Bernstein. Many factors contribute to the conclusion that the media are not serving as watch dogs. These include: increased corporate concentration of media ownership (media consolidation); the rise of a pundit class; blurring the lines between information, opinion and entertainment; and the apparent preference for trivia over substance. This presentation examines the behavior of the media in covering the 2008 Election in light of these concerns.

The presentation is open to all, refreshments will be served.

Library Hosts: Phyllis Sanders, Cathy Roeder, and Peggy Lacey

