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Access and Accountability in the Media

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Kent Library's Sadie's Place

Journalists tend to portray themselves as outsiders to power, as those who speak truth to power and hold political and corporate power to account. Perhaps there was a time, maybe in the era of Woodward and Bernstein, or I.F. Stone, or Murrow, or Mencken, when such a self portrayal bore some resemblance to the truth, but if it ever was, it is no more. There has been a fundamental shift in journalistic values in which access to power has become more important than accountability. Dr. Hill will demonstrate this value shift, examine some of the causes of it, and explore the ramifications of it for our society.

This presentation is open to all and refreshments will be served.

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