WASHINGTON JOURNALISTS TO DISCUSS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

DURHAM, N.C. – Veteran Washington print and broadcast journalists will discuss the media’s role in covering the presidential campaign, as part of the annual John Fisher Zeidman Memorial Colloquium on Communications, on Saturday, Nov. 20, at Duke University’s Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy.

The panel discussion on “Horse Race or Issues: Coverage of the Presidential Campaign,” will begin at 2 p.m. in the institute’s Fleishman Commons. The public is invited to attend.

This year’s participants include Gwen Ifill of the PBS program “Washington Week in Review,” Mara Liasson of National Public Radio, William Raspberry of The Washington Post and Duke University, and Andy Glass of Cox Newspapers. The panel will be moderated by Ellen Mickiewicz, director of the DeWitt Wallace Center for Communications and Journalism at Duke, which is sponsoring the colloquium.

Ifill is the moderator and managing editor of “Washington Week in Review” on public television. She joins the program from NBC News, where she worked for five years, most recently as chief congressional and political correspondent. Ifill joined NBC News after having served as White House correspondent for The New York Times. She also covered politics and government for The Washington Post, The Baltimore Evening Sun and the Boston Herald American.

Liasson has been the White House correspondent for National Public Radio since 1992. Her reports can be heard regularly on “Morning Edition” and “All Things Considered.” Liasson won the White House Correspondents Association’s Merriman Smith Award for daily news coverage in 1994, 1995 and 1997. Prior to her White House assignment, she was NPR’s congressional correspondent.

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Raspberry, the Pulitzer Prize-winning syndicated columnist for *The Washington Post*, is also the Knight professor of the practice of communications and journalism at Duke. His coverage of the 1965 Watts riot in Los Angeles earned him the Capital Press Club’s Journalist of the Year award. The National Association of Black Journalists gave him its Lifetime Achievement Award in 1994, the same year he won the Pulitzer Prize for Distinguished Commentary for his columns on crime, AIDS, the Nation of Islam and violent rap lyrics. Raspberry’s column now appears in more than 200 newspapers.

Glass is senior correspondent for Cox Newspapers’ Washington bureau. He joined the bureau in 1974, became bureau chief in 1977, and senior correspondent in 1997. Before Cox, he was a senior editor of the *National Journal*; a White House, congressional and political correspondent for *The Washington Post*; and a chief congressional correspondent and business writer for the *New York Herald Tribune*.

The Zeidman Colloquium is made possible by a gift to Duke from Philip and Nancy Zeidman in memory of their son, John, a former Duke student who died in 1982 after contracting viral encephalitis while studying in China.

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