

W&L TO HOST SPJ SPRING CONFERENCE

The SPJ Spring Conference is coming March 28-29 to Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Va. and you're invited!

We've got big plans for the weekend, including a cocktail party, ghost tour, press conference and the Mark of Excellence Luncheon, which honors students' work over the past year.

Amy Goodman of Democracy Now! will give our keynote address. For more on Goodman and Democracy Now!, visit <http://www.democracynow.org>.

Students and professionals alike will get a chance to grill Dave "Mudcat" Saunders in our live press conference! Saunders helped get Democrats Mark Warner, Jim Webb and Tim Kaine elected in Virginia, and is known for his wild, in-your-face quotes. Bring your photo and recording equipment and have your questions ready!

Writing coach Kate Long will give a two-hour workshop, helping you turn your good story into the best story you've written yet. Plus, we've got a day full of great panels on crisis reporting, poverty coverage, election year reporting and community journalism, featuring a representative from The Anniston Star and Rockbridge County's own Doug Harwood.

For students, we've invited a recruiter from the Virginian-Pilot and some recent grads from The Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg and NBC News to talk to you about breaking into the business.

We've also booked a deal for students to stay here on campus. For \$20 per night, students can stay at the Kappa Sigma mansion. That way, you can come network at Friday's cocktail party and catch all the sessions Saturday, instead of trying to make the round trip in one day. (For more info on Kappa Sigma, please contact Kat Greene at greenek@wlu.edu or Joel Poelhuis at poelhuisk@wlu.edu.)

It's going to be a great weekend, with food, drinks, fun and, most importantly, lots of good journalism.

Visit our Web site at <http://journalism.wlu.edu/spj> for registration forms and more info.

You can also check our blog at <http://wluspj.blogspot.com> for the latest news, and sign up to receive e-mail updates as more info comes in!

We're also on Facebook, group name: SPJ Spring Conference. It's a great way to coordinate travel plans and see who else might be attending!

Questions? Here's some contact info:

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