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LEONARD ZEIDENBERG FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

Martha Raddatz, Senior Foreign Affairs Correspondent
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RTDNF presents this award annually to a media executive, business or government leader who has upheld the highest standards of journalism and made a significant contribution to the protection of First Amendment freedoms.



2012 HONOREE
STEVE CAPUS

Steve Capus was named President, NBC News, in November 2005. He is the No. 1 News Division executive and is responsible for all aspects of America's highest-rated and most-watched network News division, as well as MSNBC and NBC News Channel. Capus is also the arbiter of issues involving ethics, style, standards, safety and other matters that affect the Division's journalistic bearing. He sits on the Board of MSNBC.com, The Weather Channel, The Freedom Forum and Newseum. Capus reports to Steve Burke, CEO, NBCUniversal.

Capus had served as senior vice president of NBC News since June 2005 and was the executive producer of "NBC Nightly News" since May 2001. In December 2004, when the broadcast made the first anchor change on any network evening newscast in more than two decades – from Tom Brokaw to Brian Williams – Capus oversaw the seamless transition. Under

his direction, "NBC Nightly News" remained the highest-rated evening newscast in America. Capus was also the executive producer for much of NBC News' coverage of the terror attacks on September 11, 2001, the war in Iraq, and the "Decision 2002-2004" political coverage.

Capus has also received numerous awards, including four Emmy Awards, eight Edward R. Murrow Awards, one Alfred I. duPont and six National Headliner Awards. In 2007, he earned the Ida B. Wells Award from the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), which is presented annually to a media executive who has demonstrated a commitment to diversifying the nations newsrooms and improving the coverage of people and communities of color.

From 1997 to May 2001, Capus was the executive producer of MSNBC's signature primetime newscast, "The News with Brian Williams." He was also the executive producer of numerous NBC News breaking reports and MSNBC special broadcasts. Among them were the 2000 presidential primaries and election, the "Summit in Silicon Valley" with Tom Brokaw and the political series "100 Days, 1000 Voices." Before becoming executive producer of "The News," Capus had served as the senior broadcast producer for MSNBC's daytime news coverage since its launch in 1996.

During 1995, Capus was the supervising producer for "Today," and before that, he was the broadcast producer of "NBC News Sunrise" throughout 1994. Capus first joined NBC News in 1993 as the senior producer of "NBC Nightside," the NBC News Channel's overnight news program based in Charlotte, N.C.

In 1990, at the age of 26, Capus became an executive producer with KYW-TV in Philadelphia. For two years, he was responsible for the overall day-to-day management and coordination of the correspondents, production staff and the on-air production for the station. He joined KYW-TV in 1987 as a writer and producer. Capus also worked at WCAU-TV in Philadelphia in 1986. He began his journalism career in radio and print and worked at several stations and daily newspapers in the Philadelphia area.

He graduated from Temple University in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism. He has served as a member of Temple's School of Communications and Theater Board of Visitors since 2008.

His wife is "Dateline NBC" special segment producer Sophia Faskianos. They have two sons. Capus also has a daughter.

Presenter: Brian Williams, Anchor, NBC Nightly News



ABC News congratulates
Senior Foreign Affairs Correspondent
MARTHA RADDATZ
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Named for the late Broadcasting & Cable senior correspondent, this award is presented annually to a radio or television journalist or news executive whose work, through high standard and significant achievements, embodies the spirit of the First Amendment and its free-press principles.



2012 HONOREE
**MARTHA
RADDATZ**

Martha Raddatz was named Senior Foreign Affairs Correspondent for ABC News in November 2008, after serving as chief White House correspondent during the last term of President George W. Bush's administration.

In addition to covering the day-to-day foreign and domestic stories from the White House, Raddatz reports frequently from the Middle East, Yemen, Pakistan and Afghanistan and traveled to Iraq more than 20 times to cover the ongoing conflict. Raddatz was on the last U.S. convoy out of Iraq.

In the early hours of June 8, 2006, Raddatz was the first correspondent to report that Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the leader of al Qaeda in Iraq, had been killed in a U.S. air strike north of Baghdad. In 2007, the White House Correspondents' Association awarded her the Merriman Smith Memorial Award for excellence in presidential news coverage under deadline pressure. She also reported exclusive details on the Israeli bombing of a suspected nuclear facility being built in Syria.

Raddatz joined ABC News in January 1999 as the network's State Department correspondent, where she covered the conflict in the Middle East and traveled to Africa, Pakistan and India and numerous other places with Secretary of State Colin Powell. Her coverage at the State Department after the attacks of September 11, 2001, was recognized, along with that of other ABC News recipients, with a Peabody Award as well as an Emmy Award.

In May 2004, Raddatz was named senior national security correspondent. During her time at the Pentagon, she reported exclusively on a number of stories, including the near-capture of al-Zarqawi in April 2005, plus the discovery of his laptop computer. She also broke the story that the attack on a U.S. military dining hall in Mosul, Iraq, in December 2004, was the work of a suicide bomber.

From 1993 to 1998, Raddatz was the Pentagon correspondent for National Public Radio (NPR), where she reported on foreign policy, defense and intelligence issues. During her tenure at NPR, she made numerous trips to Eastern Europe to cover the war in Bosnia.

Prior to joining NPR in 1993, Raddatz was the chief correspondent at the ABC News Boston affiliate WCVB-TV. In addition to covering several presidential campaigns, she reported from the former Soviet Union, Africa, the Middle East, the Philippines and Europe.

In addition to the Emmy Award for coverage of the September 11 terror attacks, Raddatz has received three other national Emmy Awards for her reporting. She was also the recipient of the 2007 International Urbino Press Award, the 2005 Daniel Pearl Award from the Chicago Journalists Association and a 1996 Overseas Press Club Award for her live coverage of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. Her reporting was also recognized with the National Headliner Award for team coverage of the 1988 presidential campaign. She is a frequent guest on the PBS program "Washington Week with Gwen Ifill" and "Charlie Rose".

Raddatz is the author of "The Long Road Home -- a Story of War and Family." The highly acclaimed book was released in March 2007, making both The New York Times and The Washington Post bestseller lists. The Washington Post described the book as "a masterpiece of literary nonfiction that rivals any war-related classic that has preceded it."

Raddatz is married to NPR's Tom Gjelten and is the mother of two grown children, Greta and Jake.

Presenter: Jonathan Karl, Senior Political Correspondent for ABC News

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2012 HONOREE
**MARCI
BURDICK**

Marci Burdick is Senior Vice-President-Electronic Division for Schurz Communications, a position she's held since February 2003. Her responsibilities include supervision of two cable companies and nine television stations and 13 radio stations. Other positions Burdick has held within the Schurz organization include Television VP, President/General Manager of WAGT-TV in Augusta Georgia (June 2000 – September 2002) and News Director at KYTV, Springfield, Missouri (1988-2000). Prior to that, she was anchor/news director at KOTA TV and KEVN TV, both in her hometown of Rapid City, South Dakota. Burdick has worked continuously in the media since age 14, beginning with an after-school job in radio. She moved into television just out of high school, working full time while carrying a full college course load.

She has won numerous awards for excellence in journalism both as a reporter and news manager. They include two national Edward R. Murrow awards, many regional Murrows, four regional Emmy awards, the national Iris Award, the national Silver Gavel Award and several dozen state broadcast association awards. In 2010, Burdick was awarded The South Dakota Broadcast Association's "Tom Brokaw Award" for broadcast excellence.


Burdick is active in the industry and the community. She is President of the TV Board of the National Association of Broadcasters, the industry's leading trade association. She is a past-President/Chairman of the NBC Affiliates Association and a past chairwoman of the Radio-Television News Directors Association. (She was the first woman to be elected to each organization's top leadership position). Locally, she serves on the boards of the South Bend Rotary Club and the Studebaker Museum. She also devotes an hour a week to reading with an elementary school student in a Title I school.

Burdick has worked on many community boards including The Salvation Army, Red Cross, "Good Community Coalition" of Springfield and has served as President of the Boards of both the United Way of Augusta and the Rapid City (SD) Convention and Visitors Bureau. She has been a Rotarian for 21 years, belonging to clubs in three cities.

While in Missouri, she was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court to a task force to design and supervise a two-year experiment for electronic coverage of Missouri's courts. The experimental rule was permanently adopted July 1, 1995. Burdick is frequently invited to present at journalism and leadership training sessions for organizations such as the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, the Radio Television News Directors Foundation and the National Association of Broadcasters Educational Foundation.

Burdick and her husband, John, have four children and five granddaughters.

Presenter: Jeffrey Marks, President & General Manager, WDBJ Television, Inc.



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SPECIAL RECOGNITION FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

RTDNF recognizes exceptional successes made by television and radio journalists, and news executives who have made significant contributions to the protection of First Amendment freedoms.



2012 HONOREE
**JIM
BOHANNON**

Jim Bohannon is a veteran news anchor and talk host with the Dial Global Radio Networks. Jim hosts the nightly "Jim Bohannon Show" with interviews and calls, and the news magazine "America in the Morning," which together are heard on over 500 radio stations nationwide.

He's the originator of Freedom of Information Day, a concept he suggested to the Society of Professional Journalists national board in 1979.

Jim is the recipient of numerous awards, including membership in the Radio Hall of Fame in Chicago; the Peter Hackes Award from the Washington, D.C., chapter of RTDNA; membership in the Hall of Fame of the Washington, D.C., chapter of SPJ; and inclusion on the Wall of Honor in his home town of Lebanon, Missouri.

Jim has broadcast from national political conventions, Moscow, Tokyo, and Paris. Jim spent 11 years as radio backup to Larry King before taking over nighttime hosting duties from Larry with Westwood One. Before that, Jim has worked at CNN and such stations as WCFL Chicago, and WTOP and WRC Washington.

Jim attended Missouri State University and served in Vietnam with the 199th Light Infantry Brigade during the Tet Offensive. Jim and his wife, Annabelle, reside in Montgomery County, Maryland.

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A portrait of Steve Capus, a man with short brown hair, glasses, and a light beard, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a blue and white striped tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera against a light blue background.

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2005 – Ed Bradley	1995 – Walter Cronkite
2004 – Andrea Mitchell	1994 – David Brinkley
2003 – Judy Woodruff	1993 – John Chancellor
2002 – Sam Donaldson	1992 – James Snyder

FIRST AMENDMENT SERVICE AWARD

2011 – Susana Schuler	2004 – Walter Ulloa
2010 – Harvey Nagler	2003 – Susan Zirinsky
2009 – Susan Grant	2002 – Fred Young
2008 – Paula Madison	2001 – Gary Wordlaw
2007 – Philip S. Balboni	2000 – Lee Giles
2006 – William Wheatley	1999 – Marty Haag
2005 – Wendy Walker Whitworth	1998 – Betty Cole Dukert

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2011 – David Barrett	2003 – Floyd Abrams
2010 – David Westin	2002 – Katharine Graham
2009 – Google Inc.	2001 – Don Hewitt
2008 – Tom Curley	2000 – R.E. “Ted” Turner
2007 – Roger Ailes	1999 – Bob Wright
2006 – Belo Corporation	1998 – Roone Arledge
Clear Channel	1997 – Robert L. Johnson
Emmis Communications	1996 – Howard Stringer
Entercom Communications	1995 – Tom Johnson
Hearst-Argyle Television Inc.	1994 – James Quello
Raycom Media Inc.	1993 – Frank Stanton
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2005 – Jim Keelor	
2004 – Charles Grassley	
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Marci Burdick



The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) congratulates Marci Burdick, senior vice president of Schurz Communications' Electronic Division and chair of NAB's TV Board of Directors, on receiving the Radio Television Digital News Foundation's First Amendment Service Award.

We salute Marci and her fellow honorees, Steve Capus, president of NBC News; Martha Raddatz, ABC correspondent; and Jim Bohannon, Dial Global Radio Networks news anchor and talk host, for their dedication to protecting the principles of the First Amendment and informing and educating citizens.

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