

Press release for *What Never Was and Never Will Be: Can Our Media Serve Our Democracy?*

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FREE DISCUSSION ABOUT AMERICAN MEDIA AND DEMOCRACY

Event part of the statewide Conversation Project: A New Chautauqua.

(YOUR CITY, Ore.)—(month, day, year of press release)—What are the primary failings of contemporary mass media news? What is our responsibility and what are our opportunities to improve prevailing conditions? Do our viewpoints have enough common ground to point to possibilities for effective activism?

This is the focus of "What Never Was and Never Will Be: Can Our Media Serve Our Democracy?" a **free conversation** with Jeff Golden, former host of Jefferson Public Radio's *Jefferson Exchange* on **(day of week), (month, day, year) at (time) at (name and program location address)**. This program is hosted by **(host organization)** and sponsored by **Oregon Humanities (formerly Oregon Council for the Humanities)**.

Golden has served as a public broadcasting producer, columnist, radio talk show host, and commentator. He is a former Jackson County commissioner, chief of staff to the Oregon Senate president, and environmental policy aide to the City of Portland. Golden is a senior fellow of the American Leadership Forum and a media fellow of the Property and Environment Research Center.

For more information about this free community discussion, please contact (name) at (phone) or (e-mail).

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