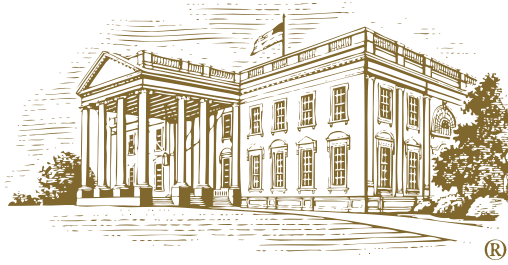


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A Panel Discussion on the Kennedy White House and the Press  
Mike McCurry, Moderator

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**WHAT:** To mark the 50th anniversary of the White House Historical Association, the 2011 Heritage Lecture series presents a panel of distinguished reporters who were there originally to report on the first live televised presidential press conferences of President John F. Kennedy taking place in the same State Department location.

**WHEN:** Monday, May 16th at 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Dean Acheson Auditorium, U.S. Department of State  
23rd Street N.W. (between C and D Streets), Washington, D.C.

**NOTE:** To attend, please respond to Maria Downs ([mdowns@whha.org](mailto:mdowns@whha.org)) with security clearance information by Thursday, May 12.

**Moderator: Mike McCurry**, a veteran political strategist and spokesperson with more than thirty years experience in Washington. He served in the White House as press secretary to President Bill Clinton. He also served as spokesman for the Department of State and director of communications for the Democratic National Committee.

**Historical Overview: Martha Joynt Kumar**, a professor in the Department of Political Science at Towson University and director of the White House Transition Project. As a scholar with a research focus on the White House, she is interested in presidential-press relations.

PANELISTS

**Sid Davis** spent some forty years as a reporter and covered nine presidents. He was Washington Bureau Chief for NBC News and White House Correspondent for Westinghouse Broadcasting Co.

**Haynes Johnson** is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, a best-selling author, and a television commentator appearing regularly on the PBS-TV programs *Washington Week in Review* and *The News Hour with Jim Lehrer*.

**Don Larrabee** owned and operated the Griffin-Larrabee News Bureau in Washington, D.C. His career began in Massachusetts and he chronicled John F. Kennedy's rise to the White House.

**John Palmer** served as White House correspondent for NBC News covering Presidents Bush, Clinton, Reagan and Carter and as news anchor for the *Today Show* for seven years. As a cub reporter he covered President Kennedy's press conferences.

**Sander Vanocur** was a reporter for *The New York Times* before joining NBC News in 1957. While with NBC News, he was also Washington correspondent for the *Today Show* and a contributing editor to the *Huntley-Brinkley Report*. He joined ABC News in 1977 as chief correspondent.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL HERITAGE LECTURE SERIES

The National Heritage Lecture Series was established in 1991 by the White House Historical Association, the United States Capitol Historical Society, and the Supreme Court Historical Society to enhance knowledge and appreciation of the American system of government and the principles on which it was founded. Each lecture relates to one of three branches of the national government and explores the historic and momentous events associated with its history.