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ABBY SIMONS
KEYNOTE
SPEAKER

Abby Simons is the Public Safety editor for the Minneapolis Star Tribune. Her team of reporters covers crime and courts in the Twin Cities, and was integral in the Star Tribune's 2021 Pulitzer Prize for breaking news for coverage of the killing of George Floyd and the uprising that followed. Abby joined the newspaper in 2008, where she covered cops, courts and politics as a reporter before moving into an editing role.



OUT OF STATE SPEAKERS



MARK MURRAY
ATPI, New Mexico



SCOTT WINTER
Bethel University



DAVID KNIGHT
South Carolina



DEBRA KLEVENS
Parkway West HS



JOHN MOORE
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FEATURED SPEAKERS



CEDRIC GOLDEN

SPORTS JOURNALIST

Austin American-Statesman columnist Cedric Golden grew up in Tyler, TX. He worked at the Tyler Morning Telegraph from 1993-1999 then was hired at the Statesman in October of 1999 to cover high school sports. He appears during football season on KVUE television in Austin and is the host of the weekly On Second Thought podcast.



REBECCA AGUILAR

SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL
JOURNALISTS PRESIDENT

Rebecca Aguilar, who is celebrating 40 years as a journalist, is a freelance reporter based in Dallas. Her journey started as a news reporter at a television station in Toledo, Ohio. She also made professional stops at television stations in Chicago; Corpus Cristi, Texas; San Antonio; Phoenix; Los Angeles and Dallas. Along the way, she has been recognized with 50 awards and nominations for her journalism work. .



JOHN BURNETT

NPR CORRESPONDENT

John Burnett is a national correspondent based in Austin, Texas, who has been assigned a new beat for 2022—Polarized America—to explore all facets of our politically and culturally divided nation. Prior to this assignment, Burnett covered immigration, Southwest border affairs, Texas news and other national assignments.



TONY PLOHETSKI

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER

Tony Plohetski is a national award-winning journalist whose work spans print, television and digital mediums. He joined the Austin American-Statesman in 2000, and since 2013, has worked in partnership with KVUE-TV, where he is an Emmy-winning senior reporter. He is an Edward R. Murrow recipient, has received three National Headliner awards, and in 2021, was the inaugural winner of the Dan Rather Medal for News & Guts, received the Hillman Prize and was named Star Reporter of the Year by the Texas Managing Editors. He has been on the front lines of the region's biggest stories, and his investigative reporting has led to criminal indictments, changes to Texas law and other government reforms.

FRIDAY
MAY 6

TEAM STORYTELLING 3 – 6 P.M.
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SATURDAY
MAY 7

REGISTRATION 8:30 A.M.–3 P.M.
SESSIONS START AT 9 A.M.

SUNDAY
MAY 8

KEYNOTE 9:45 A.M.
GRAND AWARDS ASSEMBLY 11 A.M.