

2020:

#2512 – 1/10/2020 [Former U.S. Treasurer Rosie Rios](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with former U.S. Treasurer [Rosie Rios](#) about her mission to honor American women in history. Her efforts include the attempt to put a woman on U.S. Federal Reserve notes for the first time.

After a public process, the Department of the Treasury chose Harriet Tubman to appear on the \$20 bill. That project is now stalled, but Rios, who served in office from 2009-2016, has developed [Notable Women](#), which allows users through virtual reality to superimpose an image of a famous woman in history onto a bill.

Rios is also working on a women's history curriculum in schools, and is spearheading a project to honor more women in history with statues in major cities around the country.

#2511 - 1/03/2020 [“The Feather Thief”](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with author Kirk Wallace Johnson about his book [The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century](#). The book details Johnson's investigation into a major theft of 300 rare bird skins from a British museum in 2009 by a 20-year-old American, Edward Rist. Rist then illegally sold the feathers into the arcane world of Victorian salmon fly-tyers.

Johnson discusses why he felt it was important to write the book, and how the crime and other heists like it damage the field of natural history. He also shares his thoughts on the “feather thief,” whom he interviewed.

The founder of [The List Project to Resettle Iraqi Allies](#), Johnson worked in Fallujah, Iraq, for the U.S. Agency for International Development. He wrote a book about his experiences called [To Be a Friend Is Fatal](#). His third book, “The Fisherman and the Dragon: Two Dreams at War off the Texas Coast,” will be published in 2021. He was in Boise to speak at [The Rediscovered Bookshop](#).

2019:

#2510 – 12/27/2019 [Author Pete Fromm](#)

Montana author Pete Fromm joins host Marcia Franklin to talk about his latest book, [A Job You Mostly Won't Know How to Do](#). The novel tells the story of a young man who has to raise his child when his wife dies in childbirth.

Fromm talks about how he developed the story, as well as his writing style. The two also discuss the success he's had with his books in France.

Fromm also reminisces about the seven months he lived in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness of Idaho, which he recounted in his award-winning memoir, [*Indian Creek Chronicles: A Winter Alone in the Wilderness*](#).

A five-time winner of the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Literary Award, Fromm is the author of five novels and five collections of short stories, including [*The Names of the Stars*](#), a follow-up to *Indian Creek Chronicles*, and [*As Cool As I Am*](#), which was made into a movie starring Clare Danes. He also teaches in the low-residency MFA writing program at the Pacific University Oregon. He was in Boise to speak at the [Rediscovered Bookshop](#).

#2509 12/20/2019 [Poet Richard Blanco](#)

In this Dialogue, [poet Richard Blanco](#) talks with host Marcia Franklin. Blanco, who composed a poem for President Obama's second inaugural and read it at the ceremony, is the first Latino and first openly gay person to be an inaugural poet.

He talks with Franklin about the process of writing the inaugural poem, ["One Today,"](#) how the piece reflected his life and his philosophy of writing, and how the experience changed his life. The two also discuss the power of poetry to bridge divides between people and within oneself.

Blanco was the keynote speaker at the 2019 Idaho Humanities Council's [Distinguished Humanities Lecture](#).

#2508 – 12/13/2019 ["American Cipher: Bowe Bergdahl"](#)

Host Marcia Franklin interviews Michael Ames, the co-author of [American Cipher: Bowe Bergdahl and the U.S. Tragedy in Afghanistan](#).

Ames, a former reporter for the *Idaho Mountain Express* and *Sun Valley Magazine*, became fascinated with the story of Bowe Bergdahl, an U.S. Army soldier who grew up in Hailey, Idaho, who was captured by the Taliban and held for five years.

Ames and co-author Matt Farwell take a deeper look into Bergdahl's life and the politics surrounding the search for him and his eventual release. Franklin talks with Ames about his conclusions and why he felt it was important to write the book.

#2507 – 12/06/2019 [“Never Give Up! Minoru Yasui”](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Holly Yasui, Minoru’s daughter, who has produced a documentary about her father’s life called [“Never Give Up! Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice,”](#) which aired on public television stations, including Idaho Public Television.

Minoru Yasui, an attorney, intentionally violated a curfew order for people of Japanese descent in Portland that was put in place after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was found guilty, and on appeal, his case went all the way to the Supreme Court, which upheld the conviction. Yasui was also incarcerated in the [Minidoka War Relocation Center](#) in south-central Idaho.

In the conversation, Yasui talks about why she wanted to make the film about her father and reflects on why she thinks the documentary is particularly relevant today. Yasui and Franklin also discuss why many in the Japanese-American community believe the internment facilities should be called “concentration camps.”

In 1983, a federal court vacated Minoru Yasui’s conviction, and in 2015, President Barack Obama posthumously [awarded Yasui the Presidential Medal of Freedom](#), the country’s highest civilian honor.

#2506 – 11/29/2019: [Author Barry Lopez, Part Two: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers’ Conference](#)

In the second of a two-part interview with acclaimed author and world traveler Barry Lopez, **Dialogue** host Marcia Franklin continues her conversation with the National Book Award-winner about his newest book, [Horizon](#). The memoir is both a look back at six regions of the world Lopez has written about, and a meditation on his concerns and hopes for the planet.

Lopez also talks about one of his next projects, and shares an experience that dramatically affected his life. The interview was recorded at the 2019 [Sun Valley Writers’ Conference](#).

The author of more than 15 books of fiction and non-fiction, Lopez won the National Book Award in 1986 for [Arctic Dreams](#). [Of Wolves and Men](#), his seminal work on the complicated relationship between humans and wolves, was a finalist for the National Book Award in 1980.

The first part of the conversation aired on November 22, 2019. Both programs can be streamed [here](#). All of Franklin’s interviews conducted at the Sun Valley Writers’ Conference since 2005 can be streamed [here](#).

#2505 – 11/22/2019 [Author Barry Lopez, Part One: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

In the first of a two-part interview with acclaimed author Barry Lopez, **Dialogue** host Marcia Franklin talks with the National Book Award-winner about his newest book, [“Horizon.”](#) The sprawling memoir is both a look back at six regions of the world Lopez has written about, and a meditation on his concerns and hopes for the planet.

Lopez, the author of more than 15 books of fiction and non-fiction, won the National Book Award in 1986 for [“Arctic Dreams.”](#) [“Of Wolves and Men,”](#) his seminal work on the complicated relationship between humans and wolves, was a finalist for the National Book Award in 1980.

Franklin talks with Lopez about his philosophy of writing, why he wanted to write “Horizon,” and his thoughts on global travel in an era of concern about climate change. The conversation was recorded at the 2019 [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#). Franklin’s interviews conducted at that event since 2005 can be streamed [here](#).

#2504 – 11/15/2019 [Author Brando Skyhorse: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with author and Indiana University Bloomington associate professor [Brando Skyhorse](#) about his personal journey and how writing has allowed him to explore it.

Skyhorse grew up believing he was the son of an activist in the American Indian movement. As a teenager, he learned that his biological father had been born in Mexico. He graduated from Stanford University and went on to earn a Master’s of Fine Arts in Writing, while still “passing” as Native American.

Skyhorse finally confronted his own story in a memoir called [Take This Man](#), in which he tries to understand why his mother pretended that the two of them were Native American, and how that — along with abuse he suffered — affected his life. The author also delves into the personalities of the five men he called “father,” and a discovery that changed his life forever.

The conversation was recorded at the 2019 [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#). Franklin’s interviews conducted at that event since 2005 can be streamed [here](#).

#2503 – 11/08/2019 [Historian Joanne Freeman: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with historian Joanne Freeman about her latest book, *The Field of Blood*. In the book, Freeman, a professor of history at Yale University, shows how the U.S. Congress before the Civil War was a more violent body than originally thought.

Freeman talks with Franklin about how she researched the book and whether her findings are applicable to the current political climate. She also discusses the value of studying history, and the focus of her next book on Alexander Hamilton. Freeman edited the Hamilton papers for a previous book, and was also featured in the PBS documentary ["Hamilton's America."](#)

The conversation was recorded at the 2019 [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#). Franklin's interviews conducted at that event since 2005 can be streamed [here](#).

#2502 – 11/01/2019 [Novelist Emily Ruskovich: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with award-winning novelist and Idaho native Emily Ruskovich. An assistant professor in the [Department of Theatre, Film and Creative Writing](#) at Boise State University Ruskovich is the author of the novel *Idaho*. In 2019 it garnered the [International Dublin Literary Award](#), which carries with it a prize of more than \$100,000.

Franklin talks with Ruskovich about what it was like to win the award and how it has changed her life. The two also discuss the plot of *Idaho*, whose setting is based on the landscape of Ruskovich's childhood on remote Hoodoo Mountain in northern Idaho.

The story involves a mysterious murder of a young girl by her own mother, and the efforts of the father's new wife to try and untangle what may have happened. Ruskovich also reflects on the process of writing the book.

The conversation was recorded at the 2019 [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#). Franklin's interviews conducted at that event since 2005 can be streamed [here](#).

#2501 – 10/25/2019 ["Made in Boise"](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Beth Aala, the director of ["Made in Boise,"](#) an *Independent Lens* documentary that explores the thriving gestational surrogacy industry in the Treasure Valley. Joining them is Nicole Williamson, one of the four surrogates featured in the film.

Aala, a three-time Emmy Award-winning producer and a recipient of a Peabody Award for her documentary work at HBO, discusses how she discovered the Boise surrogacy story, why she thought it would make a good [documentary](#), and the challenges involved in filming it.

Williamson, who has been a surrogate four times and is the CEO of a Boise-based surrogacy firm called ["A Host of Possibilities,"](#) talks about why she became a surrogate, why she started her firm, how she addresses misconceptions about surrogacy, and why she thinks Boise is a center for the practice.

#2407 - 04/26/2019 [Keith Allred](#)

Can we all just get along better? Idaho native Keith Allred answers a resounding "yes" to that question, and now has a national platform to try and make that happen. In this Dialogue episode, Allred, the new executive director of the National Institute for Civil Discourse (NICD), talks with host Marcia Franklin about his vision.

Allred, the Democratic nominee for the Idaho governorship in 2010, is a mediator who founded The Common Interest, a multi-party citizens' group that studied Idaho legislative issues and came to a consensus on positions. He is taking that model to a national level with a new initiative at NICD called "CommonSense American."

Although political rancor is high right now, Allred just sees that as an opportunity for positive change. "I have never been more optimistic than I am today," he tells Franklin.

Mr. Allred graduated from Twin Falls High School, and received an undergraduate degree from Stanford University and a Ph.D. from UCLA.

#2406 - 01/11/2019 [Columnist Nicholas Kristof](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristof. Kristof was in Boise in October, 2018 to address the fall conference of the Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation.

The two discuss Kristof's views on current social issues in America. His next book will look at those concerns, focusing on his hometown of Yamhill, Oregon. Kristof talks about programs he believes would help ameliorate the problems, and they also discuss the role of private philanthropy.

Franklin also asks Kristof about international topics, as he spends much of his time reporting from foreign countries, and he shares his thoughts on which of his stories he's most proud.

Nicholas Kristof started his career at the *New York Times* as a reporter in 1984, becoming a columnist in 2001. During his tenure there, he has traveled to more than 150 countries and every state in the U.S. With his wife, Cheryl WuDunn, Kristof won a Pulitzer Prize in International Reporting in 1990 for their joint coverage of China during the Tiananmen Square uprising. He went on to win another Pulitzer in 2006 for commentary, and has been nominated seven times for the prestigious award.

Also with WuDunn, he has written several books, including “A Path Appears” and “Half the Sky.” Both were turned into documentaries that aired on PBS.

More Information

- [Nicholas Kristof's New York Times column](#)
- [Independent Lens: A Path Appears](#)
- [Independent Lens: Half the Sky](#)
- [Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation](#)

#2405 - 11/30/2018 [Jeanne Gang: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with award-winning architect Jeanne Gang. Gang, the recipient of a prestigious MacArthur Fellowship, was a speaker at the 2018 Sun Valley Writers' Conference. The two discuss some of Gang's designs, as well as her architectural philosophy.

Known for her innovative designs and use of materials, Gang is based in Chicago, where she founded her firm, Studio Gang. She and her team have designed several skyscrapers, including Aqua Tower and Vista Tower, which is the tallest building ever designed by a woman-owned firm. Studio Gang also designs smaller buildings and structures embedded in their communities, such as the Arcus Center for Social Justice in Kalamazoo, and the nature boardwalk at Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago.

Currently, Gang is working on a new wing on the American Museum of Natural History in New York, the Arkansas Arts Center in Little Rock, and the new campus for the California College of the Arts in San Francisco.

Since 2005, Dialogue has conducted over 50 interviews at the Sun Valley Writers' Conference. The conversations can be streamed at <http://video.idahoptv.org/show/dialogue/>

Guests

- Jeanne Gang

More Information

- [Jeanne Gang's website](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference website](#)

#2404 - 11/23/2018 [Anna Quindlen](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with bestselling author and Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Anna Quindlen. The two discuss the political and cultural landscape of today, including the "Me Too" movement. The author of *How Reading Changed My Life*, Quindlen also talks about the power of reading to bridge gaps between people.

Quindlen has written 17 books of fiction and non-fiction, including *Lots of Candles*, *Plenty of Cake*, *Still Life with Bread Crumbs*, *A Short Guide to a Happy Life*, *Miller's Valley*, and her most recent book, *Alternate Side*.

A longtime reporter and columnist, Quindlen worked for the New York Times for many years. In 1992 she won a Pulitzer Prize for a series of columns she wrote for the paper, including some about the confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. She was also a columnist for Newsweek.

Quindlen was in Boise as the keynote speaker for the annual Idaho Humanities Council Distinguished Lecture.

Guests

- Anna Quindlen

More Information

- [Anna Quindlen's website](#)
- [Idaho Humanities website](#)

#2403 - 11/16/2018 [Steve Coll: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Producer and host Marcia Franklin talks with journalist Steve Coll about his latest book, **Directorate S: the C.I.A. and America's Secret Wars in Afghanistan and Pakistan**. The exhaustively researched book is a follow-up to Coll's Pulitzer Prize-winning book, **Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001**.

In his new book, Coll takes a look at the complex relationship the United States has with Pakistan, particularly with that country's intelligence agency, the ISI. The U.S. has funded the agency in the past, only to find that it was supporting terrorism.

Franklin asks Coll about what he learned during his investigation, and what he thinks of the Trump's administration's policies towards Pakistan. The two also discuss what Coll says is new information he gleaned about the negotiations over Idahoan Bowe Bergdahl, who was held hostage by the Haqqani network of the Taliban for five years.

Coll, a longtime reporter and editor for The Washington Post who won a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting there, is currently the dean of the School of Journalism at Columbia University. In addition to his conversation with Franklin about his book, he shares his thoughts on the journalistic landscape today.

The interview was recorded at the 2018 Sun Valley Writers' Conference. The conversations can be streamed at <http://video.idahoptv.org/show/dialogue/>

Guests

- Steve Coll

More Information

- [Steve Coll's Columbia University faculty page](#)
- [Steve Coll's New Yorker contributors page](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference website](#)

#2402 - 11/09/2018 [Eliza Griswold: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Producer and host Marcia Franklin talks with journalist Eliza Griswold about her latest book, **Amity and Prosperity**. It chronicles the effects of "fracking" on some residents of a western Pennsylvania community. Fracking is a method of getting natural gas out of rock, and is controversial for several reasons.

Griswold spent seven years researching and writing the book. During the conversation, recorded at the 2018 Sun Valley Writers' Conference, she talks about what motivated her to cover the story, which she calls one of the most difficult she has ever reported, the results of her investigation, and the deep rural/urban divide she observed.

A former Guggenheim Fellow and a regular contributor to **The New Yorker** magazine, Griswold is also the author of **The Tenth Parallel: Dispatched from the Fault Line Between Christianity and Islam**, which won the J. Anthony Lukas Prize. She also penned a collection of poems, **Wideawake Field**. She talks with Franklin about her forthcoming book of poetry.

Franklin and the Dialogue team have recorded over 50 interviews at the Sun Valley Writers' Conference since 2005. The conversations can be streamed at <http://video.idahoptv.org/show/dialogue/>

Guests

- Eliza Griswold

More Information

- [Eliza Griswold's New Yorker contributors page](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference website](#)

#2401 - 11/02/2018 [Adam Johnson: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Producer and host Marcia Franklin talks with author Adam Johnson about his works and writing philosophy. Johnson, a professor of creative writing at Stanford University, is the recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for his novel, **The Orphan Master's Son**, and the National Book Award for his short story collection, **Fortune Smiles**. He is also the author of another novel, **Parasites Like Us**, and a short story collection, **Emporium**.

During the interview, which was conducted at the 2018 Sun Valley Writers' Conference, Franklin talks with Johnson about North Korea, which he has visited and which provides the backdrop for **The Orphan Master's Son**. They also discuss some of the stories in **Fortune Smiles**, and Johnson's research techniques for them. He also talks about his next novel, which will revolve around the theme of climate change.

Franklin has been conducting interviews at the Sun Valley Writers' Conference since 2005. The conversations can be streamed at <http://video.idahoptv.org/show/dialogue/>

Guests

- Adam Johnson

More Information

- [Adam Johnson's Penguin Random House author page](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference website](#)

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#2323 - 12/22/2017 [Mr. Dickens and His Carol](#)

It's one of his most beloved tales, but was written in a hurry and under duress.

On this holiday episode of Dialogue, Marcia Franklin talks with Boise writer Samantha Silva about "A Christmas Carol," penned by Charles Dickens in 1843. In her debut novel, "Mr. Dickens and His Carol," Silva melds fact with fiction to imagine how Dickens came up with the plot for his now-classic story.

Of Silva's work, Pulitzer Prize-winner and Boise resident Anthony Doerr says, "It's as foggy and haunted and redemptive as the original; it's all heart, and I read it in a couple of ebullient, Christmassy gulps."

Silva talks with Franklin about what drew her to Dickens, how she researched her book, why she thinks "A Christmas Carol" crystallizes Dickens' ethos, and why the story is still relevant.

A graduate of Boise State University and the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Silva is a screenwriter who has sold projects to Paramount, Universal, New Line Cinema, and TNT. A film version of her short story, "The Big Burn," won the One Potato Short Screenplay Competition at the 2017 Sun Valley Film Festival and will be released in 2018. Silva will also be writing another novel.

Guests

- Sam Silva

More Information

- [Samantha Silva's website](#)

#2317 - 12/08/2017 [Treefort Music Fest](#)

Marcia Franklin sits down with Eric Gilbert and Lori Shandro Oüten, two of the founders of the Treefort Music Fest in Boise, to learn more about the five-day event, which began in 2012. The two discuss why they started the festival, how it's changed since its inception, their business philosophy, and their goals.

The festival, which began with about 140 bands, now features more than 400 bands from all over the world, and nine "Subforts," including "Hackfort," "Storyfort," "Alefort," and "Kidfort." In 2016, an estimated 16,000 people attended. The event won a Mayor's Award for Excellence in Art and History in 2013 from the city of Boise, and Boise named also named the festival its "Cultural Ambassador" for 2015, in recognition of its positive effect on the city's cultural scene and economy.

Guests

- Lori Shandro Oüten
- Eric Gilbert

More Information

- [Treefort Music Fest](#)

#2322 - 09/29/2017 [Author Andrew Solomon: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Professor and author Andrew Solomon relates how he went from being a bullied child suffering from depression to an award-winning journalist traveling the world.

The conversation was taped at the 2017 Sun Valley Writers' Conference as part of Dialogue's ongoing series from the renowned event.

"I would not have chosen to be depressed," says Solomon. "And if I could redo my life without any depression, I would choose not to have depression.

"But given that I didn't have any choice, and that I was stuck with this paralyzing, awful, painful experience, the only way I could think to get through it is to insist on finding some form of meaning in it."

Solomon's 2001 book, *The Noonday Demon: An Atlas of Depression*, looks at how the medical establishment and society have viewed and treated depression over the centuries. It won the National Book Award for Nonfiction and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. His most recent

book, *Far From the Tree: Parents, Children, and the Search for Identity*, tells the stories of families raising exceptional children who not only learn to deal with their challenges, but also find profound meaning in doing so.

Franklin talks with Solomon -- who is a professor of clinical psychology at Columbia University Medical School -- about those books, as well as *Far and Away*, his memoir about his travels as a journalist around the world. Solomon believes that many of the tensions in the world could be ameliorated if more people traveled.

"I think that if we could get a program in place which would cause everyone before the age of 30 to spend at least two weeks in a foreign country, that half of the world's diplomatic problems would disappear," says Solomon.

"I think there's so much lack of understanding simply of what it means to be elsewhere or what it feels like to live elsewhere."

The program can be streamed at video.idahoptv.org after it airs. Previous episodes of Dialogue from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference can be streamed at idahoptv.org/dialogue/sunvalleywriters.

Guests

- Andrew Solomon

More Information

- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)
- [Andrew Solomon's TED Talks](#)
- [Andrew Solomon's website](#)

#2321 - 09/22/2017 [Author Helen Macdonald: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with British falconer and award-winning writer Helen Macdonald. Her 2014 bestselling memoir, *H is for Hawk*, describes how she rose above grief and loss with the help of a goshawk.

Macdonald is featured in a PBS *Nature* documentary called "H is for Hawk: A New Chapter."

The interview was taped at the 2017 Sun Valley Writers' Conference and is part of Dialogue's ongoing series from the renowned event.

When Macdonald's father died suddenly, she was bereft. To get her mind off her sadness, she turned to what she knew, training birds. She decided to train a goshawk, a species known for its irascibility, and a kind of bird she had never trained before.

"I didn't want to train one," Macdonald tells Franklin. "They were kind of a macho murderous creature, like kind of feathered shotguns."

"And then my dad died, and I think all that rage and wildness inside myself, the wildness of grief was really filling me up. And I realized that training a goshawk would be a distraction, but also I was just drawn towards this creature of death and difficulty."

Training a bird is a solitary enterprise in the best of circumstances, but in her book, Macdonald chronicles how she became intensely close to Mabel, her goshawk, and increasingly isolated from family, friends, and her own feelings. She finally realized she needed to seek help.

"I'd taken it way too far," she says. "I'd got completely lost."

At the same time, the beauty and isolation of training the hawk helped her begin her life anew. The book struck a chord with readers who had faced similar losses, and won high awards in Macdonald's native Britain, including the Samuel Johnson Prize and the Costa Book of the Year.

The PBS documentary follows Macdonald as she trains a new goshawk, Lupin.

"I think it might be the first time that the actual real moment-to-moment training of a hawk... has been captured like this," she tells Franklin. "And it's an astonishing thing. It's a beautiful film, you know, and I'm really proud of it."

Helen Macdonald is the author of two books in addition to "H is for Hawk:" "Shaler's Fish," a collection of poetry, and "Falcon," a cultural and natural history of that species.

The program can be streamed at video.idahoptv.org after it airs. Previous episodes of Dialogue from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference can be streamed at idahoptv.org/dialogue/sunvalleywriters.

Guests

- Falconer and Author Helen Macdonald

More Information

- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)
- [Nature: "H is for Hawk: A New Chapter"](#)
- [Penguin Books page on Helen Macdonald](#)

#2320 - 09/15/2017 [Investigative Journalist Jane Mayer: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with investigative journalist Jane Mayer, the author of *Dark Money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right*.

The interview was taped at the 2017 Sun Valley Writers' Conference and is part of Dialogue's ongoing series from the renowned event.

Mayer, a staff writer for The New Yorker, worked for more than three years on the book, an expansion of an article she wrote on Charles and David Koch for The New Yorker in 2010. The two brothers, the scions of Koch Industries, have spent decades funding conservative candidates and causes. In her book, Mayer traces the history of the family and its political strategies, and examines the rise of untraceable "dark" money in the political system.

"They've built up something that hasn't really existed before in the country's politics, which is a huge, multi-state, private political machine," says Mayer about the Kochs.

"They operate in 35 states. They have a bigger budget and payroll than the Republican National Committee, yet they're private citizens."

Franklin and Mayer discuss the philosophy of the Kochs, their relationship to the Trump administration, how dark money works, and the potential effects of having so much of it in the system.

"You know, people say, 'Why doesn't the government work? Why doesn't Washington work?' says Mayer. "And the truth is it does work very well for a few people."

The program can be viewed at video.idahoptv.org after it airs. In two "Extras" also available on the same site, Mayer talks about what it was like to be investigated herself by people working for the Koch brothers, and explains why the 2010 statehouse elections were so critical for the success of the Kochs' vision.

All of the Dialogue conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference dating back to 2005 can be streamed at idahoptv.org/dialogue/sunvalleywriters.

Mayer is the author or co-author of four books, including *Strange Justice: The Selling of Clarence Thomas* and *The Dark Side: The Inside Story of How the War on Terror Turned Into a War on American Ideals*. Both were finalists for the National Book Award.

Mayer, who started her career writing for newspapers in Vermont, was a reporter for the Washington Star and then for the Wall Street Journal for 12 years, where she was that paper's first female White House correspondent. She joined The New Yorker in 1995.

She is the recipient of numerous honors, including the John Chancellor Award, the J. Anthony Lukas Prize, the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award, the Toner Prize for Political Reporting, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and the I.F. Stone Medal for Journalistic Independence.

Guests

- Investigative Journalist Jane Mayer

More Information

- [Jane Mayer's website](#)
- [The New Yorker page on Jane Mayer](#)
- [Website for the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

#2319 - 09/08/2017 [Playwright Ayad Akhtar: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Ayad Akhtar about his trajectory from Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Broadway. The two also discuss the often controversial themes of his works.

The conversation was taped at the 2017 Sun Valley Writers' Conference and is part of Dialogue's ongoing series from the renowned event.

Akhtar won the Pulitzer Prize in 2013 for his play "Disgraced," which depicts a casual dinner party that goes awry after banter between friends becomes heated. The play not only takes on hot-button issues surrounding 9/11 and Islam, but also reveals what Akhtar called the "secret tribal identities" of all humans. The play also won an Obie Award and was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Play.

A secular Muslim whose parents are from Pakistan, Akhtar talks with Franklin about how he was more religious until his life was transformed by a high-school English teacher who introduced him to certain works of literature.

"It made me understand there were vistas of reflection and experience in human life that had to do with the life of the mind," says Akhtar. "I could see that asking questions could be thrilling and was the only thing I wanted to do from that point forward."

A similar transition is depicted in Akhtar's semi-autobiographical novel *American Dervish*.

Akhtar doesn't shy away from challenging some of the precepts of Islam in his other plays, which include "The Who and the What" and "The Invisible Hand," as well as the movie he co-wrote and starred in, "The War Within." Akhtar talks with Franklin about his philosophy of writing and how he responds to negative reactions from some in the Muslim community.

His latest play, which opens on Broadway in October 2017, is "Junk." With 30 characters and 68 scenes, it takes aim at capitalism, debt financing and "the philosophical transformation of moving from a world where we make things to a world where money makes money," says Akhtar.

When Franklin asks the prolific author what drives him, Akhtar responds, "It's outrage. And I think that outrage is human. And I think it's the job of the artist to give it form, give it shape, give it voice."

The interview can be streamed after it airs at video.idahoptv.org. Previous episodes of Dialogue from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference can be streamed at idahoptv.org/dialogue/sunvalleywriters.

Guests

- Ayad Akhtar

More Information

- [Ayad Akhtar's website](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference website](#)

#2318 - 09/01/2017 [Author Louisa Thomas: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Host Marcia Franklin interviews journalist Louisa Thomas about her book "Louisa: The Extraordinary Life of Mrs. Adams." It looks at the life and times of First Lady Louisa Catherine Adams, the wife of President John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States. The conversation took place at the 2017 Sun Valley Writers' Conference and is part of Dialogue's ongoing series there, which began in 2005.

Thomas, the daughter of journalist and author Evan Thomas, is a former writer for Grantland whose writing has appeared in many other publications as well. She came across the letters of Louisa Adams while researching Andrew Jackson, and was captivated. "I was just completely struck by this voice," says Thomas. "It was so different than any of the other letters I was reading. It was very vivid, and it was very funny, which was unusual and a pleasure. And it was very acerbic sometimes and irreverent.

And so I thought to myself, 'Who is this other Louisa?' And so I wanted to know more about her. And, you know, the more I learned, the more I wanted to know."

In her biography, Thomas uses Adams' own letters and memoirs -- including some letters she discovered for the first time -- to draw an intimate portrait of a woman whom historians had previously overlooked. She found that although Adams was both extremely self-deprecating

and all much of her life, she also had great fortitude, traveling by herself in Europe during dangerous times. She also helped her husband greatly with his campaigns.

The book also looks at the complex relationship between Louisa and John Quincy -- and the friendship she developed with Abigail and John Adams, his parents.

"She had an amazing life," says Thomas. "You know, she had adventures, she was somebody, she journeyed, she traveled; she grew."

This is Thomas' second book. Her first book was "Conscience: Two Soldiers, Two Pacifists, One Family-a Test of Will and Faith in World War I." It centers on the life and views of the famous pacifist and Socialist presidential candidate Norman Thomas, who was Thomas' great-grandfather.

The interview can be streamed after it airs at video.idahoptv.org. Previous episodes of Dialogue from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference can be streamed at idahoptv.org/dialogue/sunvalleywriters.

Guests

- Louisa Thomas

More Information

- [Louisa Thomas' website](#)
- [National Park Service/Adams Historical Park page on Louisa Adams](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference website](#)

#2316 - 05/19/2017 [Being Miranda July](#)

Director, writer and performance artist Miranda July talks with host Marcia Franklin about her life and work. The conversation was filmed at the Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum, as part of an event sponsored by the Sun Valley Center for the Arts.

July discusses the inspirations for her work, her creative process, and how becoming a mother has changed her.

Miranda July wrote, directed and starred in the film, *Me and You and Everyone We Know*, which won a special jury prize at the Sundance Film Festival and the Caméra d'Or prize at the Cannes Film Festival. Her most recent film is *The Future*. July's novel, *The First Bad Man*, was a *New York Times* bestseller, and her collection of short stories, *No One Belongs Here More Than You*, won the Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award. July is also known for her performance pieces.

Guests

- Director, writer and performance artist Miranda July

More Information

- MirandaJuly.com
- [Sun Valley Center for the Arts](http://SunValleyCenterfortheArts.org)

#2315 - 04/21/2017 [The Making of "An American Conscience"](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Martin Doblmeier and Boise State Professor Andrew Finstuen, the director and co-producer of "An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story" a PBS documentary about the man who's been called one of the most important public intellectuals of the 20th century.

The two discuss why they wanted to make the documentary, Niebuhr's contributions to American political and theological discourse, and his relevance to current times.

Reinhold Niebuhr, who was born in 1892 and died in 1971, was a protestant minister and a professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York City for more than 30 years. Known as a 'public theologian,' he was called upon for his opinions on the major ethical and moral issues of his time. Niebuhr's speeches and his prolific writing, which includes the books "Moral Man and Immoral Society," "The Nature and Destiny of Man," and "The Irony of American History," influenced leaders on all sides of the political spectrum.

Martin Doblmeier has produced more than 30 documentaries, many of which have aired on PBS. His company, Journey Films, specializes in issues of religion, faith and spirituality. Andrew Finstuen, Ph.D., is a professor at Boise State University and dean of the Honors College there. His first book, "Original Sin and Everyday Protestants: The Theology of Reinhold Niebuhr, Billy Graham, and Paul Tillich in an Age of Anxiety," won the 2010 American Society of Church History's Brewer Prize.

Guests

- Martin Doblmeier
- Andrew Finstuen

More Information

- ["An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story"](#)
- [Journey Films](http://JourneyFilms.org)
- [Dean Andrew Finstuen](http://DeanAndrewFinstuen.com)

#2314 - 04/14/2017 [Creating Virtual Reality: Nonny de la Peña](#)

She's been called the "Godmother of Virtual Reality." In this *Dialogue*, host Marcia Franklin talks with Nonny de la Peña, the virtual reality pioneer who's charting the course for the use of

VR in journalism. de la Peña was a featured speaker at the 2016 Dent Conference in Sun Valley, where Franklin spoke with her.

A former journalist for Newsweek and the New York Times, de la Peña discusses why she left her reporting job to work in VR, the themes she explores, the ethical issues involved, and the future of “immersive journalism.”

De la Peña’s company, Emblematic Group, is partnering with the PBS program FRONTLINE to develop three VR projects, the first of which, “[After Solitary](#),” is a 360-degree tour of a solitary confinement cell, narrated by a former inmate who spent more than five years in solitary. It’s a companion piece to the FRONTLINE documentary “Last Days of Solitary,” which follows recently released prisoners from Maine as they go from solitary confinement to the streets.

Guests

- Nonny de la Peña

More Information

- [Emblematic Group](#)
- ["After Solitary" virtual reality documentary on FRONTLINE](#)
- [Nonny de la Peña's TED Talk](#)

#2313 - 03/17/2017 [Dent Conference](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Steve Broback and Jason Preston, the co-founders of the Dent Conference, a three-day event held in Sun Valley in March that focuses on people and ideas "denting the future." The two discuss why they founded the event in 2013, what makes it unique, why they chose Sun Valley as its location, and some of the other events they sponsor during the year.

Guests

- Steve Broback
- Jason Preston

#2312 - 03/10/2017 [Treefort Music Fest Special](#)

In this special extended Festival Dialogue, Marcia Franklin sits down with Eric Gilbert and Lori Shandro Oüten, two of the founders of the Treefort Music Fest in Boise, to learn more about the five-day event, which began in 2012. The two discuss why they started the festival, how it’s changed since its inception, their business philosophy, and their goals.

The festival, which began with about 140 bands, now features more than 400 bands from all over the world, and nine “Subforts,” including "Hackfort," "Storyfort," "Alefort," and "Kidfort." In 2016, an estimated 16,000 people attended. The event won a Mayor's Award for Excellence

in Art and History in 2013 from the city of Boise, and Boise named also named the festival its "Cultural Ambassador" for 2015, in recognition of its positive effect on the city's cultural scene and economy.

Guests

- Eric Gilbert
- Lori Shandro Oüten

More Information

- [Treefort Music Fest](#)

#2311 - 02/10/2017 [A Life Reconnected: Esther Emery](#)

On this edition of *Dialogue*, Marcia Franklin talks with Idahoan Esther Emery, who wrote a book about her year off the internet called "What Falls From the Sky."

Emery talks about the crisis in her life that made her decide to unplug from the web, the challenges she encountered, and how the experience grounded and connected her in new ways to herself and her family.

The two also talk about Emery's current life living off the electric grid with her husband and three children in the mountains above Robie Creek, about 30 miles from Boise. Emery homeschools her children, and the family raises goats and chickens, along with growing some of their food. Her mother, Carla Emery, was a leader in the back-to-the-land movement of the 1970s, and the author of the popular "Encyclopedia of Country Living."

Guests

- Esther Emery

More Information

- [Esther Emery's website](#)
- [Esther Emery's TEDx Boise Talk](#)

#2310 - 01/27/2017 [The Rescued Film Project](#)

Dialogue shines a light on the Rescued Film Project. Founder Levi Bettwieser of Boise talks with host Marcia Franklin about his passion for finding undeveloped rolls of camera film, processing them and trying to find the owners of the images. Viewers will also see some of the estimated 16,000 images in Bettwieser's archive, and learn more about the "Paul Project," 1200 rolls of film purchased by Bettwieser taken by a man in Indiana in the 1950s.

Guests

- Levi Bettwieser

More Information

- [The Rescued Film Project](#)
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#2216 - 12/23/2016 [Soprano Cecilia Violetta Lopez](#)

Critics have described her as "dazzling," "sumptuous," "an alchemist of song," and "ready for the great stages of the world." In 2015, Opera News named her one of the '25 Rising Opera Stars' in the world.

On this edition of Dialogue, host Marcia Franklin talks with Cecilia Violetta López, a soprano originally from Rupert, Idaho, about her life and her love of opera.

Viewers will also hear López sing parts of arias recorded at an Opera Idaho dress rehearsal of La Traviata in January, 2016, as well as selections from songs performed by López at the Cathedral of the Rockies in Boise that same month.

López, who helped her mother hoe beets in the fields of south central Idaho, grew up singing mariachi music. She never knew anything about opera until she attended the University of Nevada Las Vegas, where she was studying music education after having worked as an orthopedic technician.

A chance opportunity to sing in an opera led to her love of the medium, and her talent was soon recognized. Opera San Jose hired López right out of college to be its Principal Soprano, and she was also chosen for the prestigious Martina Arroyo 'Prelude to Performance' program in New York City. She also won 1st Place and the 'Audience Favorite Award' at the 2014 Irene Dalis Vocal Competition.

Roles in regional operas such as Opera Idaho, Opera Tampa and Virginia Opera followed, along with López being selected to cover a role at the Metropolitan Opera in the summer of 2015. She will make her Carnegie Hall debut in June, 2016.

López talks with Franklin about what draws her to opera, what it's like to sing at her level, the role her family and teachers have played in her life, and where she envisions her career going.

The program, as well as an Extra of additional songs sung by López, are [available for streaming](#).

Guests

- Soprano Cecilia Violetta López

More Information

- [Cecilia López's website](#)
- [Cecilia Violetta López in Virginia Opera's 'La Traviata'](#)
- [Opera Idaho website](#)

#2309 - 12/16/2016 [Author Jamaica Kincaid](#)

On this week's *Dialogue*, Marcia Franklin talks with author Jamaica Kincaid. Kincaid, born Elaine Potter Richardson, grew up on the island of Antigua. She came to the United States as a teenager to be a nanny. After becoming interested in writing, she changed her name, and eventually became a staff writer for *The New Yorker* for 20 years. She is currently a professor of African and African-American Studies at Harvard University.

Known for her biting commentary on society and her own family, Kincaid is the author of many books of fiction and non-fiction, including *The Autobiography of My Mother*, *Lucy*, *My Brother*, *A Small Place*, *Annie John* and *My Garden Book*. *My Brother* was a finalist for the National Book Award.

In their far-ranging conversation, Franklin and Kincaid talk about her career, her philosophy of writing, race relations in America, Brexit and gardening.

The interview was taped at the 2016 Sun Valley Writers' Conference. Past conversations at the conference dating back to 2005 can be viewed at the [Conversations from the Sun Valley Write' Conference](#) homepage.

Guests

- Author Jamaica Kincaid

More Information

- [Jamaica Kincaid at the New Yorker](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)
- [Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

#2308 - 12/09/2016 [Author Claire Vaye Watkins](#)

This *Dialogue* features an interview with Claire Vaye Watkins, an award-winning novelist and short story writer. Watkins, 32, won the Story Prize and the Dylan Thomas Prize for her collection of short stories, *Battleborn*, and is also the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship. Her most recent work is the novel *Gold Fame Citrus*. Watkins is currently an assistant professor in the Helen Zell Writers' Program at the University of Michigan.

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Watkins about the themes of her works, many of which are set in the arid West, and the nexus between her life and her stories. Watkins' father, Paul Watkins,

who died when she was six, was an associate of convicted murder Charles Manson, and the two talk about how his life has figured in some of her writing.

In an Extra available online [here](#), Watkins discusses her interest in writing more about class and inequality, as well as the young writers' camp she and her husband started in Nevada called the Mojave School. Another Extra features Watkins discussing her controversial essay about writing, "On Pandering."

The interview was taped at the 2016 Sun Valley Writers' Conference. Franklin has been conducting interviews at the Sun Valley Writers' Conference since 2005; past interviews can be viewed at [Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#) homepage.

Guests

- Claire Vaye Watkins

More Information

- clairevayewatkins.com
- [The Mojave School](#)
- ['On Pandering' essay by Claire Vaye Watkins](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)
- [Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

#2307 - 12/02/2016 [Olympian Kristin Armstrong Special](#)

View the [30-minute version](#) of this show.

In a special extended *Dialogue*, Marcia Franklin talks with three-time Olympic gold medalist and Boisean Kristin Armstrong. Armstrong, 43, is now the most decorated U.S. female cyclist in history, having won gold medals in the women's time trial in Beijing in 2008, London in 2012, and Rio in 2016. She's also won two World Championships and six National Championships.

Armstrong talks with Franklin about why she wanted to try for a third gold medal, how she overcame the challenges she faced, and what she hopes to accomplish next. The two also discuss the discipline of time trialing in cycling. Viewers also see clips from Armstrong's two other *Dialogue* interviews.

Guests

- Kristin Armstrong

More Information

- [Kristin Armstrong's Webpage](#)

#2306 - 11/25/2016 [Voices in the Ocean: Susan Casey](#)

On this edition of *Dialogue*, author Susan Casey talks with Marcia Franklin about her newest bestselling book, *Voices in the Ocean: A Journey into the Wild and Haunting World of Dolphins*. Franklin talks with Casey about her fascination with dolphins, their unique abilities, the threats against them, and the people trying to protect them.

Casey, a former competitive swimmer, has written several books about the ocean. They include *The Wave: In Pursuit of the Rogues, Freaks, and Giants of the Ocean*, and *The Devil's Teeth: A True Story of Obsession and Survival Among America's Great White Sharks*. She has a long history as a magazine editor as well, including serving as development editor for Time, Inc, creative director for *Outside Magazine*, editor-in-chief of *Sports Illustrated Women* and editor-in-chief of *O, The Oprah Magazine*.

The interview was taped at the 2016 Sun Valley Writers' Conference. Past conversations at the conference dating back to 2005 can be viewed at the [Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#) homepage.

Guests

- Author Susan Casey

More Information

- [Susan Casey's Website](#)
- [Ninth Circuit Court ruling on Low Frequency Active sonar](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)
- [Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

#2305 - 11/18/2016 [In The Spotlight: Walter Robinson](#)

In this edition of *Dialogue*, host Marcia Franklin talks with Walter Robinson, the editor of the Spotlight team at the *Boston Globe* that won the 2003 Pulitzer Prize in Public Service for its investigation of sexual abuse by clergy in the Boston Archdiocese. A movie about the team's efforts, *Spotlight*, won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 2016.

Robinson, who is now editor-in-large at the *Boston Globe*, discusses the stresses involved in the investigation, why he believes it was so important, and what he thought of the film. The interview was taped at the 2016 Sun Valley Writers' Conference. Past conversations conducted by Franklin at the conference dating back to 2005 can be viewed at the [Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#) homepage.

Guests

- Walter Robinson

More Information

- [Boston Globe page on its investigation of the Boston Archdiocese](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

#2304 - 11/11/2016 [Creating 'Game of Thrones,' Part Two](#)

In this continuation of an interview with David Benioff and D.B. Weiss, the showrunners for the HBO series “Game of Thrones,” host Marcia Franklin talks with the two about the effect of the multimillion dollar program on the countries in which they film, the technological breakthroughs it has achieved, what they’d like the legacy of the series to be, and their next project. And...dragons!

HBO’s “Game of Thrones,” about to start its seventh season, has won more Primetime Emmys than any other scripted series on television. It’s based on the fantasy novels of George R.R. Martin.

The first part of the conversation with Benioff and Weiss can be viewed at IdahoPTV's [On Demand](#) site.

The interview was taped at the 2016 Sun Valley Writers’ Conference. Past conversations at the conference dating back to 2005 can be viewed at the [Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#) homepage.

Guests

- David Benioff
- D.B. Weiss

More Information

- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)
- [Game of Thrones on HBO](#)

#2303 - 11/04/2016 [Creating 'Game of Thrones,' Part One](#)

In the first part of her conversation with David Benioff and D.B. Weiss, the co-creators, lead writers and showrunners of “Game of Thrones,” host Marcia Franklin talks with the duo about why they were inspired to create the series, what they think of criticism that the shows are too violent, how they work together, and how they’ve dealt with the fear of the unknown on such a complex project.

HBO’s “Game of Thrones,” about to start its seventh season, has won more Primetime Emmys than any other scripted series on television. It’s based on the fantasy novels of George R.R. Martin.

The interview was taped at the 2016 Sun Valley Writers' Conference. Past conversations at the conference dating back to 2005 can be viewed at the [Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#) homepage.

Guests

- David Benioff
- D.B. Weiss

More Information

- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)
- [Game of Thrones on HBO](#)

#2302 - 10/21/2016 [Presidential Character: Jon Meacham](#)

In the lead-up to the November 2016 elections, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jon Meacham joined Dialogue host Marcia Franklin to talk about presidential character.

Meacham's most recent book is *Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush*. He won the Pulitzer Prize for Biography in 2009 for his book *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House*. He's also the author of *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power*, *Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship*, and *American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers and the Making of a Nation*.

Meacham talks with Franklin about the qualities he believes are essential to being a successful president, and the unique nature of the 2016 presidential race.

An executive editor at Random House, Meacham is well-known for his appearances on political discussion programs. He started his journalistic career at the *Chattanooga Times* and rose to become the editor of *Newsweek*. Meacham was the speaker at the Idaho Humanities Council's 2016 Distinguished Humanities Lecture in Boise.

Guests

- Jon Meacham

#2301 - 10/14/2016 [Gender and Politics: Lisa Maatz](#)

In this episode of Dialogue, Marcia Franklin talks with Lisa Maatz, Vice President of Government Relations for the American Association of University Women (AAUW), about the reasons for the continued lack of women in leadership positions in governmental and corporate positions, as well as the continued pay gap between men and women. Maatz talks about what can result from those disparities and what the AAUW sees as some potential solutions.

The two also discuss perceptions of Hillary Clinton during her 2016 campaign for the presidency.

Maatz was in Boise in September, 2016 to address the Women and Leadership conference sponsored by the Andrus Center for Public Policy at Boise State University.

Guests

- Lisa Maatz, Vice President of Government Relations for the American Association of University Women

More Information

- [Lisa Maatz Biography](#)
- [American Association of University Women](#)
- [Andrus Center's Women and Leadership conference](#)
- [Center for American Women and Politics](#)

#2226 - 09/30/2016 [Decoding Putin: Jill Dougherty](#)

As Russia's dominance on the international stage increases, along with its presence in the American presidential election, Dialogue host Marcia Franklin talks with journalist Jill Dougherty about Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Dougherty, who reported for CNN for 30 years, most recently as its Foreign Affairs Correspondent, was also the network's Moscow Bureau Chief and White House Correspondent. She left CNN in 2013 to get a Master's degree in International Relations from Georgetown University and is now writing a book on Putin's 'soft power.' At the time she spoke with Franklin, Dougherty was a Global Fellow at the Kennan Institute, a division of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C.

The two discuss what Dougherty means by 'soft power,' and some of the factors that drive President Putin's persona and politics. Franklin also asks Dougherty about Putin's involvement in the United States' presidential election and what the next U.S. president should keep in mind when negotiating with Russia.

Dougherty was in Boise in September 2016 to address the Boise Committee on Foreign Relations.

Guests

- Jill Dougherty

More Information

- [Wilson Center page on Jill Dougherty](#)
- [Boise Committee on Foreign Relations](#)

#2225 - 09/16/2016 [Rescuing Refugees: David Miliband](#)

The UN Refugee Agency estimates that 65 million people worldwide have been displaced from their homes by war and persecution. It's the largest forced migration of humans since World War II. On September 19th, 2016, the United Nations General Assembly hosted its first [high-level summit](#) on the global movement of refugees and migrants, with the goal of developing a better system for responding to the crisis. The next day, President Obama also convened a [summit](#) about refugees.

Leading up to those two events, Marcia Franklin talked with [David Miliband](#), the President and CEO of the [International Rescue Committee](#), a humanitarian and resettlement agency working in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Europe and the United States. The IRC has an office in Boise.

Miliband discusses the causes of the mass migrations, concerns over Syrian refugees and terrorism, and ways he'd change the current system. A former member of the British Parliament, and the U.K. Foreign Minister from 2007-2010, Miliband also talks with Franklin about how "Brexit" might affect his country, and whether he'd like to return to Britain to help lead that nation.

The conversation was taped at the 2016 Sun Valley Writers' Conference. This is the 10th year that Franklin has conducted interviews at the renowned event. Past conversations can be viewed [here](#).

Guests

- David Miliband

#2224 - 09/09/2016 [Shakespeare's First Folio](#)

As part of the events in 2016 surrounding the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death, Dialogue host Marcia Franklin talks with [Professor Eric Rasmussen](#) of the University of Nevada, Reno. Rasmussen, the chair of the English department at UNR, is a pre-eminent Shakespeare scholar and an expert on the First Folio, which was published in 1623 and includes almost all of the Bard of Avon's plays.

Rasmussen, also the author of a 1000-page catalog called The Shakespeare First Folio, worked with a team to locate 232 surviving copies of the First Folio, 72 more than were originally thought to exist. An estimated 800 were originally printed. There are now 235 known copies. The group went on to painstakingly document the condition of every page of as many copies as it could examine.

Rasmussen is also the author of *The Shakespeare Thefts: In Search of the First Folios*, in which he includes some of the more colorful stories surrounding the various copies of the 900-plus page book, both ones that have been found and those that are still missing.

Franklin talks with the professor about his interest in the First Folio, how he authenticates the new copies he finds, some of the unique aspects of the books, what he's learned studying them, and what he thinks about the various authorship theories regarding Shakespeare's works.

The interview took place at the Humanities Institute at Boise State University, one of 52 locations in the United States [chosen](#) by the Folger Shakespeare Library to display the First Folio in 2016. It includes video of the First Folio itself, which was on display from August 20th – September 21st at Boise State.

Guests

- Eric Rasmussen

More Information

- [Eric Rasmussen's Biography](#)
- [First Folio! The Book That Gave Us Shakespeare at Boise State](#)
- [Folger Shakespeare Library's First Folio Tour](#)

#2223 - 07/15/2016 [Citizen Power: Eric Liu](#)

As the United States heads for what portends to be a raucous convention season, Dialogue host Marcia Franklin talks with Eric Liu, the founder of Citizen University in Seattle, about whether it's even possible in a seemingly fractured society to have a civil discussion about politics. Liu, also the executive director of the Citizenship and American Identity Program at the Aspen Institute, is trying to reclaim civic education from the doldrums and encourage Americans to act on their rights. His TED Talk on the subject has more than a million and a half views.

Franklin and Liu discuss the "tectonic" demographic shift in the country and what it potentially means for governing, how Americans from diverse backgrounds are still bound together by a common creed, and what he describes as a "third Reconstruction Period" in the United States. Liu, an attorney, is the author of more than a half-dozen books, including "Gardens of Democracy," "Guiding Lights," "The True Patriot," and "The Accidental Asian."

Guests

- Eric Liu, founder of Citizen University in Seattle

More Information

- [Citizen University](#)
- [Eric Liu's Ted Talk](#)
- [Aspen Institute's Citizenship and American Identity Program](#)

#2222 - 06/10/2016 [Designing Healthy Communities: Dr. Richard Jackson](#)

On this episode of Dialogue, Dr. Richard Jackson, host of the PBS series *Designing Healthy Communities*, talks with host Marcia Franklin about the ways in which the built environment can negatively affect our health, and why as a physician he's so concerned.

A pediatrician, Jackson is a professor at the Fielding School of Public Health at UCLA. Previously he was the director of the CDC's National Center for Environmental Health.

Franklin talks with Jackson about how he became interested in the health effects of poor planning and design, what he thinks are some of the most pressing problems, and how some communities are trying to solve them. Franklin also asks Jackson why those who live in rural areas should care about urban planning.

Dr. Jackson has chaired the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Environmental Health and served on the board of directors of the American Institute of Architects. He is the recipient of the Sedgwick Memorial Medal, the highest honor of the American Public Health Association, and the Presidential Distinguished Service Award.

Guests

- Dr. Richard Jackson

More Information

- [Dr. Jackson's page at UCLA](#)

#2221 - 05/20/2016 [The Making of 'Bluebird Man'](#)

On this edition of Dialogue, Idaho 'Bluebird Man' Al Larson and filmmaker Matthew Podolsky join host Marcia Franklin to discuss 'Bluebird Man,' a documentary Podolsky produced about Larson.

The film chronicles Larson's nearly 40 years of building, disseminating and monitoring bluebird nesting boxes throughout Idaho. The boxes are designed to help halt the decline of bluebirds, which compete with introduced species like starlings for nesting cavities. Larson, 94, has placed more than 300 of the boxes around the state. He's also banded more than 30,000 bluebirds.

Franklin talks with the duo about why they wanted to make the documentary, the challenges involved, who will carry on Larson's work, and how bluebirds are faring in Idaho.

Guests

- 'Bluebird Man' Al Larson and filmmaker Matthew Podolsky

More Information

- [Bluebirdman.com](#)
- [North American Bluebird Society](#)

#2220 - 05/06/2016 [Historian Laurel Thatcher Ulrich](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and Idaho native Laurel Thatcher Ulrich.

Ulrich, the 300th Anniversary University Professor at Harvard University, grew up in Sugar City, Idaho. A scholar of women's history, she won a Pulitzer in 1991 for her book, 'A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard,' which was also adapted into a PBS 'American Experience' documentary. Ulrich was also a MacArthur "Genius" Fellow from 1992 to 1997, and is the past president of the American Historical Association.

Ulrich is perhaps best known in non-academic circles as the person who coined the phrase "Well-behaved women seldom make history."

The author of seven books, her latest work, due out in January, 2017, is titled 'A House Full of Females: Mormon Diaries, 1835-1870.'

Franklin talks to Professor Ulrich about why she wanted to write the book, which chronicles the lives of women in polygamous marriages and their roles, and what she learned. The two also discuss her experience as a Mormon feminist, and her family's history in Idaho. She last spoke with Ulrich in 2009, and that interview can be streamed at the [IdahoPTV's online video player](#).

Guests

- Laurel Thatcher Ulrich

More Information

- [Harvard University page for Professor Laurel Thatcher Ulrich](#)
- [2009 Dialogue interview with Professor Laurel Thatcher Ulrich](#)
- [Boise Weekly article on Professor Laurel Thatcher Ulrich by Marcia Franklin](#)

#2219 - 04/29/2016 [Historian Fredrik Logevall](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and author Fredrik Logevall, Ph.D. about the antecedents to the Vietnam War.

Logevall, the Laurence D. Belfer Professor of International Affairs at the Harvard Kennedy School and a professor of history at Harvard College, won the 2013 Pulitzer Prize in History for his book, "Embers of War." It examined France's colonial involvement in Vietnam, and how and why U.S. support of the French led to the Vietnam War.

In its citation, the Pulitzer committee called the work a "balanced, deeply researched history of how, as French colonial rule faltered, a succession of American leaders moved step by step down a road toward full-blown war." The book also won the Francis Parkman Prize from the Society of American Historians.

Franklin talks with Logevall about why he felt it was important for people to know about the pre-history of the Vietnam War, whether the war could have been avoided, and how the decisions made before and during the Vietnam War have affected our country's foreign policy since then.

The author or editor of nine books, Professor Logevall previously taught at Cornell, where he was the director of the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, and at the University of California Santa Barbara, where he co-founded the Center for Cold War Studies. He is the past president of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations.

Franklin spoke with him in Idaho Falls, where he gave the keynote speech at the Idaho Humanities Council's 2016 Eastern Idaho Distinguished Humanities Lecture.

Guests

- Fredrik Logevall

#2218 - 04/08/2016 [Judge Juan Guzmán](#)

On Sept. 11, 1973, Chile's democratically elected president, Salvador Allende, was overthrown and killed in a coup. General Augusto Pinochet took power, and for 17 years led a dictatorship in Chile, under which thousands of Chileans were tortured or killed.

Host Marcia Franklin interviews Chilean Judge Juan Guzmán, who was assigned to investigate the criminal claims that had been filed against Pinochet by the relatives of people who disappeared under his dictatorship.

No one expected Guzmán, a conservative judge from the same social strata as Pinochet, to take a tough stance. But as he delved into his research, he realized the severity of the situation, and went on to indict Pinochet for murder and kidnapping.

His investigation, he said, "opened the eyes of my soul."

Franklin talks with Judge Guzmán about his transformation, his investigative methods, and the legacy of the case.

Guzmán was the keynote speaker for the annual Sherman Bellwood Memorial lecture at the University of Idaho Law School, and was the subject of an award-winning PBS documentary, "The Judge and the General," some scenes of which are shown in the Dialogue program.

Guests

- Judge Juan Guzmán

More Information

- [Website for "The Judge and the General"](#)
- [Bellwood Memorial Lecture](#)

#2217 - 03/25/2016 [Serious Laughter: Dean Obeidallah](#)

"I tell people on September 10th I went to sleep a white guy. September 11th I woke up an Arab."

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Muslim-American comic Dean Obeidallah. Obeidallah was in Boise in October, 2015 as the keynote speaker at a Boise State University conference on the Arab world in Idaho.

The son of a Palestinian-American father and an Italian-American mother, Obeidallah originally practiced law. He talks with Franklin about why he became a standup comedian, and why he's concentrated his comedic career on educating audiences about Islam.

Obeidallah is the co-producer of "The Muslims Are Coming!" a documentary about his cross-country trip with other Muslim-American comedians. He was also featured in a PBS documentary, "Stand Up: Muslim-American Comics come of Age." Obeidallah also starred in Comedy Central's "The Axis of Evil" special, is a frequent commentator on television and radio programs, and is a columnist for The Daily Beast.

Guests

- Dean Obeidallah

More Information

- [Dean Obeidallah's website](#)

#2216 - 03/04/2016 [Soprano Cecilia Violetta Lopez Special](#)

View the [30-minute version](#) of this show.

Critics have described her as "dazzling," "sumptuous," "an alchemist of song," and "ready for the great stages of the world." In 2015, Opera News named her one of the '25 Rising Opera Stars' in the world.

On this edition of Dialogue, host Marcia Franklin talks with Cecilia Violetta López, a soprano originally from Rupert, Idaho, about her life and her love of opera.

Viewers will also hear López sing parts of arias recorded at an Opera Idaho dress rehearsal of La Traviata in January, 2016, as well as selections from songs performed by López at the Cathedral of the Rockies in Boise that same month.

López, who helped her mother hoe beets in the fields of south central Idaho, grew up singing mariachi music. She never knew anything about opera until she attended the University of Nevada Las Vegas, where she was studying music education after having worked as an orthopedic technician.

A chance opportunity to sing in an opera led to her love of the medium, and her talent was soon recognized. Opera San Jose hired López right out of college to be its Principal Soprano, and she was also chosen for the prestigious Martina Arroyo 'Prelude to Performance' program in New York City. She also won 1st Place and the 'Audience Favorite Award' at the 2014 Irene Dalis Vocal Competition.

Roles in regional operas such as Opera Idaho, Opera Tampa and Virginia Opera followed, along with López being selected to cover a role at the Metropolitan Opera in the summer of 2015. She will make her Carnegie Hall debut in June, 2016.

López talks with Franklin about what draws her to opera, what it's like to sing at her level, the role her family and teachers have played in her life, and where she envisions her career going.

The program, as well as an Extra of additional songs sung by López, are [available for streaming](#).

Guests

- Soprano Cecilia Violetta López

More Information

- [Cecilia López's website](#)
- [Cecilia Violetta López in Virginia Opera's 'La Traviata'](#)
- [Opera Idaho website](#)

#2215 - 02/19/2016 ["An Innocent Man"](#)

What is it like to serve eight years, 10 months and 19 days for a crime you didn't commit? On this edition of Dialogue, host Marcia Franklin explores the harrowing story of Kirk Bloodsworth, who was sentenced to death in 1985 for the murder and rape of a nine-year-old girl.

He would eventually become the first death row inmate exonerated by DNA evidence, and has spent the rest of his life talking about his case and his views about the death penalty.

Franklin talks with Bloodsworth and with Gregory Bayne, an Idaho filmmaker who's produced a documentary about Bloodsworth's journey called "Bloodsworth: An Innocent Man."

The two discuss why they made the film, how the story affected them, what they hope audiences will take away from watching the documentary, and the future of the death penalty in America.

Guests

- Kirk Bloodsworth
- Idaho Filmmaker Gregory Bayne

More Information

- [Website for "Bloodsworth: An Innocent Man"](#)
- [Gregory Bayne's website](#)
- [Innocence Project's page on Kirk Bloodsworth](#)

#2214 - 02/12/2016 [Ambassador Thomas Pickering](#)

Retired Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering discusses international issues with host Marcia Franklin. Pickering was a keynote speaker at the 2016 Frank Church Institute conference at Boise State University.

Over the course of more than 40 years, Pickering served as U.S. ambassador to six countries - India, Russia, Israel, Jordan, Nigeria and El Salvador, as well as to the United Nations. He was also the Under Secretary for Political Affairs, the #4 position in the State Department. For his distinguished work, he was awarded the rank of Career Ambassador, the highest rank in the U.S. Foreign Service.

He was co-chair, with former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Michael Mullen, of the Benghazi Accountability Review Board.

Pickering talks with Franklin about the war in Syria, the terrorist group ISIS, rapprochements with Iran and Cuba, and the Benghazi ARB report. Franklin also asks Pickering about potential threats from Pakistan and North Korea.

Guests

- Ambassador Thomas Pickering

More Information

- [Frank Church Institute](#)
- [Report of the Accountability Review Board on Benghazi](#)
- [U.S. Department of State biography of Ambassador Pickering](#)

#2213 - 01/22/2016 [Attorney Philip Howard](#)

Host Marcia Franklin interviews a lawyer who believes America's legal system is strangling what's best about our country.

Philip Howard is an attorney based in New York City and the author of books about legal reform, including "The Rule of Nobody," "The Death of Common Sense" and "Life Without

Lawyers." Franklin talks with Howard about his philosophy and the changes he'd like to see in the country's legislative, executive and judicial branches.

In 2002, Howard formed a coalition called The Common Good, whose mission is to "overhaul governmental and legal systems to allow people to make sensible choices." Mr. Howard's TED Talk on the subject has been viewed more than half a million times. His opinion pieces have been published in major newspapers, including the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post.

Howard was in Boise in October, 2015 to address the Bench-Bar Conference organized by the federal court system in Idaho.

Guests

- Attorney Philip Howard

More Information

- [Common Good](#)
- ["Four Ways to Fix a Broken Legal System" \(TED Talk by Philip Howard\)](#)

2015

#2212 - 12/18/2015 [Pushing On](#)

Dialogue features the inspirational story of two best friends and their journey along the 500-mile Camino de Santiago in Spain.

Host Marcia Franklin interviews Justin Skeesuck and Patrick Gray, who grew up together in Ontario, OR. Now Boise-area residents, the two became even closer when Justin was diagnosed with a progressive neuromuscular disease that made it impossible for him to use his arms and legs.

Undeterred, and motivated by a Rick Steves program on PBS about the Camino de Santiago, Justin decided he wanted to make the trek in his wheelchair. Gray made the dream a reality by pushing (and at times pulling) Skeesuck. The two are now making a documentary about their journey of faith, perseverance, love and community called "I'll Push You."

Franklin talks with the duo about why they wanted to produce the film, their hopes for it, and the challenges they faced along the way.

Skeesuck and Gray, who also operate a business called 'The Disabled Traveler,' have been featured in news media outlets around the world and have also recorded a TedX talk. After the taping of the main program, Franklin taped an [Extra with them about traveling with a disability](#).

Guests

- Justin Skeesuck
- Patrick Gray

More Information

- [Site for "I'll Push You" documentary](#)
- [The Disabled Traveler](#)
- [Justin and Patrick's TedX talk](#)
- [Rick Steves' program on the Camino de Santiago](#)

#2211 - 12/11/2015 [PBS President Paula Kerger](#)

Host Marcia Franklin interviews Paula Kerger, the longest-serving president and CEO of the Public Broadcasting Service. Kerger, who started her job as the sixth president of PBS in 2006, oversees the national programming for the more than 350 PBS stations around the country.

Franklin talks with Kerger about changes in the broadcast industry in just the past few years and how PBS is adapting. The two also talk about life after "Downton Abbey," the new "Mercy Street" drama, HBO and "Sesame Street," independent film, and ethical challenges.

Before her current position, Ms. Kerger was executive vice president and chief operating officer for the Educational Broadcasting Corporation (EBC), the parent company of Thirteen/WNET and WLIW21 New York. She is also a director of the International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and a member of the board of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History.

The program was recorded when Kerger was in Boise and Moscow to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Idaho Public Television.

Guests

- Paula Kerger

More Information

- [PBS](#)
- [Paula Kerger page on PBS](#)
- [50 Years of Idaho Public Television](#)

#2210 - 12/04/2015 [Journalist and Poet Jeffrey Brown: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Idaho Public Television viewers know him as a longtime correspondent and anchor for the PBS NewsHour. But Jeffrey Brown has developed another voice - as a poet.

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Brown about his first book of poetry, "The News: Poems." The 45 poems in the book reflect Brown's thoughts and emotions about his profession, including some of the stories he's covered. Several are also about his personal life.

Franklin talks with Brown about why he wanted to write a book of poetry. He also reads several of the poems and explains their background.

In an EXTRA available at video.idahoptv.org, Brown and Franklin talk more about Brown's job as chief arts correspondent for the NewsHour, and his mentor, the iconic news producer Fred Friendly.

The conversations were recorded at the Sun Valley Writers' Conference, where Franklin has conducted interviews since 2005. [View past interviews](#).

Guests

- Jeffrey Brown

More Information

- [PBS NewsHour page on Jeffrey Brown](#)
- [Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

#2209 - 11/27/2015 [Novelist Dinaw Mengestu: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with writer Dinaw Mengestu, whose novels often explore the dreams and challenges of immigrants to the United States.

Mengestu, who came to the U.S. from Ethiopia with his family when he was two, was a 2012 recipient of the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship. His first novel, "The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears" (2008), was translated into 12 languages, and won the Guardian First Book Award. His most recent novel, "All Our Names" (2015), was named a best book of the year by The New York Times, The Washington Post, and NPR.

Mengestu talks with Franklin about why he loves to write, the themes of his books, civil rights issues in America, and writers of the black African diaspora.

The conversation was taped at the 2015 Sun Valley Writers' Conference and can also be viewed at on our [online video player](#). [View Franklin's previous interviews](#) from the conference, dating back to 2005.

Guests

- Dinaw Mengestu

More Information

- [MacArthur Foundation page on Dinaw Mengestu](#)
- [Dialogue's "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference"](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

#2208 - 11/20/2015 ['Comma Queen' Mary Norris: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

After spending more than 30 years behind the scenes as a query proofreader at The New Yorker magazine, Mary Norris decided to come out from behind the desk with a book that is part grammar tips, part memoir, called "Between You and Me: Confessions of a Comma Queen."

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Norris about the book, which has been described by critics as "laugh-out-loud funny," "tender" and "wise." The two discuss why she wanted write it, some of her grammar advice, how she and other editors have upheld the 'New Yorker standard,' and where she thinks the English language is heading.

The program, [which can be streamed](#), was recorded at the 2015 Sun Valley Writers' Conference, where Franklin has been conducting interviews since 2005. [View past conversations](#) from the conference.

Guests

- Mary Norris

More Information

- [Mary Norris' website](#)
- [The New Yorker's Mary Norris page](#)
- ['Comma Queen' video series](#)
- [Dialogue's "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference"](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

#2207 - 11/13/2015 [Author Tim O'Brien](#)

Host Marcia Franklin interviews one of the most esteemed writers of the Vietnam War era, Tim O'Brien.

O'Brien, who served as an infantryman from 1969 to 1970, wrote a memoir in 1972 called "If I Die in a Combat Zone, Box Me Up and Ship Me Home." It received excellent reviews, and in 1978, O'Brien won the National Book Award for "Going After Cacciato," a novel about a soldier who goes AWOL and the squad that tries to find him.

O'Brien's most well-known book is "The Things They Carried," a work of linked stories about soldiers in the Vietnam War, published in 1990. It was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Critics Circle Award, and is required reading in many high school and college classes.

Franklin talks with O'Brien about his style of writing, which often blurs fact with fiction, and about his new life as a first-time father later in life. The two also talk extensively about war in our culture, and O'Brien shares his thoughts on how he thinks Veterans Day and Memorial Day would be best observed.

In an Extra available at video.idahoptv.org, O'Brien discusses the writers he admires who have chronicled the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as a Vietnamese author he respects.

O'Brien was in Boise as the keynote speaker for the Idaho Humanities Council's 2015 Distinguished Humanities Lecture.

Guests

- Tim O'Brien

More Information

- [Website about Tim O'Brien](#)
- [American Experience interview with Tim O'Brien](#)
- [NEA Big Read: The Things They Carried](#)
- [Idaho Humanities Council](#)

#2206 - 11/06/2015 [Author Richard Ford: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Marcia Franklin interviews author Richard Ford about the latest addition to his Frank Bascombe series, "Let Me Be Frank With You." The book was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2015 (won by Anthony Doerr of Boise). Ford won a Pulitzer for another book in the series, "Independence Day," along with the PEN/Faulkner Award.

Franklin asks Ford why he decided to write another book in the series, after previously saying he wouldn't. The two also discuss the themes in his works, Ford's use of language, how his dyslexia influences his creative process, and his thoughts on race relations in America.

Ford, 71, was born in Jackson, MS. He graduated from Michigan State University and started law school, but dropped out. Instead, he received an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of California, Irvine. Ford's writing career has included the novels "The Sportswriter," "Wildlife," "The Lay of the Land" and "Canada," as well as the short story collection, "Rock Springs."

Franklin's conversation with Ford was recorded at the 2015 Sun Valley Writers' Conference, where she has been conducting interviews since 2005. [View past interviews](#).

Guests

- Richard Ford

More Information

- [Richard Ford's Facebook page](#)
- [Dialogue's Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

#2205 - 10/30/2015 [Author Stacy Schiff: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

On this week's Dialogue, Marcia Franklin interviews Pulitzer Prize-winning author Stacy Schiff about her 2015 work, "The Witches," which delves into the history and psychology of the Salem Witch Trials of 1692. During the trials, as many as 185 witches and wizards were accused in 25 towns and villages. Authorities killed 20 people who were found guilty, as well as two dogs.

Schiff, who won a Pulitzer in 2000 for her book, "Vera," about the wife of Vladimir Nabokov, talks with Franklin about what drew her to the topic of the trials, the challenges she encountered writing the book, and the parallels she sees between the hysteria of the time and contemporary events.

The conversation was recorded at the 2015 Sun Valley Writers' Conference. Franklin has been conducting interviews there since 2005.

Schiff was a finalist for the 1995 Pulitzer Prize for her biography of Antoine de Saint Exupery. She's also written "A Great Improvisation: Franklin, France, and the Birth of America," and "Cleopatra: A Life," which was a New York Times Bestseller. Her work is frequently published in magazines and newspapers, including The New Yorker and The New York Times Book Review.

Guests

- Stacy Schiff

More Information

- [Stacy Schiff's website](#)
- [PBS Secrets of the Dead episode on the Salem Witch Trials](#)
- [Dialogue's Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

#2204 - 10/23/2015 [Making 'The Sagebrush Sea'](#)

On this episode of Dialogue, Marcia Franklin talks with Marc Dantzker, the producer of "The Sagebrush Sea," a PBS NATURE episode that premiered in September, 2015.

The documentary, filmed over two years, follows the Greater Sage-Grouse through four seasons in the sagebrush country of the American West.

Franklin talks with Dantzker, who works for the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, about why he wanted to make the documentary, the filming methods used, and the challenges he and the videographers faced. The two also discuss the future of the Sage-Grouse.

Sometimes known as "The Big Empty," the sagebrush ecosystem is actually full of life, much of which is depicted in the film. Threats to the landscape, though, including grazing, oil development and fire, have biologists and others worried about the survival of the Sage-Grouse. Two hundred years ago, as many as 16 million of the birds inhabited the area. Today, there may be as few as 200,000.

In September, 2015, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife System decided that enough work was being done by concerned groups to save the Sage-Grouse so that an endangered species listing wasn't warranted. Legal challenges to proposed recovery plans, though, will continue.

Guests

- Marc Dantzker

More Information

- [NATURE: "The Sagebrush Sea"](#)
- [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service page on Greater Sage-Grouse](#)

#2203 - 10/16/2015 [Playwright Samuel Hunter, Part Two](#)

Host Marcia Franklin continues her conversation with Idaho-born playwright Samuel Hunter, focusing on the craft of playwriting, some of the actors he admires, and a new project he's working on that's not for the stage.

Hunter, a Moscow, ID native, is the recipient of a 2014 MacArthur Fellowship, known colloquially as the "Genius Grant." He also won an Obie Award in 2011.

Guests

- Samuel Hunter

More Information

- [MacArthur Fellows Program page on Samuel Hunter](#)
- [Samuel Hunter on Dialogue in 2012](#)
- [Samuel Hunter Extra on Dialogue in 2012](#)

#2202 - 10/09/2015 [Playwright Samuel Hunter, Part One](#) He's only 34, but has already won some of the most prestigious awards for creativity in the country. On this episode of Dialogue, Marcia Franklin interviews playwright and Moscow, ID native Samuel Hunter. Hunter is the recipient of a 2014 MacArthur Fellowship, known colloquially as the "Genius Grant." He also won an Obie Award in 2011.

Hunter talks about what it was like to win the MacArthur, and what he plans to do with the time and money it affords him to dedicate to his craft. He also discusses the evolution of his works, which have been performed all over the country, and the role of Idaho in his plays.

Guests

- Samuel Hunter

More Information

- [MacArthur Fellows Program page on Samuel Hunter](#)
- [Samuel Hunter on Dialogue in 2012](#)
- [Samuel Hunter Extra on Dialogue in 2012](#)

#2201 - 10/02/2015 [Saving Gorongosa](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with three people involved with a six-part PBS series, "Gorongosa Park: Rebirth of Paradise." The series premiered on September 22, 2015.

Guests include Greg Carr, a philanthropist from Idaho, who's committed at least \$50 million towards restoring Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique; Bob Poole, the cinematographer and host of the series, and James Byrne, the producer.

Gorongosa Park, which used to be full of wildlife, and attracted tourists from around the world, was decimated by a civil war in which much of its animal life was killed for food or for their tusks. It's also being deforested by residents trying to grow crops.

The series, filmed over a period of two years, chronicles the lives and behaviors of various animals, such as lions and elephants, and also profiles leading scientists studying wildlife, birds and insects in the park. It also shows efforts to assist the local economy.

Franklin talks with her guests about why they wanted to produce the documentary, the techniques used to film the wildlife, the challenges faced, and how working on the project affected them. The discussion was filmed in front of a live audience.

Guests

- Greg Carr
- Bob Poole

- James Byrne

More Information

- [Gorongosa Park: Rebirth of Paradise](#)
- [Gorongosa National Park](#)
- [Into Africa: The Idaho-Gorongosa Connection \(An IdahoPTV Production\)](#)

#2128 - 09/25/2015 [25 Years of the ADA](#)

Twenty-five years after the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Marcia Franklin talks about its effects with Kelly Buckland, the executive director of the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL).

Modeled after the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law on July 26, 1990 by President George H.W. Bush. It prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in many realms, including employment, housing and transportation.

Franklin talks with Buckland, an Idaho native paralyzed in a diving accident when he was a teen, about how the ADA changed his life and the lives of others. He also talks about what challenges still remain for those with disabilities. The two also discuss the accessibility issues of the Idaho State Capitol, over which Buckland filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Justice. The case was settled for \$400,000 and the state will make upgrades to the building.

Kelly Buckland grew up near Rexburg, Idaho, and has been actively involved in disability issues since 1979, including being the executive director of the Living Independence Network Corporation and the Idaho State Independent Living Council. In 2009 he became the executive director of the NCIL in Washington, DC. He's received numerous awards, including the Hewlett-Packard Distinguished Achievement in Human Rights Award, and was inducted into the National Spinal Cord Injury Hall of Fame.

Guests

- Kelly Buckland

More Information

- [Information and Technical Assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act](#)
- [The ADA Legacy Project](#)
- [National Council on Independent Living](#)
- [National Archives resource page on disability rights history](#)

#2127 - 09/18/2015 [Defending Khalid Sheikh Mohammed](#)

As the United States marks 14 years since the attacks of September 11, 2001, host Marcia

Franklin talks with Boise attorney David Nevin, the lead defense counsel for Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

Mohammed is the highest-profile detainee at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base Detention Center in Cuba, charged with nearly 3,000 counts of murder for his alleged role in planning the 9/11 attacks.

Franklin talks with Nevin about why he took Mohammed's case in 2008, and what has delayed it for so long. Among the reasons for the delay is evidence of government spying on the defense teams. The two also discuss the potential effect on the case of the release of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence's 'Torture Report,' which detailed the enhanced interrogation techniques performed on Mohammed.

Nevin is no stranger to cases in the public limelight. In 1993, he successfully defended Kevin Harris, accused of killing a Deputy U.S. Marshal at Ruby Ridge in north Idaho. And in 2004, he convinced a jury that Sami Al-Hussayen, a University of Idaho graduate student, was not guilty of supporting terrorism.

Mr. Nevin is a founder and past president of the Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the former Idaho State Chair of the American College of Trial Lawyers. In 2008, he received the Idaho State Bar's Distinguished Lawyer Award.

Guests

- David Nevin

More Information

- [David Nevin bio](#)
- [Executive Summary of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence's Study of the CIA's Detention and Interrogation Program](#)
- [Minority Views on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence's Study of the CIA's Detention and Interrogation Program](#)
- [CIA Response to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence's Study of the CIA's Detention and Interrogation Program](#)
- [FRONTLINE: The Torture Question](#)
- [Miami Herald's Guantanamo News Page](#)
- [2009 Dialogue with David Nevin](#)

#2126 - 09/11/2015 [Author Lawrence Wright: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Lawrence Wright, a journalist who won a Pulitzer Prize in 2007 for his book, **The Looming Tower: Al Qaeda and the Road to 9/11**. The work is an investigation

into the causes of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and the life of Osama bin Laden. The two discuss Wright's thoughts on the death of bin Laden and the growing power of the terrorist group ISIS.

Franklin, who spoke with Wright at the 2015 Sun Valley Writers' Conference, also talks with him about his newest book, **13 Days in September**. It chronicles the tensions surrounding the Camp David Accords of 1978, as well as their legacy.

Wright, a staff writer for the New Yorker since 1992, is the author of seven other books, including **Going Clear, about the Church of Scientology**, and a memoir, **In the New World: Growing up in America**. He's also written five plays and three movies.

The interview is part of Dialogue's ongoing "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference." Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. This year's and previous years' conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers](#) site.

Guests

- Lawrence Wright

More Information

- [Lawrence Wright's website](#)
- [Dialogue's Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

#2125 - 08/07/2015 [How to Enjoy The Big Outside](#)

Marcia Franklin continues her conversation with Boise-based outdoor writer Michael Lanza, focusing on tips for hiking and camping, including some of the best gear and small essentials to pack. The two also talk about ways to keep safe in the backcountry.

Lanza, the former Northwest editor for Backpacker magazine, has written three books about hiking, as well as many articles chronicling his worldwide adventures hiking, climbing, skiing and paddling.

"Before They're Gone," his book about his family's adventures hiking through some of the national parks in America most threatened by climate change, won an honorable mention in the National Outdoor Book Awards.

Lanza also runs the website [thebigoutside.com](#), which was chosen by USA Today readers as one of the top 10 hiking and outdoors blogs.

Guests

- Michael Lanza

More Information

- [The Big Outside](#)

#2124 - 07/10/2015 [The Big Outside: Michael Lanza](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Idaho outdoor writer and photographer Michael Lanza about some of the best backcountry trips in our region. Lanza, the former Northwest editor for Backpacker magazine, has written three books about hiking, as well as many articles chronicling his worldwide adventures backpacking, climbing, skiing and paddling.

Before They're Gone, his book about his family's adventures hiking through some of the national parks in America most threatened by climate change, won an honorable mention in the National Outdoor Book Awards. Franklin talks with him about why he wanted to write the book, and what it was like to backpack with his young children.

Lanza also runs the website thebigoutside.com, which was chosen by USA Today readers as one of the top 10 hiking and outdoors blogs.

In a Dialogue Extra available at video.idahoptv.org, Lanza gives some hiking tips, as well as advice on how to choose the proper gear.

Guests

- Michael Lanza

More Information

- [Michael Lanza's website](#)

#2123 - 06/12/2015 [Author Phil Klay](#)

Host Marcia Franklin interviews Phil Klay, an author and veteran of the war in Iraq. Klay's first work, *Redeployment*, won the National Book Award for Fiction in 2014. The 12 short stories in *Redeployment* draw on Klay's experiences as a U.S. Marine Corps Public Affairs Officer in the Anbar province of Iraq from 2007 to 2008.

Franklin talks with Klay about why he wanted to write the book and how he developed the different voices in his stories, which include a Mortuary Affairs Officer and a chaplain. Klay also reads from his book, and shares some of his thoughts on the war.

In a special Extra available at video.idahoptv.org, the two discuss Klay's writing methods. He also recommends other books about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In addition to his book, Klay's writing has been published in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, Granta and Tin House. He was a finalist for the Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award and received the National Book Critics' Circle John Leonard Award for the best debut in any genre of writing.

Recommendations by Phil Klay

Green on Blue: A Novel by Elliot Ackerman

We Meant Well: How I Helped Lose the Battle for the Hearts and Minds of the Iraqi

People (American Empire Project) by Peter Van Buren

The Diary of a Country Priest: A Novel by Georges Bernanos

The Good Soldiers by David Finkel

The Forever War by Dexter Filkins

Hard Lessons: The Iraq Reconstruction Experience by The Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction Report (SIGIRR)

Billy Lynns' Long Halftime Walk by Ben Fountain

Eleven Days by Lea Carpenter

Sparta by Roxana Robins

The Yellow Birds by Kevin Powers

Fobbit by David Abrams

Fire and Forget (Short Stories) by Matt Gallagher (forward by Colum McCann)

War of the Encyclopaedists: A Novel by Christopher Robinson / Gavin Kovite

Love My Rifle More Than You by Kayla Williams

Shade It Black by Jess Godell

Here, Bullet by Brian Turner

Phantom Noise by Brian Turner

My Life as a Foreign Country by Brian Turner

The Corpse Exhibition: And Other Stories by Hassan Blasim

Voices from Iraq by Mark Kukis

Frankenstein in Baghdad by Ahmed Saadawi

Holding it Down (Audio CD) by Vijay Iyer and Mike Ladd

[Warrior Writers: Maurice Decaul](#)

#2122 - 04/17/2015 [The Business Case for Preschool: John Pepper](#)

Host Marcia Franklin has a conversation with John Pepper, the retired CEO of Procter and Gamble. Pepper talks about why he believes it makes economic sense for state and local governments to help fund early childhood education.

Idaho is currently one of only six states in the country without any state funding for preschool.

Pepper, who is also the former chairman of the board of the Disney Company, explains how he came to believe that early childhood education is critical to improving the declining skillset of

the American workforce. He also addresses concerns about early childhood education, including a fear about governmental interference with parents raising their children.

Franklin and Pepper also discuss the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, a museum he helped found.

Pepper's visit was sponsored by a coalition of groups that want Idaho to help fund preschool, including ReadyNation, on whose advisory board Pepper sits, the Idaho chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children, and Idaho Business for Education.

Guests

- John Pepper

More Information

- [Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children](#)
- [Idaho Early Learning eGuidelines](#)
- [ReadyNation](#)
- [National Underground Railroad Freedom Center](#)
- [Boise State Public Radio series on preschool in Idaho](#)

#2121 - 03/27/2015 [Living with Cancer](#)

Producer/Host Marcia Franklin profiles [Cari Hug](#), a resident of Cambridge, ID, who has been living with metastatic breast cancer for 16 years.

In addition to talking with Hug about her physical and emotional journey, Franklin visits the Mountain States Tumor Institute clinic in Fruitland, ID where Hug is being treated, to learn more about efforts to provide and expand services to rural patients.

In the discussion portion of the program, Franklin talks with [Professor Cheryl Jorcyk](#) of Boise State University about her research into a treatment for metastatic breast cancer, and with [Dr. Dan Zuckerman](#), medical director of St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute, about the challenges and successes of cancer screening and treatment in a rural state.

According to the latest data released by the Cancer Data Registry of Idaho, a total of 7,204 cases of cancer were diagnosed in Idaho in 2013, with 2,709 deaths attributed to cancer that year. Idaho has one of the lowest rates in the nation of screening for various cancers, which is of concern to the medical community.

This program is part of an initiative associated with the national airing of the PBS series '[Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies](#).' Viewers can learn more about the series, [including how to submit their own stories of living with cancer](#).

Regional Cancer Treatment Centers:

- [Cancer Care Northwest](#)
- [Community Cancer Services of Bonner and Boundary Counties](#)
- [Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center Cancer Center](#)
- [St. Alphonsus Cancer Care Center](#)
- [St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Cancer Care](#)
- [St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute](#)
- [Kootenai Clinic Cancer Care](#)
- [Northwest Oncology](#)
- [Portneuf Cancer Center](#)
- [Spokane Valley Cancer Center](#)
- [Teton Cancer Institute](#)

Regional Data and Research:

- [Idaho Comprehensive Cancer Control Program](#)
- [Cancer Data Registry of Idaho](#)
- [Professor Cheryl Jorcyk, Ph.D.](#)

Nonprofits:

- [American Cancer Society Idaho Cancer Action Network](#)
- [Angel Wings Network](#)
- [Camp Rainbow Gold](#)
- [Cancer Connection Idaho](#)
- [Casting for Recovery Southern Idaho](#)
- [Comprehensive Cancer Alliance](#)
- [Casting for Recovery Northern Idaho/Eastern Washington](#)
- [Expedition Inspiration](#)
- [Idaho2Fly](#)
- [Surviving Hearts](#)
- [Susan G. Komen Idaho](#)
- [River Discovery](#)

Guests

- [Cheryl Jorcyk, Ph.D., Boise State University](#)
- [Dan Zuckerman, MD, Mountain States Tumor Institute](#)
- [Cari Hug, Cancer Survivor](#)

#2120 - 03/20/2015 [Honoring Anne Frank](#)

In commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the death of Anne Frank in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, this week's Dialogue features a 1996 Boise speech of Miep Gies, one of the people who helped hide the Frank family for two years in Amsterdam. Gies also saved Anne's diary after the family was arrested in August, 1944 and deported to death camps. Anne would perish in March, 1945, just two months before the camp was liberated.

Gies visited Boise to help promote what would become the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Center. In her talk, she recalled her memories of Anne, explained why it was so important to help the Frank family, and stressed the need to stay vigilant about human rights abuses. Gies died in 2010 at nearly 100 years old.

The program also includes comments from a 1998 Dialogue interview with Hannah Pick-Goslar, a childhood friend of Anne Frank's, who was incarcerated in Bergen-Belsen at the same time as Anne Frank and spoke to her just a month before she died. She talks with host Marcia Franklin about that experience. Pick-Goslar lives in Israel, and at 86, is the same age Anne Frank would be if she were alive.

Viewers will also hear from Cor Suijk, the former director of the Anne Frank House and the Anne Frank Center in the United States. Mr. Suijk, who was incarcerated by the Nazis for hiding Jews, died in 2014. He was on Dialogue in 1995 and 1998.

More Information

- [Wassmuth Center for Human Rights](#)
- [1995 Dialogue interview with Cornelis Suijk of the Anne Frank Center USA](#)
- [1998 Dialogue interview with Hannah Pick-Goslar, a friend of Anne Frank](#)

#2119 - 02/13/2015 [Author Lois Leveen](#)

In conjunction with both **Black History Month** and Valentine's Day, Marcia Franklin interviews historical novelist Lois Leveen, Ph.D. Leveen, who lives in Portland, Oregon, is the author of **The Secrets of Mary Bowser**, a fictionalized account of Mary Bowser, a house slave in Richmond before the Civil War.

Bowser was freed by her mistress, Elizabeth Van Lew, to receive an education in the North. She subsequently returned to Richmond and was installed as a spy in the Confederate White House of Jefferson Davis. Information provided by Bowser was passed to General Ulysses S. Grant, who credited it with helping the North win the war.

Juliet's Nurse, another of Leveen's novels, imagines the life of the nurse in *Romeo and Juliet* and her pivotal role in the iconic Shakespeare play.

Franklin talks with Leveen about how she comes up with her ideas, how she researches them, and what she hopes readers will learn from the books.

Leveen, who received her Ph.D. in English from the University of California, Los Angeles, has also written articles for the **New York Times**, the **LA Review of Books**, the **Chicago Tribune**, the **Huffington Post**, and **The Atlantic**, as well as many literary and scholarly journals.

#2118 - 01/23/2015 [Good Winter Reading 2015](#)

Three guests share their recommendation for good winter reading with Marcia Franklin. Guests include: Jamaica Ritcher, events coordinator for BookPeople of Moscow; Bruce DeLaney, co-owner of Rediscovered Books in Boise; and Diane Rice, a librarian and program coordinator at the Victory Branch of the Ada Community Library.

In addition to recommending books ([view the lists](#)), the group also discusses the changing role of independent bookstores and libraries. In an Extra taped after the program, the guests expand on those themes, discussing ways they have each branched out into their respective communities to make connections.

Guests

- Jamaica Ritcher, BookPeople of Moscow
- Bruce DeLaney, Rediscovered Books (Boise)
- Diane Rice, Ada Community Library (Boise)

More Information

- [BookPeople of Moscow](#)
- [Rediscovered Books](#)
- [Ada Community Library, Victory Branch](#)

2014

#2117 - 12/26/2014 [Singer/Songwriter Eilen Jewell](#)

In a special one-hour Dialogue, Marcia Franklin interviews Boise singer/songwriter Eilen Jewell. Jewell, known colloquially as the 'Queen of the Minor Key,' has attracted international kudos and fans for her Americana-style music.

She talks with Franklin about why she moved back to Idaho; where she grew up; how she defines and crafts her music; and what's next for her and The Eilen Jewell Band, which also includes her husband, drummer Jason Beek.

The couple just welcomed baby daughter Mavis, named after the gospel singer Mavis Staples. Eilen and Jason are also in a gospel band, The Sacred Shakers. Jewell talks with Franklin about why she's attracted to gospel music and performs a song she wrote for her new daughter.

This program was taped at AudioLab Recording Studios in Garden City and includes footage of Jewell and her band performing at the Sapphire Room at the Riverside Hotel, also in Garden City. One of the songs, "My Hometown," is about Boise.

Guests

- Eilen Jewell

More Information

- [Eilen Jewell Band](#)
- [The Sacred Shakers](#)

#2116 - 12/19/2014 [Gretel Ehrlich: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Wyoming resident Gretel Ehrlich is perhaps best known for her writing about the intermountain West, including her memoirs, **The Solace of Open Spaces** and **A Match to the Heart**. But the prolific writer has also made numerous trips to Greenland and the Arctic, documenting the changes in both the landscapes and cultures there due to climate change. Her books about that region include **This Cold Heaven**, **The Future of Ice** and **In the Empire of Ice**.

Ehrlich's most recent book, an outgrowth of her love of Japan and Buddhism, is **Facing the Wave: A Journey in the Wake of the Tsunami**. In the book, she chronicles stories of survival and spirit in the devastation following the 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster in Japan. Nearly 16,000 people died in the events.

Marcia Franklin talks with Ehrlich about why she was compelled to write the book, as well as her concerns about global climate change. The two also discuss her writing style, which combines personal observations with scientific knowledge, and her love of the American West.

The interview is part of Dialogue's ongoing "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2014 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. This year's, and previous years', conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers site](#).

Guests

- Gretel Ehrlich

#2115 - 12/12/2014 [Behind The Scenes with Rick Steves](#)

Marcia Franklin continues her conversation with popular PBS travel host Rick Steves, focusing on how he got started in the tour guiding business, his philosophy of guiding, how he researches his books, and how he produces his programs.

Steves, a native of Edmonds, WA, started traveling when he was 18. He went on to start a successful tour business that now employs over 80 people, and has written more than 50 tour guides. His PBS television series, which he's produced since 1991, is the most popular series on the network. Steves also hosts a weekly radio show.

More Information

- [Rick Steves' website](#)

#2114 - 12/05/2014 [Travel As A Political Act: Rick Steves](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with popular PBS travel host Rick Steves about his latest documentary, "The Holy Land." The program highlights sacred sites in both Israel and Palestine, and sets many in the context of the conflict between residents of the areas. Franklin also asks Steve about his philosophy of "travel as a political act," and the two discuss his 2008 trip to Iran.

Steves, a native of Edmonds, WA, started traveling when he was 18. He went on to start a successful tour business that now employs over 80 people and takes 15,000 people a year on trips. Steves has also written more than 50 tour guides. His PBS television series, **Rick Steves' Europe**, which he's produced since 1991, is the most popular travel series on the network. Steves also hosts a weekly radio show.

Guests

- Rick Steves, PBS travel series host

More Information

- [Rick Steves' website](#)
- [Rick Steves' "The Holy Land"](#)
- [Rick Steves' Iran: Yesterday and Today](#)

#2113 - 11/28/2014 [The Power of Education: Tererai Trent, Ph.D.](#)

Tune in for an inspiring conversation with Tererai Trent, Ph.D. Trent, who is featured in the book, **Half the Sky**, grew up in rural Zimbabwe. She had always wanted to get an education, but wasn't allowed to. At 11, she was married, and by 18, she had three children.

Undeterred, Trent taught herself to read. As an adult, spurred on by an aid worker from Heifer International, she wrote down her goals, which included getting a Ph.D. in America. After saving money for years, she was finally able to go to the U.S. for her education.

Today, with two masters degrees and a doctorate, Dr. Trent is a motivational speaker and the founder of a nonprofit to help build schools in her native Zimbabwe. Oprah Winfrey has called Trent her "all-time favorite guest." She was in Boise as the keynote speaker for the 2014 Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation conference.

Guests

- Tererai Trent, Ph.D.

More Information

- [Tererai Trent's website](#)
- [Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation](#)
- [Half the Sky book site](#)
- [Video of Tererai Trent's Story \(Oprah.com\)](#)

#2112 - 11/21/2014 [Humorist Dave Barry: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Pulitzer Prize-winning humorist Dave Barry hams it up with Marcia Franklin, as the two talk about Barry's various misadventures in the Gem State — including tree-climbing, snowmobiling and trout fishing — and what he thinks the new motto for Idaho should be.

The two also discuss Barry's wildly successful writing partnership with Ridley Pearson on the **Peter and the Starcatchers** series. And Barry even serenades Franklin and the crew with an original tune.

The interview is part of Dialogue's ongoing "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2014 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. This year's, and previous years', conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers site](#).

Guests

- Author and humorist Dave Barry

More Information

- [Dave Barry's website](#)

#2111 - 11/14/2014 [Representative John Lewis: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Rep. John Lewis (D-GA), the last of the so-called "Big Six" leaders of the African-American civil rights movement. Lewis was the chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) from 1963 to 1966, and played a seminal role in some of the

most important activities of the movement, including the Freedom Rides, the march from Selma to Montgomery and the March on Washington (at which he was the youngest speaker). He became a United States Representative in 1986.

During their conversation, Lewis and Franklin discussed his emotions on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Rights Act, the election of President Obama, what Lewis sees as current civil rights challenges, and his advice to the next generation.

The two also discuss a trilogy of graphic novels called **March** that he and a staffer, Andrew Aydin, are writing. The series illustrates the congressman's life in the civil rights movement. The first book hit #1 on the **New York Times** Best Sellers List.

In a Dialogue Extra, Franklin interviews staffer Aydin.

The interview is part of Dialogue's ongoing "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2014 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. This year's, and previous years', conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers site](#).

Guests

- Rep. John Lewis (D-GA)

More Information

- [Rep. Lewis' US House of Representatives website](#)
- [March book site](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers Conference](#)

#2110 - 11/07/2014 [Author Kevin Powers](#)

In honor of Veterans Day, Marcia Franklin interviews author Kevin Powers, a veteran of the war in Iraq. His first work, **The Yellow Birds**, was a finalist for the National Book Award. The novel depicts the friendship between two American soldiers in Iraq trying to keep each other alive, and the emotional journey of one of them as he returns home.

Powers, who was a speaker at the University of Idaho's annual Hemingway conference, talks about the influence of Hemingway on him, why he wanted to write **The Yellow Birds**, the themes in it, and the reaction to the book. Franklin also asks him about his views on the war in Iraq.

Guests

- Kevin Powers

More Information

- [Kevin Powers' website](#)
- [University of Idaho & Hemingway Connection](#)
- [About Kevin Powers](#)

#2109 - 10/31/2014 [Author Yiyun Li: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with award-winning Chinese-American author Yiyun Li about her works, the most recent of which is **Kinder Than Solitude**. The novel follows three former friends whose lives are forever entangled by a fatal poisoning one of them may have committed.

Li is also the author of another novel, **The Vagrants**, and two collections of short stories: **Gold Boy, Emerald Girl**, and **A Thousand Years of Good Prayers**, which won a PEN/Hemingway Award, the Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award, and the Guardian First Book Award. Two of the stories in **A Thousand Years of Good Prayers** were adapted into films directed by Wayne Wang.

Li, who came to the U.S. in 1996, was originally studying to be an immunologist, but fell in love with creative writing when she was getting her Ph.D. at the University of Iowa. She went on to receive an MFA in creative nonfiction from that institution, and an MFA in fiction from the Iowa Writers' Workshop.

Her spare, beautiful and often dark prose has earned her the nickname of "the Chinese Chekhov." In addition to numerous awards for her short stories and fiction, she's the recipient of a MacArthur "Genius" grant. Her stories and essays have appeared in **The New Yorker** and the **Paris Review**. Li is also a contributing editor of **A Public Space**, a literary magazine. She teaches at the University of California, Davis.

Franklin talks with Li about why she decided to change her career path, the themes in her books, why she only writes in English, and the influence of author and Idaho native Marilynne Robinson on her work.

The interview is part of Dialogue's ongoing "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2014 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. This year's, and previous years', conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers site](#).

Guests

- Yiyun Li

More Information

- [Yiyun Li's website](#)

- [Sun Valley Writers Conference](#)

#2108 - 10/24/2014 [Journalist David Epstein: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with David Epstein, an award-winning sports journalist who wrote a bestselling book called **The Sports Gene**. The book delves into the often controversial research on what role genetics plays in the development of athletic talent. It also debunks the ways the so-called "10,000 hour rule" — a claim about the relation between hours of practice in a task and mastery of it — has been applied, particularly to sport.

Franklin and Epstein discuss why he wanted to write the book, the controversies surrounding genetic research, and some of his favorite case studies. Epstein, who was previously a senior writer at **Sports Illustrated**, now works for ProPublica, a nonprofit journalism center. Franklin asks him about why he wanted to make that career change.

The interview is part of Dialogue's ongoing "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2014 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. This year's, and previous years', conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers site](#).

Guests

- David Epstein

More Information

- [The Sports Gene book site](#)
- [Author page at ProPublica](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers Conference](#)

#2107 - 10/17/2014 [Author Isabel Wilkerson](#)

Marcia Franklin interviews Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Isabel Wilkerson. Wilkerson devoted 15 years to researching and writing **The Warmth of Other Suns**, a book about the Great Migration of African-Americans from the South to other parts of the country. The book was named one of the 10 Best Books of the Year by **The New York Times**, and won the 2010 National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction, as well as many other awards.

In 1994, while Chicago bureau chief of **The New York Times**, Wilkerson became the first African-American woman to win the Pulitzer Prize in journalism, winning the feature writing award for her coverage of the 1993 Midwestern floods and her profile of a 10-year-old boy who was responsible for his four siblings.

While reporting throughout the Midwest, Wilkerson became intrigued by the number of people she met who had migrated from the South. She decided to write a book about what has come to be known as the Great Migration, when an estimated six million African-Americans left the South. After talking with at least 1,200 people, Wilkerson narrowed her characters down to three people, whose lives she chronicled from birth to death in the context of their migration.

Franklin talks with Wilkerson about the reasons for the Great Migration, its effect on the country, how she researched the book, and how its success has affected her own life.

Franklin interviewed Wilkerson in April, 2014, when she was the keynote speaker for the annual Idaho Humanities Council Distinguished Humanities Lecture in Idaho Falls.

Guests

- Isabel Wilkerson

More Information

- [Isabel Wilkerson's website](#)
- [Idaho Humanities Council](#)

#2106 - 10/10/2014 [Pete Earley, Author of Crazy](#)

In conjunction with World Mental Health Day (October 10), Marcia Franklin interviews Pete Earley, a former **Washington Post** reporter who has also become a mental health advocate. Earley, who has penned numerous "true crime" books, found one of his most difficult books to write to be **Crazy**. The book is a memoir about his son, who has a mental illness.

Crazy, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2007, describes Earley's harrowing attempts to get help for his son, as well as major problems in mental health systems around the country.

Franklin and Earley discuss why he wanted to write the book, how he researched it, and what he views as solutions for the current gaps in mental health policy in America.

Earley was in Boise to speak to the Idaho chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

Guests

- Pete Earley

More Information

- [Pete Earley's website](#)
- [Mental Health Day \(World Health Organization\)](#)
- [NAMI Idaho](#)
- [Video by Pete Earley's son about his mental illness \(YouTube\)](#)

#2105 - 10/03/2014 [Education Policy: What Works?](#)

Idaho consistently ranks near the bottom in national assessments of K-12 education. Two former state commissioners of education - David Driscoll, Ed.D., of Massachusetts, and Eric Smith, Ed.D., of Florida - talk with Marcia Franklin about what might help ameliorate that trend.

The two discuss whether increased funding is needed, the controversies over the testing of students and teachers, and what data parents should use to help assess their school districts. Franklin also asks them about the politicization of education policy.

Dr. Driscoll served as commissioner in Massachusetts from 1998-2007. He began his career as a mathematics teacher and also served as a local school superintendent. Under his leadership as state commissioner, Massachusetts schools were consistently ranked as the best in the nation. Driscoll is a former president of the Council of State School Officers as well as the outgoing chair of the National Assessment Governing Board.

Dr. Smith was the commissioner of education for Florida from 2007 to 2011. A former mathematics and science teacher, Smith also served as a district superintendent in several states and senior vice president for the College Board, which administers the SAT. During his administration as commissioner, the Florida school system won a \$700 million "Race to the Top" grant from the federal government.

The two were in Boise as part of the "Ed Sessions," a series sponsored by the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation.

In a Dialogue Extra, Franklin continues her discussion with the two former commissioners, focusing on what kinds of background and leadership qualities it takes to hold such a position, and how to best work with all the stakeholders in education policy.

Guests

- Dr. David Driscoll, former Massachusetts Education Commissioner
- Dr. Eric Smith, former Florida Commissioner of Education

More Information

- [Bio for David Driscoll](#)
- [Bio for Eric Smith](#)
- [The Ed Sessions](#)

#2104 - 09/12/2014 [First Amendment Advocate Mary Beth Tinker](#)

Marcia Franklin interviews Mary Beth Tinker, one of the lead plaintiffs in a landmark Supreme

Court lawsuit, *Tinker v. Des Moines* (1969), that defined free speech rights for students. The 'Tinker Test' is still used today to determine whether a student action at school is protected by the First Amendment.

In 1965, Tinker and her brother, along with other students, were suspended after wearing black armbands to school to protest the Vietnam War. They sued, and in its eventual decision supporting the students, the Supreme Court ruled that their protest was protected by the First Amendment because it was not disruptive.

In a now-famous opinion, Justice Abe Fortas wrote that neither students nor teachers "shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate."

Franklin talks with Tinker about what led up to the case, what it was like to win, and why Tinker, who became a nurse, is still so actively involved in students' rights. They discuss her "Tinker Tour," initially launched in 2013, which aims to bring civics to life by sharing stories of contemporary students who are keeping the First Amendment alive. Franklin and Tinker also discuss what Tinker believes are current threats to free speech for students.

Guests

- Mary Beth Tinker

More Information

- [The Tinker Tour](#)
- [Tinker v. Des Moines, text of the Supreme Court decision](#)
- [Tinker v. Des Moines, Context and Aftermath \(ACLU\)](#)
- [Mary Beth Tinker at TEDx Liberdade, Brazil](#)

#2103 - 08/01/2014 [Walking 'The Way' with Kurt Koontz](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Boise resident Kurt Koontz about his book, 'A Million Steps,' which chronicles his journey along the Camino de Santiago trail in northern Spain.

The 500-mile route, known colloquially as 'The Way,' was originally a trek made by Catholic pilgrims to the Santiago de Compostela Cathedral, believed to be the burial place of St. James, an apostle of Jesus. Today, 200,000 seekers a year from all backgrounds traverse the path.

Franklin talks with Koontz about why he decided to take the journey, what he learned along the way, and why he wanted to write a book about his experiences. In an Extra, Koontz shares tips for walking the Camino, and describes the process of writing and publishing his book.

Guests

- Author Kurt Koontz

More Information

- [Kurt Koontz website](#)
- ["Walking the Camino: Six Ways to Santiago" documentary](#)

#2102 - 07/11/2014 [Author Anthony Doerr](#)

Looking for some fascinating summer reading? Look no further than Idaho author Anthony Doerr, whose latest book, **All the Light We Cannot See**, debuted at #10 on the **New York Times'** Best Sellers list in May and has received glowing reviews around the country.

Marcia Franklin talks with Doerr, who lives in Boise, about his novel, which took ten years to research and write. The story depicts the lives of two European children in World War II, children whose lives ultimately intersect in war-torn Saint Malo, France. The town was nearly destroyed by Allied forces at the end of the war.

Doerr discusses the book's themes, which include the power of radio during that time period, and the moral choices faced by civilians during wartime. Doerr also talks about what kept him motivated during the decade-long writing process.

Doerr has appeared on **Dialogue** three times over the years to discuss his other works: **The Shell Collector**, **About Grace**, **Four Seasons in Rome**, and **Memory Wall**.

Guests

- Anthony Doerr

More Information

- [Anthony Doerr's website](#)
- [Video: "Good Summer Reading 2010"](#)
- [Info and Booklist: "Good Summer Reading 2010"](#)
- [Video: "Good Summer Reading 2007"](#)
- [Info and Booklist: "Good Summer Reading 2007"](#)
- [Video: "Good Summer Reading 2003"](#)
- [Info and Booklist: "Good Summer Reading 2003"](#)

#2101 - 05/16/2014 [Secrecy and the Media](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with **Washington Post** media reporter Paul Farhi about how increased government surveillance and secrecy is affecting reporters and their sources.

Farhi, who has reported for the **Post** for the past 25 years, was the keynote speaker for the 2014 Oppenheimer Ethics Symposium at the University of Idaho.

The two discuss how the Obama administration's desire to both prevent and track down the sources of leaks has created a chilling effect on reporting. They also talk about the rapidly changing media landscape, including at Farhi's paper, which was bought by Amazon.com founder and CEO Jeff Bezos.

In an Extra available at video.idahoptv.org, Franklin and Farhi continue their discussion about changes in media.

Guests

- Paul Farhi, Reporter, Washington Post

More Information

- [Farhi's Washington Post articles](#)
- [Washington's War on the Press: Paul Farhi's address to the UI Oppenheimer Ethics Symposium](#)

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#2023 - 12/27/2013 [Behind the Scenes at "Antiques Roadshow"](#)

Marcia Franklin interviews Marsha Bemko, executive producer of **Antiques Roadshow** on PBS. Bemko was in Idaho to promote the January 6th, 2014 premiere of the 18th season of **Antiques Roadshow**, which starts with three episodes taped in Boise in June, 2013.

During the interview, Bemko explains why Boise was chosen to start the series, and shares some her favorite finds from Idaho as well as other cities featured in the new season. Bemko also explains more about how the program is produced.

In a special Extra available online at video.idahoptv.org, Bemko gives viewers more insights into why particular antiques for the show are selected and how they are appraised.

Guests

- Marsha Bemko, executive producer, Antiques Roadshow

More Information

- [Antiques Roadshow website](#)

#2022 - 12/20/2013 [Good Winter Reading 2013](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with regional authors about their works and gets their recommendations for great winter reading. Guests include Shawn Vestal, the author of **Godforsaken Idaho**, a

collection of short stories, and Judith McConnell Steele, author of the novel, **The Angel of Esperanca**.

Vestal, a columnist at the **Spokesman-Review** in Spokane, WA, also teaches in the MFA program at Eastern Washington University. His short stories have been published in many journals, including **Tin House**, **McSweeney's** and the **Southern Review**. **Godforsaken Idaho** draws in part on his experiences growing up in Gooding, ID.

Steele was a reporter and columnist at the **Idaho Statesman**. Her novel, **The Angel of Esperanca**, is set in a fictional village in Brazil, the country in which she served as a Peace Corps volunteer.

Franklin talks with the two about why they wanted to write fiction, how their journalism background helped them as they wrote their books, how they developed their stories, and what their next projects are.

Vestal and Steele also have book recommendations; you can view the list [here](#).

In an Extra, the two authors discuss their process of writing and how they got their books published.

Guests

- Judith McConnell Steele, writer
- Shawn Vestal, writer

More Information

- [Shawn Vestal's website](#)
- [Judith McConnell Steele's website](#)

#2021 - 12/13/2013 ["I Am Adam Lanza's Mother"](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Liza Long, the Boise author of "I Am Adam Lanza's Mother," a blog post that was eventually read by millions of people around the world. Long wrote the piece hours after the mass shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn., on December 14, 2013.

In it, she expressed her fears about her teenage son "Michael," who has a mental illness and has physically threatened her. The essay was a plea for help for him and for Long, who had struggled to get him services.

Originally titled "Thinking the Unthinkable," the post was picked up by **The Blue Review**, a journal published by the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs at Boise State University,

and renamed "I Am Adam Lanza's Mother," a phrase Long used in her piece. The Huffington Post then re-published it.

Thousands of people have now commented on the piece - some identifying with Long's fear of her son and her frustrations seeking treatment for him, and others berating her for discussing his personal life so openly.

Franklin talks with Long about the reaction to the piece and about the past year, during which she testified before a Congressional committee, appeared on numerous television programs (including a PBS NOVA documentary), gave a TedX talk in San Antonio and wrote a book tentatively titled **The Price of Silence**, which will be published in 2014. The book describes the latest research into the causes and treatments of mental illness, as well as the stigma surrounding the subject.

The two also discuss the current needs for children's mental health services in Idaho. Long sits on the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Region 4 Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health.

Guests

- Liza Long, mental health activist

More Information

- ["Thinking the Unthinkable"](#)
- ["I Am Adam Lanza's Mother"](#)
- [Liza Long's talk for the One in Five Minds campaign](#)
- [Liza Long's StoryCorps interview with her son](#)
- [NOVA: "Mind of a Rampage Killer"](#)
- [NAMI Idaho](#)
- [Idaho Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health](#)
- [Idaho Health and Welfare Children's Mental Health page](#)
- [Website: "Hearts and Minds: Teens and Mental Illness"](#)
- [Video: "Hearts and Minds: Teens and Mental Illness"](#)
- [Idaho Parents Unlimited](#)

#2020 - 12/06/2013 [Mexican Consul to Idaho](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with the Mexican Consul to Idaho, Guillermo Ordorica, about the mission of the consulate in this region, his career, and his goals for his tenure here in Idaho.

Ordorica assumed his position as his country's consul for Idaho, eastern Oregon, northern Nevada and western Montana in June, 2013. Most recently he was the deputy general consul in

El Paso, Texas. He has also served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Mexico, where he was deputy director general of the United States department and the deputy director general for Africa and the Middle East. Ordorica has also worked at the Vatican, in Paris and in Washington, D.C.

A published author, Consul Ordorica has written 11 books. He's also an avid cyclist, and was the national road cycling champion in Mexico when he was a teenager.

Guests

- Guillermo Ordorica, Mexican Consul for Idaho, eastern Oregon, northern Nevada and western Montana

More Information

- [Mexican Consulate in Boise](#)

#2019 - 11/22/2013 [Brinkley On Cronkite](#)

To coincide with the 50th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Marcia Franklin talks with historian Douglas Brinkley, Ph.D., about his 2012 biography of iconic CBS newsman Walter Cronkite, who famously announced Kennedy's death to a national TV audience on November 22, 1963.

In **Cronkite**, his most recent book, Brinkley (no relation to newscaster David Brinkley) drew on his access to Cronkite's private papers at the University of Texas and interviews with more than 150 of Cronkite's friends and family members to write the first major biography of the "the most trusted man in America."

Franklin and Brinkley discuss the highlights of Cronkite's career and what distinguished him from other broadcasters, as well as some of the eccentricities of Cronkite's personality that Brinkley discovered while researching the book.

Brinkley, a professor of history at Rice University, was in Coeur d'Alene to speak at the Idaho Humanities Council's annual Northern Idaho Distinguished Humanities Lecture.

Franklin and Brinkley last spoke in the fall of 2010 (see links below), when they talked about his book, **Wilderness Warrior**, which chronicled President Theodore Roosevelt's work to preserve large tracts of land in the United States for forests, parks and preserves. Brinkley's next book will look at the preservation legacy of President Franklin Roosevelt.

In addition to teaching at Rice, Douglas Brinkley is a fellow at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy. His writing covers a broad range of topics, including presidents, military campaigns, American leaders, Catholicism and Hurricane Katrina. He is the history commentator for CBS News as well as a contributing editor for **Vanity Fair**, **Los Angeles Times**

Book Review and **American Heritage**. The **New York Times** has selected five of Brinkley's award-winning books as Notable Books of the Year.

Guests

- Prof. Douglas Brinkley, historian

More Information

- [American Masters: "Walter Cronkite: Witness to History"](#)
- [2010 DIALOGUE interview with Brinkley \(Video\)](#)
- [2010 DIALOGUE interview with Brinkley \(Program information\)](#)

#2018 - 11/17/2013 [Behind the Story with FRONTLINE's Michael Kirk](#)

Marcia Franklin continues her conversation with Michael Kirk, a producer and director for FRONTLINE on PBS since its inception in 1983. The two discuss Kirk's career, including his start in Idaho at KUID, the public television station in Moscow. They also talk about how he chooses the subjects for his documentaries.

Kirk discusses his upcoming work, "United States of Secrets," which will look at secrecy in the Obama administration. He also reflects on the current state of broadcast media.

Guests

- Michael Kirk, FRONTLINE producer

More Information

- [Dialogue: "FRONTLINE's Michael Kirk"](#)

#2017 - 11/15/2013 [FRONTLINE's Michael Kirk](#)

Marcia Franklin continues her conversation with Michael Kirk, a producer and director for FRONTLINE on PBS since its inception in 1983. The two discuss Kirk's career, including his start in Idaho at KUID, the public television station in Moscow. They also talk about how he chooses the subjects for his documentaries.

Kirk discusses his upcoming work, "United States of Secrets," which will look at secrecy in the Obama administration. He also reflects on the current state of broadcast media.

Guests

- Michael Kirk, FRONTLINE producer

More Information

- [Dialogue: "FRONTLINE's Michael Kirk"](#)

#2016 - 11/10/2013 [The Making of Bravo](#)

Marcia Franklin continues her conversation with Ken and Betty Rodgers about their documentary, "Bravo! Common Men, Uncommon Valor," which chronicles the experiences of the member of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Marines in the Siege of Khe Sanh in Vietnam. She focuses on how the couple produced the film. She also talks with Steve Wiese, a veteran of Khe Sanh who is in the documentary.

Guests

- Ken Rodgers, Vietnam vet and documentary filmmaker
- Betty Rodgers, documentary filmmaker
- Steve Wiese, Vietnam vet

More Information

- [DIALOGUE: "Bravo!"](#)

#2015 - 11/08/2013 [Bravo!](#)

To coincide with Memorial Day, Marcia Franklin talks with Ken and Betty Rodgers, residents of Eagle, ID, who have produced a documentary called **Bravo! Common Men, Uncommon Valor**, about the 1968 siege of Khe Sanh in Vietnam.

Ken Rodgers is a former Marine Lance Corporal and a veteran of Khe Sanh. He and his wife Betty are joined by Steve Wiese, a former Marine Corporal who is also a veteran of Khe Sanh and lives in California.

Both Rodgers and Wiese were members of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment, which fought at Khe Sanh in what would become the longest siege of the Vietnam War, and which would end in a stalemate. In the film **Bravo!**, Rodgers, Wiese and 13 other former Marines describe their experiences in combat and how those experiences have continued to affect their lives.

Franklin asks the Rodgers' about why they wanted to produce the documentary and what they hope viewers will learn from it. Franklin also talks with Wiese about his experiences at Khe Sanh, and what has helped him overcome the traumas he experienced.

In a web extra, the group continues its discussion about the film, focusing on how it was made.

Bravo! will be shown on Idaho Public Television's World Channel Sunday, November 10th at 8:00/7:00 p.m. MT/PT.

Guests

- Ken Rodgers, Vietnam vet and documentary filmmaker
- Betty Rodgers, documentary filmmaker
- Steve Wiese, Vietnam vet

More Information

- [Bravo the Project](#)
- [Battlefield: Vietnam \(PBS\)](#)
- [The Battle of Khe Sanh \(Wikipedia\)](#)

#2014 - 11/01/2013 [Preserving Public Memory](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Brent Glass, Ph.D., director emeritus of the Smithsonian's Museum of American History, about the ways in which museums, historic sites and memorials are increasingly involving the public in their exhibits, and the importance of preserving public memory.

Glass, a member of the Flight 93 Advisory Commission, also talks about the development of a memorial to the passengers on United Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001 after the plane was hijacked.

During his tenure as director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History from 2002-2012, Glass oversaw the largest renovation of the museum in its history. He is currently writing a book on 50 historical landmarks in the United States that illustrate important themes in American history.

In a web extra, Franklin and Glass continue their discussion, focusing on the exhibits he helped curate at the Smithsonian.

Guests

- Brent Glass, director emeritus, National Museum of American History (Smithsonian Institution)

More Information

- [National Museum of American History \(Smithsonian Institute\)](#)
- [Flight 93 National Memorial](#)
- [Preservation Idaho](#)

#2013 - 10/25/2013 [Morris Dees](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with human rights activist Morris Dees, the co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center. Dees, an attorney, is known for his cases against white supremacist groups. He led the civil lawsuit in 2000 against Richard Butler and the Aryan Nations in Idaho which ultimately bankrupted the group.

Franklin asks Dees to reflect back on that case, talks with him about the other human rights issues in which he has been involved since then, and asks him how he views the civil rights

landscape at this time in American history. Dees is this year's University of Idaho Law School Bellwood Memorial Lecturer. Franklin last interviewed him on **Dialogue** in May, 2001.

Guests

- Morris Dees, Founder, Southern Poverty Law Center

More Information

- [Southern Poverty Law Center](#)
- [The Color of Conscience](#)

#2012 - 10/18/2013 [Historian Nathaniel Philbrick](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with maritime writer and historian Nathaniel Philbrick, the speaker at this year's Idaho Humanities Council Distinguished Humanities Lecture. Philbrick is the author of numerous books, including most recently **Bunker Hill: A City, a Siege, a Revolution**, which looks at the deadliest battle of the American Revolution and how it influenced the birth of our country.

A sailor, Philbrick is also known for his book, **In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex**, which introduced readers to the true story behind Herman Melville's **Moby-Dick**. It won the National Book Award in 2001, and was the basis for an **American Experienced** documentary on PBS in 2011.

Look for a Web Extra for this episode at the [IdahoPTV online video player](#).

Guests

- Nathaniel Philbrick

More Information

- [Nathaniel Philbrick's website](#)
- [American Experience: Into the Deep: America, Whaling and the World \(PBS\)](#)

#2011 - 10/11/2013 [Judy Woodruff and Gwen Ifill](#)

Thirty years after the inception of the **MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour** (now the **PBS NewsHour**), the nightly news program has two new main anchors and managing editors — Judy Woodruff and Gwen Ifill. Marcia Franklin interviews the two veteran journalists.

Woodruff and Ifill talk about the gridlock in Washington, D.C., what it's like being the first women to co-anchor a national nightly news program, how the **NewsHour** is keeping up with changes in media delivery despite funding difficulties, their use of social media, and the

expansion of the program to seven days a week with the edition of the **NewsHour Weekend** with Hari Sreenivasan. The two also share their advice for aspiring journalists.

Woodruff, 66, has covered politics for more than three decades for PBS, CNN and NBC. At PBS, she was the chief Washington correspondent for the **MacNeil-Lehrer NewsHour** from 1983-1993, and from 1984-1990, she anchored that network's documentary series, **Frontline** with Judy Woodruff. In 2007, she returned to the **NewsHour with Jim Lehrer** as a senior correspondent.

Ifill, 58, was chief congressional and political correspondent for NBC News, White House correspondent for the **New York Times** and a reporter for the **Washington Post** before joining both the **NewsHour** and **Washington Week** (for which she is the moderator) in 1999.

Guests

- Gwen Ifill, Co-Anchor and Managing Editor, PBS NewsHour
- Judy Woodruff, Co-Anchor and Managing Editor, PBS NewsHour

More Information

- [PBS NewsHour website](#)
- [PBS NewsHour on Facebook](#)
- [PBS NewsHour on Twitter](#)
- [Gwen Ifill's Twitter Feed](#)
- [Judy Woodruff's Twitter Feed](#)
- [Watch: Jim Lehrer on DIALOGUE \(Nov. 2006\)](#)
- [Jim Lehrer's Journalistic Guidelines \(Nov. 2006\)](#)
- [Robin MacNeil: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

#2010 - 10/04/2013 [Sandra Day O'Connor](#)

As the U.S. Supreme Court heads towards its opening session the first Monday in October, Marcia Franklin talks with retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

O'Connor, the first woman to serve on the court, was the keynote speaker at the Andrus Center for Public Policy's conference on women and leadership, and received its annual leadership award. The two discuss several of O'Connor's interests — civic education for children, judicial independence, and fly fishing. Franklin also talks with Dr. David Adler, the director of the Andrus Center, about his goals for the conference.

Guests

- Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

More Information

- [Supreme Court of the United States](#)
- [iCivics](#)
- [Andrus Center For Public Policy](#)

#2009 - 09/27/2013 [Refugee Advocate Rose Mapendo](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with former Congolese refugee Rose Mapendo about her life and her work advocating on behalf of refugees. During the genocide in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in the late 1990s, Mapendo's husband was executed and she and her family were imprisoned in a death camp. There, under dire circumstances, she gave birth to twins and tried to keep the rest of her children alive, enduring horrific experiences.

Today, Mapendo lives in Phoenix and works as an advocate for refugees. In 2009, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees named her the United Nations Humanitarian of the Year for her work. Franklin talks with her about her journey of forgiveness and reconciliation, life in America, her return to the DRC to help women in her former country, and her reunification with her daughter Nangabire, from whom she was separated for more than a decade. A film about Mapendo, **Pushing the Elephant**, aired on Independent Lens/PBS.

Guests

- Rose Mapendo

More Information

- [Film: Pushing the Elephant \(Independent Lens/PBS\)](#)

#2008 - 09/20/2013 [Livable Communities](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Robert McNulty, the founder and president of Partners for Livable Communities. For more than 35 years, McNulty has formed public-private partnerships in communities around the country to help them become more "livable." McNulty explains what "livability" means and where he sees the movement headed in the future.

Guests

- Robert McNulty, president, Partners for Livable Communities

More Information

- [Partners for Livable Communities](#)

#2007 - 09/13/2013 [Israeli and Palestinian Partnership](#)

As talks between Israelis and Palestinians start up once again, Marcia Franklin talks with an Israeli and a Palestinian about conversations they've organized for years between their respective communities as a result of funding from a Boise nonprofit.

Eden Fuchs, a former colonel in the Israeli Defense Forces, and Ibrahim Issa, a Palestinian educator, are part of a group called the Center for Emerging Futures, started by Boisean Whit Jones and his wife Paula. The center brings together Israelis and Palestinians in the West Bank to get to know each other and then form groups around their mutual interests, such as travel, sports, cooking and computer programming. Franklin talks with Fuchs and Issa about why they've decided to work together, the challenges they face, and what they consider as their successes. She also talks with Jones about his goals for the center.

Guests

- Eden Fuchs, Center for Emerging Futures
- Ibrahim Issa, Center for Emerging Futures
- Whit Jones, Center for Emerging Futures

More Information

- [The Center for Emerging Futures](#)

#2006 - 09/06/2013 [Remembering The Holocaust](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Holocaust survivor Marion Blumenthal Lazan about her life, including her work educating millions of people about the Holocaust. Lazan, the co-author of a young adult book about her experiences called **Four Perfect Pebbles**, was imprisoned for more than six years in four camps, including the notorious Bergen-Belsen camp, where Anne Frank died. She was only 35 pounds when she was liberated with her mother, father and brother, but her father perished shortly after being freed.

For the past several decades, Lazan has been speaking about her experiences, mostly to schoolchildren, in the hopes of not only educating them about the Holocaust, but also urging peaceful resolutions to today's human rights challenges. She was in Boise to speak to students and adults and to fulfill a dream of Eagle High student Meléa Bates, who started corresponding with Lazan when she was in junior high school. A film about Lazan's life, **Marion's Triumph**, was shown on PBS stations.

Guests

- Marion Blumenthal Lazan

More Information

- [Marion Blumenthal Lazan's website](#)

#2005 - 08/02/2013 [Good Summer Reading 2013](#)

A perennial favorite, this edition of "Good Summer Reading" focuses on the work of authors Mike Medberry of Boise and Jo Deurbrouck of Idaho Falls. Marcia Franklin talks with the authors about their books, and gets their picks for good summer reads.

Medberry has penned a memoir called **On the Dark Side of the Moon: A Journey to Recovery**, about his 2000 stroke while at the Craters of the Moon National Monument. Medberry, who lay dying for several hours before he was rescued, interweaves the story of his recovery with his love for the brutal yet beautiful area, and his longstanding efforts to help secure an expansion of the monument designation, which happened later in 2000.

Deurbrouck's book, **Anything Worth Doing**, is an ode to Idaho whitewater raft guides Clancy Reece and Jon Barker. Reece died in 1996 during an attempt to set a speed record in a dory on the Salmon River, and Deurbrouck, a river rafter herself, was drawn to his story of both freedom and risk. The book won a National Outdoor Book Award in 2012 in the History/Biography category.

Readers' Recommendations

- [View the Picks](#)

Guests

- Mike Medberry, writer and conservationist
- Jo Deurbrouck, writer and former whitewater raft guide

More Information

- [Mike Medberry's website](#)
- [Jo Deurbrouck's website](#)

#2004 - 07/26/2013 [Conservationist Shane Mahoney](#)

In conjunction with World Conservation Day, which falls on July 28, Marcia Franklin talks with internationally known conservationist Shane Mahoney. Mahoney, a Canadian wildlife biologist, believes the conservation movement is one of the greatest ideals the United States has produced, but that without broader support, our country could start losing the species it has protected.

Mahoney, executive director of the Institute of Biodiversity, Ecosystem Science and Sustainability for the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador, is known for his conservation advocacy work. He visited Boise to address the annual meeting of the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association and the City Club of Boise. In 2012, he was the keynote speaker at the Idaho Fish and Game's Wildlife Summit.

Among other issues, Franklin and Mahoney discuss whether the general public should help fund the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Currently, the agency does not receive any sales tax revenue, but is instead funded in large part by hunting and fishing licenses. The two also discuss the value of wildlife to humans, conflicts over certain species such as wolves, and the threats to wildlife around the world.

In a special Web extra, the two continue their discussion about conservation issues.

Guests

- Shane Mahoney, research biologist and conservationist

More Information

- [About Shane Mahoney](#)
- [Idaho Wildlife Summit Report \(2012\)](#)

#2003 - 07/19/2013 [World Court Judge Joan Donoghue](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Judge Joan E. Donoghue of the International Court of Justice, also known as the World Court. Donoghue is the first female American judge to sit on the court, which is in The Hague, Netherlands, and is only the third female judge to be seated in that court's history.

She discusses the role of the court, which hears disputes between nation-states, her experience on the court, and the importance of international law. The court's opinions are sometimes controversial, and since 1986, the United States has only recognized its jurisdiction on a case-by-case basis. Franklin also discusses that situation with Judge Donoghue.

Before being elected to her post in 2010 by the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council, Judge Donoghue had a distinguished career in the U.S. Department of State. Among her positions, she served as Principal Deputy Legal Adviser, Deputy Legal Adviser, Assistant Legal Adviser for Economic and Business Affairs and Assistant Legal Adviser for Oceans, Environment and Science.

Guests

- Judge Joan Donoghue

More Information

- [About the International Court of Justice \(World Court\)](#)
- [About Judge Joan E. Donoghue](#)

#2002 - 07/12/2013 [Filmmaker Dawn Porter](#)

Marcia Franklin interviews film producer Dawn Porter, whose documentary, "Gideon's Army," airs on HBO on July 1, and is available on HBO Go and HBO on Demand. The program follows several public defenders in the south as they struggle not only to help their clients, but also to stay afloat financially and emotionally.

The two discuss why Porter, who is also an attorney, wanted to make the film, and what she learned about the public defender system 50 years after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in

Gideon v. Wainwright that all Americans, regardless of their economic status, have a right to an attorney when accused of a crime.

Porter's next documentary, "Spies of Mississippi," is slated to air on PBS and is about the African-Americans who were recruited by whites to spy on members of the civil rights movement.

Guests

- Dawn Porter, documentary filmmaker

More Information

- [Gideon's Army film site](#)
- [About Dawn Porter](#)
- [U.S. Supreme Court Opinion: Gideon v. Wainwright \(1963\)](#)

#2001 - 07/05/2013 [Grover Norquist on Immigration](#)

Dialogue's 20th season leads off with a conversation between host Marcia Franklin and anti-tax activist Grover Norquist. Norquist was in Boise to speak to the City Club of Boise.

Norquist, the founder and president of Americans for Tax Reform, is best known for his group's "Taxpayer Protection Pledge," which commits the federal and state officeholders who sign it to vote against any attempts to raise taxes.

Lately, though, Norquist has joined his more liberal counterparts in supporting immigration reform. He says providing a path to citizenship for the country's estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants will boost the economy and broaden the tax base.

Franklin talks to him about his views, and asks him about criticisms of legislation that has since passed the U.S. Senate, including its price tag, border security and concerns about E-Verify, an online system that allows companies to check the eligibility of workers to work in the United States. She also asks Norquist, who is on the advisory council of GOProud, a gay conservative group, whether he supports allowing same-sex spouses of Americans who are living in other countries to be eligible for citizenship.

Franklin also asks him about the opposition of Idaho Senators Mike Crapo and Jim Risch to the legislation, and gets his prediction for how the bill will fare in the U.S. House, where Idaho Rep. Raul Labrador has pulled out of the main group that is working on a potential compromise.

In the web extra, the two continue their discussion, focusing on what has changed in American society since the last time an immigration bill was in Congress and failed. The two also talk about the Taxpayer Protection Pledge.

Guests

- Grover Norquist, President, Americans for Tax Reform

More Information

- [The Economic Benefits of Immigration \(Americans for Tax Reform\)](#)
-

2012

#1913 - 12/28/2012 [Behind The Scenes at POV](#)

POV Executive Director Simon Kilmurry talks with Marcia Franklin about how he selects the films for this longest-running showcase of independent non-fiction films on television. **POV**, which airs on PBS, recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. Kilmurry joined the organization in 1999 and became the executive director in 2006.

He talks about what draws him to documentaries and the power they can have, as well as the system he and his staff have built to screen nearly 1,000 submissions to pick only 16 films per season. He and Franklin also discuss the changing nature of independent non-fiction film, including the rise of documentaries produced in foreign countries.

POV films have received many honors, including three Academy Awards, 32 Emmys, 15 George Foster Peabody Awards and 10 Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Broadcast Journalism Awards.

Guests

- Simon Kilmurry, Executive Director, POV

More Information

- [POV website](#)

#1912 - 12/21/2012 [Coming to My Senses](#)

Idaho native and author Alyssa Harad talks with Marcia Franklin about her first book, **Coming to My Senses**, which chronicles her surprise at discovering how the power of perfume helped her grow personally as both a writer and feminist. She also recommends books for good winter reading.

Harad, who grew up in Boise, had been working in a series of unfulfilling jobs in Austin, TX after receiving her Ph.D. One day she started reading about perfume. Her academic interest in the language and history of scent turned personal when she began ordering perfume for herself and others. She found that all of her senses became more acute, making her a better writer, and that enjoying perfume also broadened her ideas about what it meant to be a strong woman.

In a web extra, Harad shows Marcia specific perfumes and explains their history and ingredients.

Guests

- Alyssa Harad

More Information

- [Alyssa Harad website and blog](#)

#1911 - 12/14/2012 [Miss Representation](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with producer Jennifer Siebel Newsom about her documentary "Miss Representation," which examines the often degrading ways in which the media depict girls and women.

Using clips from political commentators, movies, commercials, the internet and gaming sites, Siebel Newsom illustrates how women are being objectified by the media, and discusses the potential link between that phenomenon and the lack of women in higher office. For instance, currently women only comprise 18% of the U.S. Congress. Also, according to Siebel, only 3% of top positions in communication, entertainment and publishing are held by women.

She and Franklin also discuss the social action campaign that has grown out of the film to help combat the negative images of girls and women.

Guests

- Jennifer Siebel Newsom, film producer

More Information

- [Miss Representation website](#)
- [Jennifer Siebel Newsom website](#)

#1910 - 12/07/2012 [Dr. Bob Kustra](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Dr. Bob Kustra, the president of Boise State University, about his past decade as head of that institution, his vision for the school, and trends in higher education across the country.

With an enrollment of more than 22,000 students and 2,400 faculty and staff, Boise State is Idaho's largest public university. During his tenure as president, which began in 2003, Kustra has overseen a 20 percent increase in student enrollment, 17 major construction projects and a nearly three-fold increase in faculty awards and research grants. The first comprehensive fundraising campaign in the university's history resulted in \$185 million in private donations. The Boise State football team is also preparing for a move to the Big East Conference in 2013.

Kustra and Franklin will discuss what he views as the successes and challenges of his administration and where he sees the university headed, as well as his thoughts on changes in higher education, such as MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses.)

Prior to joining Boise State, Dr. Kustra served as president of the Midwestern Higher Education Commission and president of Eastern Kentucky University. He was also the lieutenant governor of Illinois from 1991-1998 and served 10 years in that state's legislature prior to becoming lieutenant governor.

Dr. Kustra has been a member of the NCAA Division I board of directors and served on the Presidential Task Force on the Future of Intercollegiate Athletics. He also served as a Commissioner of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Viewers can email questions for Dr. Kustra to dialogue@idahoptv.org before Thursday, December 6.

Guests

- Dr. Bob Kustra, president, Boise State University

More Information

- [Boise State University](#)

#1909 - 11/30/2012 [Richard Russo](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Russo. Russo, known for illuminating the interior life of small-town America, has written 10 books, including **Nobody's Fool** (1993), **Straight Man** (1997), **Bridge Of Sighs** (2007), and **Empire Falls** (2001), which won the Pulitzer Prize in 2002.

Franklin focuses her interview on Russo's latest book, **Elsewhere: A Memoir**, the story of his complicated relationship with his mother and her influence on his personal life and writing.

The two also discuss the themes of his novels, what it's like to write screenplays, and a special cause of his, promoting hospice care and an understanding of end-of-life issues.

In a special web extra, Russo talks about what it was like to win the Pulitzer and how the changing landscape of traditional book publishing is affecting new authors. He also shares his tips for aspiring writers.

Mr. Russo was in Boise as the keynote speaker for the Idaho Humanities Council's Distinguished Humanities Lecture.

Guests

- Richard Russo

More Information

- [Richard Russo \(Wikipedia\)](#)
- [Idaho Humanities Council: Richard Russo event](#)

#1908 - 11/23/2012 [Tim Egan](#)

In conjunction with the airing of Ken Burns' new PBS documentary on the Dust Bowl, **Dialogue** reprises an interview Marcia Franklin conducted with author Tim Egan in 2008. Egan, a **New York Times** columnist, wrote a book about the dust storms of the 1930s entitled **The Worst Hard Time**, in which he interviewed survivors of the era. The book won the National Book Award in 2006. Egan is also featured in the Burns documentary.

In addition to discussing the research he conducted for his book, Egan and Franklin also talk about the changing demographics of the American West, a region he covers for the **New York Times**.

Guests

- Tim Egan

More Information

- [Tim Egan columns \(NY Times\)](#)
- [Ken Burns' Dust Bowl documentary](#)

#1907 - 11/16/2012 [Kenneth Feinberg](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with attorney Kenneth Feinberg, the special master of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund and the administrator of the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Trust and the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund at Virginia Tech.

Mr. Feinberg also has served as special master in the Agent Orange, TARP executive compensation, asbestos personal injury, Dalkon shield, and DES (pregnancy medication) cases.

The two discuss how Feinberg found himself developing the field of mass tort compensation, what factors he took into account when designing the programs he administered, how the nature of his assignments has affected him, whether there is a role for government in compensating victims of disasters and whether he thinks the funds he's administered are appropriate models for the future.

Feinberg has written two books about his experiences, "What is Life Worth?" and "Who Gets What," and has served as adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University, the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, New York University, and the University of Virginia.

He was in Idaho in October to present the annual Bellwood Memorial Lecture at the University of Idaho College of Law.

Guests

- Kenneth Feinberg, attorney and special master

More Information

- [Feinberg Rozen, LLP](#)
- [Times Topics: Kenneth Feinberg \(NY Times\)](#)
- [September 11 Victim Compensation Fund](#)
- [Kenneth Feinberg Bellwood Lecture \(University of Idaho\)](#)

#1906 - 11/09/2012 [Election Recap](#)

Marcia Franklin analyzes the general election results with two reporters and a political scientist. Guests are: Greg Hahn, host of **Idaho Reports** on Idaho Public Television, Betsy Russell, Boise bureau chief for the **Spokesman-Review**, and Gary Moncrief, a professor of political science at Boise State University.

The group will review the results from the presidential and congressional races in Idaho, as well as selected legislative races. The panel will also discuss how the ballot propositions fared, and how voters' decisions this election could affect future state policy.

Guests

- Greg Hahn, host, Idaho Reports
- Gary Moncrief, professor of political science, Boise State University
- Betsy Russell, Boise bureau chief, Spokesman-Review

More Information

- [Idaho Reports](#)
- [Political Science, Boise State University](#)
- [Eye on Boise blog \(Spokesman-Review\)](#)

#1905 - 11/02/2012 [Media, Ethics and the Election](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Kelly McBride, senior faculty at the Poynter Institute, about changes in the delivery of news and the advantages and ethical issues those new platforms can pose.

Poynter is a national training center for journalists, educators, media leaders and citizens; its staff also studies media trends.

McBride and Franklin discuss the rise in what McBride terms the "fifth estate," journalists and citizens using new media such as Twitter, blogs, memes and YouTube to disseminate information. According to McBride, as a result of opinion-driven sites, "neutrality," a standard for American media, is eroding. At the same time, she notes a rise in the popularity of fact checking sites, including new mobile applications.

The two discuss also discuss how traditional "fourth estate" media are collaborating with new media, whether journalists should "friend" sources on Facebook, the ethical issues surrounding political advertising on television and whether media entities should have social media policies.

McBride is the co-editor of a book that will be released in the spring of 2013 that will propose standards for social media in the 21st century.

In a web extra, Franklin talks with McBride about an 18-month project in which she acted as one of the ombudsmen for ESPN, studying its models of delivery and examining the ethical challenges the sports network faces.

Guests

- Kelly McBride, Poynter Institute

More Information

- [Poynter Institute](#)
- [ESPN Poynter Review Project Blog](#)

#1904 - 10/26/2012 [Naomi Shihab Nye: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Naomi Shihab Nye is a Palestinian-American poet living in San Antonio, TX. The author or editor of more than 30 works of poetry, fiction and essays, Nye is known for elevating the "ordinary" with her keen observations of daily life, including life in Latino and Arab communities.

Her books include: **Words Under the Words**, **Red Suitcase**, **Fuel**, **You and Yours**, **Never in a Hurry**, **Habibi**, **A-maze Me**, **Honeybee** and **19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East**, which was nominated for the National Book Award.

Nye, whose father was a journalist, gleans many of the subjects for her poems from the news, including writing about both the tensions and close relationships between Palestinians and Israelis. The promotion of cross-cultural understanding and peace is an important component of her work, as is teaching poetry to children, publishing their poems and writing children's books.

Marcia Franklin talks with Nye about her beginnings as a poet, the influences on her work, her tips for writing, the role of poetry in society and her thoughts on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Nye has received many accolades for her work, including the Isabella Gardner Poetry Award, the Jane Addams Children's Book award and four Pushcart Prizes. In 2010, members of the Academy of American Poets elected her a chancellor of that organization for a six-year term.

The interview is part of **Dialogue**'s ongoing "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2012 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. This year's, and previous years', conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers](#) site.

Guests

- Naomi Shihab Nye, poet and picture book author

More Information

- [Naomi Shihab Nye \(Poetry Foundation\)](#)
- [Naomi Shihab Nye \(Academy of American Poets\)](#)

#1903 - 10/19/2012 [S.C. Gwynne: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

S.C. (Sam) Gwynne is the author of **Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History**. The book, which spent four months on the New York Times' Top 10 Best Seller's List, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2011, a National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist and the winner of both the Texas and Oklahoma Book Awards.

It paints the epic story of the Comanches, who at one time ranged over an estimated 250,000 square miles of the American Plains, an area now part of five states. It also draws the more intimate story of Cynthia Ann Parker, a nine-year old girl who was kidnapped by Comanches during a raid on the family's Texas homestead. Parker subsequently spent 24 years with the tribe and had three children, including Quanah, who would become one of the Comanche's most skilled warriors. But the two were ultimately separated.

Marcia Franklin talks with Gwynne about why he was drawn to the stories of the Comanches, the Parkers and Quanah, why their history is not more broadly known, and why he thinks the Comanches were the most powerful tribe in America.

Gwynne is a special correspondent for the **Texas Monthly**, where he was the executive editor for nearly a decade. He has also held several positions at **Time** magazine, including correspondent, bureau chief and senior editor. His work there was honored with the National

Headliners Award, the Gerald Loeb Award for business writing and the Jack Anderson Award for investigative reporting.

He is the author of two other books, **Selling Money** and **The Outlaw Bank**. His next book will be about Stonewall Jackson.

The interview is part of **Dialogue**'s ongoing "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2012 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. This year's, and previous years', conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers](#) site.

Guests

- S.C. (Sam) Gwynne, writer and reporter

More Information

- [S. C. Gwynne's website](#)

#1902 - 10/12/2012 [Amy Waldman: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

When Amy Waldman, a former reporter for **The New York Times**, had a brainstorm for a novel about a Muslim architect who wins a competition to design the 9/11 memorial at Ground Zero, she shelved it.

But the thought kept coming back, and eight years later, coinciding with the 10th anniversary of 9/11, she published **The Submission**, the product of that original idea.

The bestselling novel tells the tale of Mohammad "Mo" Khan, a secular Muslim who wins a blind competition to design a memorial honoring victims of a bombing similar to 9/11. When the jury members discover who've they've selected, some try to change the result. But the decision is leaked to the press, resulting in outrage not over the selection of Khan, but over his entry, which includes a garden some think is an Islamic design to honor martyrs.

The outcry is reminiscent of the 2010 controversy over Park51, a planned Islamic community center in New York City near the former Twin Towers. But Waldman had finished the first draft of her book before that story erupted.

Marcia Franklin talks with Waldman about the development of her story line and characters, and why the author never mentions 9/11. The two also discuss the role of memorial design in American discourse and how Waldman modified the book when the Park51 controversy occurred.

The Submission was a finalist for the Hemingway Foundation/PEN First Fiction Award and was a New York Times Notable Book for 2011, one of National Public Radio's Ten Best Novels; Esquire's Book of the Year; Entertainment Weekly's #1 Novel for the Year and one of Amazon's top ten debut fiction books of 2011.

Waldman was a reporter for **The New York Times** for eight years, three of which were as co-chief of the New Delhi bureau. She was also a national correspondent for **The Atlantic**. Her next book is a novel about Afghanistan, where she once worked as a reporter.

The interview is part of **Dialogue**'s ongoing "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2012 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. This year's, and previous years', conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers](#) site.

Guests

- Amy Waldman, novelist and reporter

More Information

- [The Submission \(book site\)](#)

#1901 - 10/05/2012 [Alexandra Fuller: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with author Alexandra Fuller about her works, her life and her writing philosophy.

Fuller was raised in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), Malawi and Zambia. Her reminiscences of growing up in war-torn Africa with her hardscrabble parents form the basis of two memoirs, **Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight: An African Childhood** (2002) and **Cocktail Hour Under the Tree of Forgetfulness** (2011).

In the books, she details her growing awareness not only of the manic depression and alcoholism of her mother, who lost three children to disease and accident, but also of the unequal treatment of whites and blacks in Africa and her parents' own racism.

Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight was a New York Times Notable Book, a Booksense best non-fiction book and a finalist for the Guardian's First Book Award.

Another memoir set in Africa, **Scribbling the Cat: Travels with an African Soldier** (2004), chronicles a trip Fuller took through parts of Africa with "K," a former Rhodesian fighter who travels back to the locations of his rebel activity and confesses to some of his brutal acts,

including the torture of a young woman. The book won the Ulysses Prize for the Art of Reportage.

In **The Legend of Colton H. Bryant** (2008), Fuller pieces together the life of a young oil rig worker in Wyoming who died in a fall from a rig in 2006, and investigates what could have been done to prevent the death. The book won Best Non-Fiction Book of 2008 from the Toronto Globe and Mail newspaper.

Fuller has also written for numerous magazines and newspapers. She lives in Jackson Hole, WY.

The interview is part of **Dialogue's** ongoing "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2012 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. This year's, and previous years', conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers](#) site.

Guests

- Alexandra Fuller, writer

More Information

- [Alexandra Fuller's website](#)

#1843 - 07/19/2012 [Fractured Health Care](#)

America spends over 2.6 trillion dollars on health care each year, yet we rank 37th in the world for health care outcomes. 50 million Americans have no health insurance, and 80 million are underinsured. Even if the Affordable Health Care Act is fully implemented, the American health care system will still in need a dramatic overhaul. How can we fix a system designed to treat disease into one that promotes wellness?

Idaho physician Dr. Ted Epperly addresses these issues in his new book, **Fractured: America's Broken Health Care System and What We Must Do To Heal It**. Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Epperly about the book and his strategy to create an integrated, accessible and patient-centered approach to medicine.

In addition to his writings, Epperly directs the Family Medicine Residency of Idaho and is the chair of the board of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Guests

- Dr. Ted Epperly, Chair, American Academy of Family Physicians

More Information

- [Book: "Fractured: America's Broken Health Care System and What We Must Do To Heal It"](#)
- [American Academy of Family Physicians](#)
- [Family Medicine Residency of Idaho](#)
- [Dialogue: Dr. Epperly on the Health Care Reform Law \(April 1, 2010\)](#)
- [Dialogue: Dr. Epperly on how health care reform may affect Idahoans \(October 22, 2009\)](#)
- [U.S. Supreme Court opinion on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act \(PDF\)](#)
- [PBS NewsHour coverage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act](#)

#1842 - 07/12/2012 [Dr. David Kessler](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with former Food and Drug Administration Commissioner David Kessler. The pediatrician, lawyer and author served as the head of the FDA from November 1990 to February 1997. During his tenure at the federal agency, he was known for his efforts to regulate cigarettes, speed the approval of medications for life-threatening illnesses, and start the nutrition labeling program.

Dr. Kessler's New York Times-bestselling book, **The End of Overeating**, asserts that fat, salt and sugar in processed foods have an addictive quality that changes brain chemistry, seduces people to eat more than they should, and sets children up for a lifetime of overeating. Franklin discusses those findings with Dr. Kessler, as well as ways to avoid overeating. The two also discuss potential public policy changes to address obesity, such as increasing taxes on sugared sodas, requiring nutrition labeling in restaurants, and regulating portion sizes.

In a Web Extra, Franklin asks Kessler about tobacco regulation, which Congress approved as an FDA mandate in 2009.

Dr. Kessler is the recipient of many honors, including the 2001 National Academy of Sciences Public Welfare Medal and the American Cancer Society's Medal of Honor. He has also served as the dean of the medical schools at Yale and the University of California, San Francisco, and is currently a professor of pediatrics and epidemiology and biostatistics at UCSF.

#1841 - 07/05/2012 [Regional American English](#)

Did you know that there are at least 174 different words to describe the soft rolls of dust that collect on the floor under your bed? Many call them dust bunnies, but others label them house moss, frog hair, cussywop, woofinpoofs, or even ghost manure. Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Joan Houston Hall, the Chief Editor of the **Dictionary of American Regional English**, about the unique twists and turns of the American language.

Developing the **Dictionary of American Regional English** has taken more than 50 years. Hall and her scholars have recently released the **Dictionary's** fifth volume, Si-Z, as well as the sixth

volume, which contains maps and regional indexes. The **Dictionary of American Regional English** explains more than 60,000 regional words and phrases. A valuable tool for researchers, it is also a fun read, one that gives us a fascinating look at American life.

Editor Joan Houston Hall, a graduate of the College of Idaho, was in Idaho as this year's Commencement speaker for that institution.

Guests

- Joan Houston Hall, Chief Editor, Dictionary of American Regional English

More Information

- [DARE \(Dictionary of American Regional English\)](#)
- [The Dictionary Society of North America](#)
- [The Linguistic Atlas Projects](#)
- [Do You Speak American? \(PBS\)](#)
- [Article: Frog Hair to Woolies: Dust Bunnies by 173 Other Names \(The Wall Street Journal\)](#)
- [Article: Regional Dictionary Finally Hits 'Zydeco'](#)
- [Article: What We Say Here: An American Regional Dictionary Explores the Power of Place \(Chron. of Higher Ed.\)](#)
- [What's In A Word? A 'Dictionary' Of Americanisms \(NPR\)](#)
- [The Word Wagon: Dictionary of American Regional English, Vol. V: SI-Z \(The Wall Street Journal\)](#)
- [Wunnerfutz! Sollybuster! The Fun of the Dictionary of American Regional English \(The Daily Beast\)](#)

#1840 - 06/28/2012 [Reporters' Roundup](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Idaho reporters about the stories they've been covering in the month of June.

Among other issues, the group will discuss the U.S. Supreme Court decisions on health care reform and immigration, the GOP convention in Twin Falls, new Idaho laws taking effect on July 1, and the national media attention on two-headed fish found in eastern Idaho.

Guests

- Audrey Dutton, Idaho Statesman
- Rocky Barker, Idaho Statesman
- Belia Paz, KWEI Spanish Radio
- Scott Logan, KBOI-TV
- Melissa Davlin, Twin Falls Times-News

More Information

- [U.S. Supreme Court opinion on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act \(PDF\)](#)
- [PBS NewsHour coverage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act](#)
- [U.S. Supreme Court decision on Arizona immigration law \(PDF\)](#)
- [Obama administration's new policy memorandum on deportation \(PDF\)](#)
- [USCIS: Deferred Action Process for Young People Who Are Low Enforcement Priorities](#)
- [PBS NewsHour coverage of the Arizona immigration case](#)
- [The Daily Show with Jon Stewart piece on two-headed fish in Idaho](#)
- [Idaho Statesman](#)
- [Rocky Barker's blog](#)
- [Twin Falls Times-News](#)

#1839 - 06/21/2012 [Good Summer Reading 2012](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with two writers about their works and gets their recommendations for good summer reading.

Franklin's guests are authors Kim Barnes and Tim Cahill. Barnes, a professor of English at the University of Idaho, is the author of five books, including her latest, **In the Kingdom of Men**, a coming-of-age story about a young American woman who moves to Saudi Arabia in the 1960s. Barnes' first book, a memoir titled **In the Wilderness**, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 1997.

Cahill, a founding editor of **OUTSIDE Magazine**, is the author of 10 books, most about adventure travel, including: **A Wolverine is Eating my Leg, Jaguars Ripped my Flesh**, and **Pecked to Death by Ducks**.

The two were in Boise to speak at the Idaho Writers and Readers Rendezvous, presented by the Idaho Writers Guild and the BSU Story Initiative.

The two discuss the themes of their works and their styles of writing, and recommend some of their favorite books. In a special web extra, Cahill discusses the future of travel writing and weighs in on the controversy surrounding fellow Montanan Greg Mortenson, the author of **Three Cups of Tea**.

Readers' Recommendations

- [View the Picks](#)

Guests

- Kim Barnes
- Tim Cahill

More Information

- [Kim Barnes' website](#)
- [Kim Barnes \(University of Idaho\)](#)
- [A Travel Writer Comes Home \(The Wall Street Journal\)](#)
- [Wild Life: An Interview With Tim Cahill \(Mother Jones\)](#)
- [Idaho Writers and Readers Rendezvous](#)

#1838 - 06/14/2012 [Idaho Wildlife Summit](#)

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game was founded in 1938 to "preserve and protect" the state's wildlife. Hunting and fishing licenses are the agency's primary source of funding, but as fewer Idahoans hunt and fish, revenue is down. In addition, 80 percent of the state's wildlife is neither hunted nor fished, so fees don't generate funds to support their management. How will the Idaho Department of Fish and Game continue its mission to preserve and protect all of Idaho's wildlife in an age of declining revenue and increasing need for its expertise? The Department has scheduled an Idaho Wildlife Summit in August to talk about the options before the agency.

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Summit participants about what the future of wildlife management might be and how residents can get involved in the process. Guests include Virgil Moore, Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game Director; Randy Budge, Fish and Game Commissioner and current Chairman; Wendy Green-Lowe, Public participation expert; and Steve Alder, a representative from the Clearwater chapter of the group, Idaho for Wildlife.

Guests

- Virgil Moore, Director, Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game
- Randy Budge, Commissioner and current Chair, Idaho Fish and Game Commission
- Wendy Green-Lowe, Owner, P2 Solutions
- Steve Alder, Idaho for Wildlife (Clearwater chapter)

More Information

- [Idaho Wildlife Summit](#)
- [Idaho Department of Fish and Game](#)
- [Idaho Fish and Game News \(June 2012 issue; PDF\)](#)
- [Idaho for Wildlife](#)
- [P2 Solutions](#)

#1837 - 06/07/2012 [Jac Venza](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Jac Venza, the founder of some of the most iconic arts programming on PBS, including **Great Performances**, **Live From Lincoln Center**, and **Dance in America**.

Venza, 85, was in Moscow to speak at the University of Idaho College of Arts and Architecture's Speaker Series. He and Franklin talked about his long career in public broadcasting, the

potential effects of cuts in funding by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to traditional PBS arts programming, and trends he's following in the arts.

In a special Web Extra, Venza offers more details about his working relationship with key arts figures such as George Balanchine, and the innovations in television he pioneered.

Upon his retirement from WNET in 1997, where he was director of cultural and arts programs, Venza was given PBS' highest honor, the Ralph Lowell Award. He is also the recipient of a personal Peabody Award as well as a Primetime Emmy Governors Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Guests

- Jac Venza, former director, cultural and arts programs, WNET (retired)

More Information

- [Great Performances](#)
- [Live From Lincoln Center](#)
- [Dance in American \(Great Performances\)](#)

#1836 - 05/31/2012 [Reporters' Roundup](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen leads a lively discussion about May's top news stories from around Idaho, including what the just-concluded primary election results really mean for the state.

Guests on this month's Roundup include some of Idaho's top political reporters: Betsy Russell, Boise bureau chief, **Spokesman-Review**; Kevin Richert, Editorial page editor, **Idaho Statesman**; Corey Taule, editorial page editor, **Idaho Falls Post Register**; and Greg Hahn, host of **Idaho Reports**.

Guests

- Greg Hahn, Idaho Reports
- Kevin Richert, Idaho Statesman
- Betsy Russell, Spokesman-Review
- Corey Taule, Post Register

More Information

- [Eye on Boise \(Spokesman-Review\)](#)
- [Idaho Falls Post Register](#)
- [Idaho Reports](#)
- [Idaho Statesman](#)
- [Rocky Barker: Rep. Mike Simpson hasn't given up on Boulder-White Clouds wilderness bill](#)

- [Dan Popkey: The battle is on for the next leader of Idaho GOP](#)
- [Idaho Statesman, 17 others sue Idaho over execution access](#)
- [Kevin Richert: The winners and losers in Tuesday's \[May primary\] elections](#)
- [Judge Lodge orders mediation in press lawsuit over limited access to Idaho executions](#)
- [Primary Election Day: Initial results \(Eye on Boise, Tue, May 15\)](#)
- [The Day After: Primary election results \(Eye on Boise, Wed, May 16\)](#)
- [Sophomoric? Members Of Congress Talk Like 10th-Graders, Analysis Shows](#)
- [The Changing Complexity of Congressional Speech \(The Sunlight Foundation\)](#)

#1835 - 05/24/2012 [Fair Trade](#)

Marcia Franklin talks about fair trade issues with Doug Dirks, the CEO of Ten Thousand Villages, a fair trade retailer. The two discuss the definition of the term "fair trade," how consumers can know if they're buying a fair trade item, how artisan communities use the money derived from the sale of their products, some of the criticisms of the movement, and what Dirks views as its future.

In a special web extra, Dirks, who has worked for the company for more than 25 years, talks about some of the changes he's seen in communities that sell fair trade products.

Ten Thousand Villages traces its roots back to 1946, when a Mennonite woman, Edna Ruth Byler, started selling crafts from Puerto Rican artists to her friends. There was so much interest she started a business that became Ten Thousand Villages. More than 60 years later, the company buys products from 130 different artisan groups in 38 countries. It sells them online and at more than 75 stores across the United States. Fair trade products are become more and more popular; last year alone, Ten Thousand Villages saw a 14% increase in sales.

Before he became CEO of Ten Thousand Villages on April 2, 2012, Mr. Dirks worked for the company in a variety of positions, including marketing director and executive director of Ten Thousand Villages in Canada. He's also the past chair of the board of the Fair Trade Federation. He was in Boise in March, 2012 to visit Dunia Marketplace, Idaho's only non-profit fair trade store.

Guests

- Doug Dirks, CEO, Ten Thousand Villages

More Information

- [Fair Trade Federation](#)
- [Fair Trade USA](#)
- [Ten Thousand Villages](#)
- [Dunia Marketplace \(Boise\)](#)

#1834 - 05/17/2012 [Samuel Hunter](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with playwright Samuel Hunter, a native of Moscow, ID. Hunter, 30, was the recipient of an Obie Award, the equivalent of a Tony Award for off-Broadway works, for his play "A Bright New Boise."

Hunter was in Boise to work with actors at the Boise Contemporary Theater who were premiering his play, "A Permanent Image." He talks with Franklin about the themes of his works, his style of writing and the influence of Idaho in his plays.

In a special web extra, Hunter gives advice to aspiring playwrights, discusses what it was like to work in the Palestinian territory of the West Bank and talks about the health and future of regional theaters in the United States.

Guests

- Samuel Hunter, playwright

More Information

- [His Own Private Idaho: Samuel D. Hunter](#)
- [Idaho playwright Sam Hunter wins an Obie](#)

#1833 - 05/10/2012 [STEM Roadmap](#)

After years of consideration, the Idaho State Board of Education now plans to develop a new approach to teaching science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in kindergarten through college. Proponents argue a new emphasis on STEM education is essential to help Idaho's students be competitive in the nation's economy. Stakeholders are gathering for a STEM Summit this week in Boise to discuss ways to implement new curricula, programs and policies designed to improve STEM education and to help educators better integrate STEM subjects in the classroom.

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with two STEM Summit leaders, Kathleen Bergin, National Science Foundation Program Director from the division of Math and Science Partnership; and Marilyn Whitney, Chief Communications and Legislative Affairs Officer from the Idaho State Board of Education. Cartan-Hansen and her guests will talk about how they see Idaho's classrooms changing, how educators can make math and science more appealing to students, and how various education stakeholders can support STEM teachers.

Guests

- Kathleen Bergin, National Science Foundation
- Marilyn Whitney, Idaho State Board of Education

More Information

- [STEM Summit 2012](#)
- [Idaho State Board of Education](#)
- [National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#)
- [National Science Foundation, Math and Science Partnership](#)
- [Kathleen Bergin, NSF Program Director bio](#)
- [Press Release: New Report Offers Roadmap for Success in K-12 STEM Education \(NSF\)](#)
- [Successful K-12 STEM Education: Identifying Effective Approaches in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics \(National Academies Press\)](#)
- [Idaho STEM Pipeline](#)
- [STEM Education Coalition](#)
- [STEM Careers](#)
- [STEM Education](#)
- [NSF: Education and Human Resources](#)
- [NSF: Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings](#)
- [Educate to Innovate](#)
- [Science Knowledge Quiz \(Pew Research Center\)](#)
- [Survey Report: Public Praises Science; Scientists Fault Public, Media \(Pew Research Center\)](#)
- [NSF: Science and Technology: Public Attitudes and Understanding](#)
- [NSF: Adult and student correct answers to factual knowledge questions \(Table\)](#)
- [Why would-be engineers end up as English majors](#)
- [American Association for the Advancement of Science](#)

#1832 - 04/26/2012 [Reporters' Roundup](#)

State revenue is up. Universities ask for - and receive - tuition increases. And the May primary is just a couple weeks away. Joan Cartan-Hansen leads a lively discussion about the state's top news stories on this month's Reporters' Round up.

Guests include Jessie Bonner, a reporter with the **Associated Press**, Brandon Macz, reporter for the **Moscow-Pullman Daily News**, and Dan Popkey, political reporter for the **Idaho Statesman**. Greg Hahn, host of **Idaho Reports**, also joins the panel.

Guests

- Jessie Bonner, Associated Press
- Brandon Macz, Moscow-Pullman Daily News
- Dan Popkey, Idaho Statesman
- Greg Hahn, Idaho Reports

More Information

- [Moscow-Pullman Daily News](#)
- [Idaho Statesman](#)

- [Idaho Reports](#)
- [Jessie L. Bonner](#)
- [Idaho Votes \(Idaho Secretary of State\)](#)

#1831 - 04/19/2012 ["Priceless" Art Theft](#)

The Times of London calls Robert Wittman "the most famous art detective in the world." During his 20-year career with the FBI, Wittman recovered more than 225 million dollars in stolen art and antiquities.

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Robert Wittman about what it is like to go undercover to reclaim a stolen Rembrandt or a priceless piece of American history. Wittman discusses founding the FBI's Art Crime Team and recounts stories from his memoir, **Priceless: How I went Undercover to Rescue the World's Stolen Treasures**.

Guests

- Robert Wittman

More Information

- [Robert Wittman](#)
- [His Heart Is in the Art of Sleuthing \(New York Times\)](#)
- [Missing 'Priceless' Artwork? Call Robert Wittman \(NPR\)](#)
- [Boise Art Museum](#)

#1830 - 04/05/2012 [Roadtrip Nation](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with three guests about how to motivate high school students to pursue their dreams. Guests include: Mike Marriner, founder of the PBS series "Roadtrip Nation," Ray Ricafort, a "Roadtrip Nation" staffer and former participant in one of its tours, and Angela Garcia, the executive director for SAT outreach for the College Board.

"Roadtrip Nation," which will begin its ninth season this fall on IdahoPTV, documents the journeys of young adults as they cross the country, interviewing leaders about how they were able to achieve their goals. The program also has a high school curriculum to help students identify their passions and show them how to interview entrepreneurs in their own communities for inspiration.

Franklin talks with Marriner and Ricafort about the founding of "Roadtrip Nation" in 2001, its goals, and how it has changed their lives.

In Idaho, "Roadtrip Nation" has teamed up with the College Board, which designs college entrance exams, including the SAT. The two groups are traveling the state to promote the first-

ever Idaho SAT School Day on April 18. Franklin talks with Garcia about the new test day, during which all 11th graders in Idaho will take the SAT.

Guests

- Mike Marriner, founder, "Roadtrip Nation"
- Ray Ricafort, "Roadtrip Nation" staffer
- Angela Garcia, executive director for SAT Outreach, The College Board

More Information

- [Roadtrip Nation show site](#)
- [Roadtrip Nation education site](#)
- [Roadtrip Nation/SAT events in Idaho](#)
- [The College Board](#)
- [Idaho SAT School Day FAQs \(pdf\)](#)

#1829 - 03/29/2012 [Reporters' Roundup](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with environmental reporters from around the state about the stories they're covering. Franklin's guests are Aaron Kunz of **EarthFix**, Rocky Barker of the **Idaho Statesman**, Kimberlee Kruesi of the **Twin Falls Times-News**, and Eric Barker of the **Lewiston Tribune**.

Topics the panel discusses include the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing an Idaho couple to take the Environmental Protection Agency to court, the delay in the largest proposed wind farm in Idaho, new oil and gas drilling regulations, the Gateway West power transmission line, an agreement between fish farms and water districts in the Magic Valley, the proposed Lochsa Land Exchange in north Idaho, and the latest in wolf and salmon management issues.

#1828 - 03/22/2012 [Food Safety and Biomedical Research](#)

More than a quarter million Americans get sick from E. coli each year. E. coli or Escherichia coli, are a large group of bacteria. Most strains are harmless, but others can make you quite sick. How does E. coli contaminate our food? How is it transmitted in the food chain? How safe is our nation's food system?

Helping to answer these questions is Carolyn Bohach, a microbiologist from the University of Idaho who specializes in studying E. coli and food safety. Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Dr. Bohach about her research and ways we can prevent E. coli breakouts. Bohach is also the director of the Idaho IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence, which includes 12 research and education institutions statewide. INBRE builds the state's biomedical research capacity and supports educators in elementary schools through graduate school.

Guests

- Dr. Carolyn Hovde Bohach, Microbiologist, University of Idaho and Director of INBRE

More Information

- [E. coli Bacteria infection symptoms, causes and treatment \(WebMD\)](#)
- [Food Safety and E. coli \(foodsafety.gov\)](#)
- [E. coli General Information \(CDC\)](#)
- [Food Safety Threats \(CDC\)](#)
- [Article: Humans Carry More Bacterial Cells than Human One \(Scientific American\)](#)
- [IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence \(National Center for Research Resources\)](#)
- [Idaho INBRE](#)
- [Carolyn Hovde Bohach \(UI/WSU School of Food Science\)](#)
- [University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences](#)
- [Article: Dr. Carolyn Bohach named Fellow of AAAS](#)

#1827 - 03/15/2012 [Life on the River of No Return](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with the Idaho filmmaking couple behind the PBS NATURE documentary "River of No Return."

In June 2009, McCall residents and newlyweds Isaac and Bjornen Babcock began an adventure of a lifetime, living in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness of central Idaho. For the next 13 months, the Babcocks videotaped their experience, documenting not only what it was like to trek through the largest roadless area in the lower 48 states, but also capturing stunning footage of the wildlife along the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, including wolves, otters and migrating salmon.

The result of the Babcocks' undertaking is "River of No Return," which was produced for the PBS series NATURE and premiered exclusively on Idaho Public Television March 7. "River of No Return" will air nationally on Wednesday, April 18.

Franklin talks with the Babcocks about why they wanted to make the film, what the main challenges were, how they established connections with the producers at NATURE, and how the experience has changed their lives.

Guests

- Isaac and Bjornen Babcock

More Information

- [River of No Return Introduction \(PBS Nature\)](#)
- [Press Release: Nature, River of No Return \(pdf\)](#)

#1826 - 03/01/2012 [Nuclear Power After Fukushima Daiichi](#)

March 11th marks the one-year anniversary of the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear accident at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant in Japan. Since the disaster, Germany has announced plans to move away from nuclear power, raising new questions about the viability of the nuclear industry as a whole, both here and abroad.

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with John Grossenbacher, the director of the Idaho National Laboratory, about what scientists have learned from the Fukushima Daiichi disaster and about the future of nuclear power.

Guests

- John Grossenbacher, Director, Idaho National Laboratory

More Information

- [Idaho National Laboratory](#)
- [INL Nuclear Energy Virtual Tour App](#)
- [NHK World \(Japan Television in English\)](#)
- [Tokyo Electric Power Company](#)
- [United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission](#)
- [International Atomic Energy Agency \(IAEA\)](#)
- [Idaho Department of Environmental Quality](#)
- [Radnet: Tracking Environmental Radiation Nationwide](#)
- [Radnet Monitoring: Idaho](#)
- [FRONTLINE: Inside Japan's Nuclear Meltdown](#)
- [NOVA: Japan's Killer Quake](#)
- [Article: Japan Earthquake Before and After \(Atlantic\)](#)
- [Article: New Nuclear plant gets permits \(Reuters\)](#)
- [Article: Japan Weighed Evacuating Tokyo in Nuclear Crisis \(New York Times\)](#)
- [Article: The Fukushima Question \(Slate\)](#)

#1825 - 02/23/2012 [Reporters' Roundup](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with journalists from around the state about the major news stories they've been covering the past month.

Guests include: Kevin Richert, **Idaho Statesman**; Mark Johnson, KTVB-TV (Boise); Molly Messick, StateImpact Idaho; Mike Patrick, **Coeur d'Alene Press**; and Corey Taule, **Idaho Falls Post Register**.

The panelists discuss the death of Micron CEO Steve Appleton; visits by GOP presidential candidates to the Gem State; job losses at Albertsons, the INL and the Lucky Friday Mine;

redistricting changes for upcoming school bond elections; and legislative activity, including the "Add the Words" campaign and a bill to shut down the Occupy Boise encampment.

Guests

- Mark Johnson, KTVB-TV (Boise)
- Molly Messick, StateImpact Idaho
- Mike Patrick, Coeur d'Alene Press
- Kevin Richert, Idaho Statesman
- Corey Taule, Idaho Falls Post Register

More Information

- [KTVB-TV \(Boise\)](#)
- [StateImpact Idaho](#)
- [Coeur d'Alene Press](#)
- [Idaho Statesman](#)
- [Idaho Falls Post Register](#)
- [Idaho Reports](#)

#1824 - 02/16/2012 [Idaho's Lottery](#)

Almost half of Idahoans purchased a lottery ticket in the last 12 months, but many wonder whether the Idaho Lottery is a good bet for the state and its citizens.

The Idaho Legislature's Office of Performance Evaluations is releasing a report reviewing the Idaho Lottery's operations. Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Jeffrey Anderson, the executive director of the Idaho Lottery, about that report and the future of Idaho's lottery. Anderson will also discuss proposals to change Idaho's liquor laws.

Guests

- Jeffrey Anderson, executive director, Idaho Lottery

More Information

- [Idaho Lottery](#)
- [Lottery Operations and Charitable Gaming report \(Office of Performance Evaluation; PDF\)](#)
- [Idaho State Liquor Division](#)
- [Idaho State Liquor Division Annual Report \(PDF\)](#)
- [Distribution and Sale of Liquor in Idaho follow up report \(Office of Performance Evaluation; PDF\)](#)
- [Article: Reagan Republicans say they'll file their own liquor privatization initiative \(Spokesman-Review\)](#)

#1823 - 02/09/2012 [Technology Task Force](#)

More and more digital technology is finding its way into America's classrooms. In 2011, Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna proposed, and the Legislature passed, a set of education reform laws dubbed "Students Come First." The laws will require Idaho secondary school students to use digital tools such as laptops for their course work and even require that a certain number of credits be fulfilled via online courses. Once implemented, the reforms will greatly impact how educators teach and how students learn.

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss the new technology requirements for Idaho's classrooms and the recommendations of the Students Come First Technology Task Force as to how the requirements should be implemented. Guests include Rep. Reed DeMordaunt (R-Eagle), chair of the One-to-One Governance and Instructional Integration Sub-Committee; and Aaron McKinnon, a teacher at South Junior High School in Boise, Vice Chair of the Online Learning Implementation Sub-Committee.

Guests

- Rep. Reed DeMordaunt, R-Eagle, One-to-One Governance and Instructional Integration Sub-Committee Chair
- Aaron McKinnon, Teacher (Boise), Online Learning Implementation Sub-Committee Vice Chair

More Information

- [Students Come First overview](#)
- [Students Come First Technology Task Force](#)
- [Students Come First Technology Task Force Final Report \(PDF\)](#)
- [Idaho State Department of Education](#)

#1822 - 02/02/2012 [Good Winter Reading, 2012](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with three Idaho writers about their works. In addition, the authors share their recommendations for good winter reading, and viewers offer their picks as well.

Guests include: Daniel Orozco, Kelly Jones and Tim Woodward. Orozco, an associate professor of English at the University of Idaho, is the author of **Orientation and Other Stories**. Jones is the author of several novels, most recently **The Woman who Heard Color**. Woodward retired in 2011 after nearly 40 years as a journalist at the **Idaho Statesman**. He is the author of several books, including the recently published **Destination Idaho**.

Readers' Recommendations

- [View the Picks](#)

Guests

- Kelly Jones
- Daniel Orozco
- Tim Woodward

More Information

- [Kelly Jones website](#)
- [Daniel Orozco website \(University of Idaho\)](#)
- [Tim Woodward's final column \(Idaho Statesman\)](#)

#1821 - 01/26/2012 [Reporters' Roundup](#)

The Idaho Supreme Court is reviewing the state's new reapportionment plan. The Governor is proposing a health insurance exchange. And state legislators are debating everything from Medicaid cuts to online education to tax relief.

But not all Idaho's news happens at the Statehouse. Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by two of the state's newspaper editorial writers for this month's Reporters' Round up. The guests will look at what's making news in their parts of the state and how things in the state capitol are playing back home. Guests are Kevin Richert, editorial page editor, **The Idaho Statesman** and Corey Taule, editorial page editor, **The Idaho Falls Post Register**; Greg Hahn, host of **Idaho Reports**, also joins the panel.

Guests

- Kevin Richert, editorial page editor, The Idaho Statesman
- Corey Taule, editorial page editor, The Idaho Falls Post Register
- Greg Hahn, reporter and host, Idaho Reports

More Information

- [Idaho Falls Post Register](#)
- [Idaho Statesman](#)
- [Idaho Reports](#)

#1820 - 01/19/2012 [Refugees in Idaho](#)

According to the Idaho Office for Refugees, over the past five years more than 5,000 refugees have arrived in Idaho from all over the world. Marcia Franklin talks with four of those refugees about why they had to flee their respective home countries, and what it's been like to live in Idaho.

Guests include: Fidel Nshombo, from Congo; Rusul Mousa-Bryant, from Iraq; Jumuna Gautam, from Bhutan; and Hosy Nasimi, from Afghanistan.

Nshombo, who arrived in 2006, has published two books of poetry about his experience. He has been honored by both the city of Boise and the International Rescue Committee for his success and outreach efforts, and is a delegate to a new Refugee Congress organized by the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees. The first-ever Congress will be educating the American public about refugees and advocating on behalf of refugees.

Mousa-Bryant, who arrived in 2009, is currently a case manager at the Agency for New Americans. Jumuna Gautam, who arrived in 2008, is a student at Boise State University, and Hosy Nasimi, who arrived in 2002, is a recent graduate of Boise State University, where she was the president of the Muslim Student Association.

The group will discuss the joys and challenges of refugee life in the United States, as well as their hopes for the future.

Guests

- Jumuna Gautam (Bhutan)
- Rusul Mousa-Bryant (Iraq)
- Hosy Nasimi (Afghanistan)
- Fidel Nshombo (Congo)

More Information

- [The UN Refugee Agency](#)
- [The United States Association for UNHCR](#)
- [U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement](#)
- [Idaho Office for Refugees](#)
- [Agency for New Americans](#)
- [International Rescue Committee, Boise office](#)
- [World Relief, Boise office](#)
- [College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center](#)
- [Article: Refugees from six decades gather in Washington for landmark congress \(UN Refugee Agency\)](#)

#1819 - 01/12/2012 [STEM Research](#)

Scientific research boosts economic growth, creates jobs, and can save taxpayers money. It may have even solved what we can do with piles of garbage.

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with the administrators who oversee an array of cutting-edge scientific research at the state's three major universities to find out more about their work and their support for science education in Idaho.

Cartan-Hansen's guests are Mark Rudin, vice president of research at Boise State University; Deb Easterly, Richard Jacobsen, Executive Director of Research and Technology Transfer at Idaho State University; and John "Jack" McIver, vice president for research and economic development at the University of Idaho. Included in this week's show is a report from Idaho Public Television reporter Aaron Kunz about how scientists are using microscopic creatures to repurpose garbage.

Guests

- Richard Jacobsen, Executive Director of Research and Technology Transfer, Idaho State University
- Dr. John "Jack" McIver, vice president for research and economic development, University of Idaho
- Dr. Mark Rudin, vice president of research, Boise State University

More Information

- [iGEM](#)
- [Idaho EPSCoR \(Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research\)](#)
- [Center for Advanced Energy Studies](#)
- [U.S. Department of Energy EPSCoR](#)
- [Office of Research, Idaho State University](#)
- [University of Idaho Office of Research and Economic Development](#)
- [Boise State University Office of University and Industry Ventures](#)
- [Richard Jacobsen, Idaho State University](#)
- [John "Jack" McIver, University of Idaho](#)
- [Mark Rudin, Mark Rudin, Boise State University](#)

#1818 - 01/05/2012 [Legislative Preview 2012](#)

Marcia Franklin previews the upcoming session of the Idaho legislature with statehouse reporters Betsy Russell of the **Spokane Spokesman-Review**, John Miller of the **Associated Press**, Clark Corbin of the **Idaho Falls Post Register**, and Greg Hahn of IdahoPTV's **Idaho Reports**.

The group will talk about pending issues at the statehouse, among them: a possible budget surplus and how it might be spent, a state-run health insurance exchange, implementation of controversial education reform legislation, tax changes, reapportionment, and what effect an election year might have on legislation.

Guests

- Clark Corbin, Idaho Falls Post Register
- Greg Hahn, Idaho Reports
- John Miller, The Associated Press

- Betsy Russell, Spokane Spokesman-Review
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#1817 - 12/29/2011 [Calvin Trillin](#)

Calvin Trillin has been called "perhaps the finest reporter in America." His wry commentaries on the American scene and books chronicling his adventures as a "happy eater" have earned him renown as "a classic American humorist."

Trillin has written more than two dozen books, including **About Alice**, a New York Times bestseller in 2007. He has also written two other best-selling memoirs, **Remembering Denny** and **Messages from My Father**.

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Trillin about his work, including his most recent book, **Quite Enough of Calvin Trillin: Forty Years of Funny Stuff**. Trillin came to Idaho to speak to the Idaho Humanities Council.

Guests

- Calvin Trillin, writer

More Information

- [Calvin Trillin Biography \(The Nation\)](#)
- [Calvin Trillin: The New Yorker](#)
- [Calvin Trillin: Time Magazine](#)
- [Calvin Trillin: Charlie Rose](#)
- [Calvin Trillin Remembers 9/11 Differently From the Rest of Us \(Christian Science Monitor\)](#)
- [Review: Quite Enough of Calvin Trillin: Forty Years of Funny Stuff \(Powell's Books\)](#)

#1816 - 12/22/2011 [The Future of Journalism](#)

According to the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, 41 percent of Americans say they get their national and international news from the Internet. What does that mean for the future of newspapers and television news? What sort of entrepreneurial groups are getting into the news business? And in a digital age, what is news and how do we know when we can trust what we read?

Joan Cartan-Hansen explores the future of journalism with J-Lab Executive Director Jan Schaffer. J-Lab is a journalism catalyst, promoting cutting-edge journalism and helping news start-ups navigate the ethical dilemmas that come with the digital age. Schaffer was in Idaho as the keynote speaker for the Oppenheimer Ethics Seminar in October.

Guests

- Jan Schaffer, Executive Director, J-Lab

More Information

- [J-Lab](#)
- [J-Lab Learning Modules](#)
- [Knight Community News Network](#)
- [Nieman Journalism Lab](#)
- [Rules of the Road: Navigating the New Ethics of Local Journalism](#)
- [Newspaper Death Watch](#)
- [The State of the Media 2011 \(PDF\)](#)

#1815 - 12/15/2011 [Kati Marton: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with author and former journalist Kati Marton. Marton, who has written seven books, is a former correspondent for NPR and ABC News.

Franklin talks with Marton about her experience researching her most recent work, **Enemies of the People**. The book chronicles Marton's search to learn more about her parents, who were imprisoned by the Hungarian government during the Cold War for their work as reporters for American news outlets.

Released after nearly two years, her parents fled to the United States, where they lived out their lives and never discussed their ordeal. Years after their death, Marton had the unique opportunity to look at the once-secret files compiled on her family. She discovered not only who had betrayed her parents, but more about their past lives than she had ever imagined.

Franklin also asks Marton about the themes of her other works, which include **The Great Escape: Nine Jews who Fled Hitler and Changed the World**; **Wallenberg: Missing Hero**; and **The Polk Conspiracy**. The two also discuss the legacy of Marton's late husband, Ambassador Richard Holbrooke. Holbrooke died on December 13, 2010 of complications from a torn aorta.

In a separate web extra, the two talk about Marton's work in human rights, and about her next book.

The interview is part of **Dialogue**'s ongoing "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2011 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. This year's, and previous years', conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers](#) site.

Guests

- Kati Marton

More Information

- [Kati Marton \(Author page at Simon and Schuster\)](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

#1814 - 12/08/2011 [Colum McCann: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Colum McCann, author of **Let the Great World Spin**. The book, which has been called the "first great 9/11 novel," won the 2009 National Book Award for fiction, and was Amazon.com's 2009 Book of the Year.

The novel weaves together the stories of fictional characters all living in New York City in 1974 during the week Philippe Petit made his famous tightrope walk between the Twin Towers. Although the book barely mentions the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, it is considered an homage to that day and its effect on the country.

Franklin talks with the Irish-born McCann about what prompted him to write the work, as well as the themes behind his other books, which include **This Side of Brightness**, about dwellers in the subway tunnels of New York City; **Zoli**, about a Roma woman in Europe; and **Dancer**, based on the life of Rudolf Nureyev. McCann has also written several collections of short stories.

The interview is part of **Dialogue**'s ongoing "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2011 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. This year's, and previous years', conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers](#) site.

Guests

- Colum McCann

More Information

- [Colum McCann website](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

#1813 - 12/01/2011 [James McPherson](#)

James McPherson is one of America's greatest Civil War historians. McPherson's Pulitzer Prize winning writing captures the drama of this era, and his latest book, **Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander in Chief**, gives new insight into Abraham Lincoln's remarkable skill as a military leader.

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with McPherson about Lincoln and why we are still fighting over some of the same issues we thrashed out in the Civil War 150 years ago.

Guests

- James McPherson, Professor Emeritus of History, Princeton University

More Information

- [Meet James McPherson \(National Endowment for the Humanities\)](#)
- [James McPherson \(Stanford Presidential Lectures\)](#)
- [Five questions for James McPherson on Lincoln \(Encyclopedia Britannica Blog\)](#)

#1812 - 11/24/2011 [Robert Egger](#)

As the President and Founder of the D.C. Central Kitchen, Robert Egger knows nonprofit organizations cannot operate in isolation. His D.C. Central Kitchen, the country's first community kitchen, uses food donated by hospitality businesses and farms to fuel a nationally-recognized culinary arts job training program.

Egger expanded his efforts to bring nonprofit organizations together in 2006 when he became the co-convener of the first Nonprofit Congress. As the author of the book "Begging for Change: The Dollars and Sense of Making Nonprofits Responsive, Efficient and Rewarding for All," Egger challenges other nonprofit groups to find audacious, courageous and compassionate ways to work together.

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Egger about his work on hunger, sustainability, nonprofit political engagement, and social enterprise. Egger came to Idaho as the keynote speaker for the Idaho Nonprofit Centers 2011 Nonprofit Conference.

Guests

- Robert Egger, Founder and President, D.C. Central Kitchen

More Information

- [D.C. Central Kitchen](#)
- [Robert Egger's Piece of Mind \(blog\)](#)
- [Idaho Nonprofit Center](#)

#1811 - 11/17/2011 [Governor Cecil Andrus](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with four-term Idaho Governor Cecil D. Andrus and one of his former press secretaries, Chris Carlson. Carlson has written a book about his experiences working for the governor entitled **Idaho's Greatest Governor**.

The two discuss Andrus' personal and political philosophies, as well as what they consider the highlights of his career. The governor also weighs in on current political issues, such as the partisanship in Congress, President Obama's performance, the Occupy movement, wilderness designation and salmon recovery.

Cecil Andrus, a Democrat, began his political career in 1960 as a state senator from Orofino, ID. After three terms in the statehouse, he lost his first election for governor in 1966, but won an unprecedented four terms in 1970, 1974, 1986 and 1990, a record which still stands.

From 1977 to 1981, Andrus served as Secretary of the Interior under President Jimmy Carter, the first Idahoan to serve in a presidential cabinet. In that position, he was known for helping pass the Alaska Lands Act, which set aside more than 100 million acres of land in that state as wilderness, including the Arctic national Wildlife Refuge. In 1995, Andrus founded the Andrus Center for Public Policy at Boise State University. He is also of counsel to Gallatin Public Affairs, a research and lobbying group.

A Kellogg native and former reporter, Chris Carlson served as Andrus' press secretary for more than eight years, from 1972 to the end of Andrus' tenure at the Department of Interior. He served on the Northwest Power and Conservation Council and as government affairs director for Kaiser Aluminum. Andrus and Carlson also worked together at Gallatin, of which Carlson is a co-founder. He is retired and lives in north Idaho.

Guests

- Cecil D. Andrus
- Chris Carlson, author and former Andrus press secretary

More Information

- [Cecil Andrus: Idaho's Greatest Governor \(Facebook page\)](#)
- [Book site \(University of Nebraska Press\)](#)

#1810 - 11/10/2011 [Busted Bronco](#)

In 2003, former Boise State All-American defensive end and Montana State University football coach Joe O'Brien experienced a stunning downfall. He was arrested for his part in an illegal drug distribution scheme and sentenced to federal prison. How did this charismatic leader and NFL hopeful hide years of addiction? And after more than two years in prison, how did he turn his life around?

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with O'Brien and Boise writer Bob Evancho, co-author of O'Brien's life story, **Busted Bronco: From Addiction to Redemption**. The book goes into painful detail about O'Brien's personal struggles, but it also recounts O'Brien's story of redemption and renewal.

Guests

- Joe O'Brien, former Boise State football player
- Bob Evancho, co-author

More Information

- [Busted Bronco book site \(Far Country Press\)](#)
- [Joe O'Brien Speaks](#)

#1809 - 11/03/2011 [The Occupy Movement](#)

Marcia Franklin interviews representatives of the Occupy movement from Boise, Moscow, Idaho Falls and Pocatello.

Franklin's guests discuss why they joined the movement, its grievances, and what they hope to accomplish. Recently, Occupy Boise announced it will begin an encampment in Boise on the grounds of the former Ada County Courthouse. Occupy Pocatello is considering an encampment as well.

Franklin's guests include Shavone Hasse of Occupy Boise; Reginald Holmquist of Occupy Moscow; Scott Richardson of Occupy Pocatello; Kay Finley of Occupy Idaho Falls; and "Anthony," a former Boisean who moved to New York to join the Occupy Wall Street movement.

Now in its second month, the Occupy movement is an ongoing series of international protests that began in New York City in mid-September with Occupy Wall Street. The demonstrations are primarily directed against social and economic inequality. Since last month, protests have taken place in hundreds of communities across the world.

Occupy movement protesters have clashed with police in some U.S. cities. Supporters have been arrested in Austin, Atlanta, Chicago; Oakland, Rochester, Portland, OR and Richmond. Last week, police fired tear gas into a crowd of protesters in Oakland.

Guests

- Shavone Hasse of Occupy Boise
- Reginald Holmquist of Occupy Moscow
- Christopher Cooke of Occupy Pocatello
- Kay Finley of Occupy Idaho Falls

- “Anthony,” a former Boisean who moved to New York to join the Occupy Wall Street movement

More Information

- [Occupy Together](#)
- [Occupy Wall Street](#)
- [Occupy Moscow, ID](#)
- [Occupy Idaho Falls](#)
- [Occupy Boise](#)
- [Occupy Pocatello](#)

#1808 - 10/27/2011 [Reporters' Roundup](#)

A new feature we're calling "Reporters' Roundup" makes its debut on **Dialogue** as five Idaho journalists join host Joan Cartan-Hansen to discuss the Gem State's key news stories.

Cartan-Hansen's guests are Bill Spence of the Lewiston Tribune; Ben Botkin of the Twin Falls Times-News; Sven Berg of the Idaho Falls Post Register; Jamie Grey of Boise NBC affiliate KTVB; and Greg Hahn, host of Idaho Public Television's **Idaho Reports**.

Among the stories panel members will discuss: Twin Falls County plans to file a legal challenge to the state's redistricting plan. Bonneville County Judge Jon Shindurling issues a death warrant for Idaho inmate Paul Ezra Rhoades. A former professional football player jumps into the race for Idaho's 1st Congressional District.

Guests

- Sven Berg, Idaho Falls Post Register
- Ben Botkin, Twin Falls Times-News
- Jamie Grey, KTVB (Boise)
- Greg Hahn, Idaho Public Television
- Bill Spence, Lewiston Tribune

More Information

- [Idaho Falls Post Register](#)
- [Idaho Reports](#)
- [KTVB TV-7 \(NBC - Boise\)](#)
- [Lewiston Tribune](#)
- [Twin Falls Times-News](#)

#1807 - 10/20/2011 [Bighorn Sheep](#)

In 2005 the chief of the U.S. Forest Service directed the Payette National Forest to change its 2003 plan to protect bighorn sheep viability. The species has been declining rapidly, in part due to pneumonia transmission from domestic sheep that graze in the same areas.

After years of scientific research and negotiations, as well as 26,000 comments from the public, the Forest Service in 2010 released its Record of Decision and ordered domestic sheep grazing on the Payette cut by almost 70,000 acres in order to create buffer zones between members of the domestic and wild species.

Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss that U.S. Forest Service decision and the ensuing pushback from the livestock industry.

The program is a follow-up discussion to the new OUTDOOR IDAHO documentary, "The People's Land," which examines the decisions federal land management agencies in Idaho have made to favor multiple uses.

Franklin's guests include Suzanne Rainville, retired supervisor of the Payette National Forest; Margaret Soulen Hinson, president, American Sheep Industry Association; Neil Thagard, former president, Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation; and McCoy Oatman, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee member.

Bighorn advocates have applauded the Forest Service's decision, claiming it will help reverse plummeting populations of the species. But sheep operators say more research needs to be done on transmission factors as well as a vaccine and argue the decision sets a harmful precedent for their industry nationwide. On their behalf, Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) has introduced a rider to the Department of Interior Appropriations bill that would prevent federal land management agencies nationwide from requiring livestock ranchers operating on public lands to move domestic sheep.

Guests

- Margaret Soulen Hinson, president, American Sheep Industry Association
- Neil Thagard, former president, Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation
- McCoy Oatman, Executive Committee member, Nez Perce Tribe
- Suzanne Rainville, retired supervisor, Payette National Forest

More Information

- [Payette National Forest Bighorn Sheep Viability Forest Plan Amendment](#)
- [Wild Sheep Foundation](#)
- [Wild Sheep Foundation, Idaho Chapter](#)
- [American Sheep Industry Association](#)
- [Idaho Wool Growers Association](#)
- [Nez Perce Tribe](#)
- [Bighorn debate not just about Idaho \(Op-Ed by Margaret Soulen Hinson, 8/16/2011\)](#)
- [Mingling populations will kill wild sheep \(Op-Ed by John Gale, et al., 10/14/2011\)](#)
- [OUTDOOR IDAHO: The People's Land](#)

#1806 - 10/13/2011 [School Budget Cuts 2011](#)

Last March, Governor Butch Otter and State Legislators slashed Idaho's public school budget for the third year in a row. Now that schools are back in session, school officials and patrons know what programs and services have gotten cut and can begin assessing some of the larger effects of leaner revenues. On this **Dialogue**, host Joan Cartan-Hansen unveils the results of a second statewide survey of Idaho's school superintendents. The survey documents the real impacts reductions in state funds are having on local districts.

Joining Cartan-Hansen to discuss the survey and the future of public school education in Idaho are four guests: Linda Clark, Superintendent of the Meridian School District; Murray Dalgleish, Superintendent of Council School District; Dallas Clinger, American Falls School Board Member and Idaho School Boards Association President; and Penni Cyr, President of the Idaho Education Association.

The survey was conducted from late August through September. Results will be posted here when the survey is complete.

This program updates two previous shows on this topic: "[School Budget Cuts Update](#)" (September 9, 2010); and "[School Budget Cuts](#)" (June 10, 2010).

Survey Tables

- [Budget Cuts, by District \(Sept. 2011\)](#)
- [Budget Cuts, by District \(June, 2010\)](#)

Guests

- Linda Clark, Superintendent, Meridian School District
- Murray Dalgleish, Superintendent, Council School District
- Dallas Clinger, Member, American Falls School Board; and President, Idaho School Boards Association
- Penni Cyr, President, Idaho Education Association

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Education](#)
- [Idaho School Boards Association](#)
- [Idaho Association of School Administrators](#)
- [Idaho Education Association](#)
- [Council High School/Council School District](#)
- [Joint School District No. 2 \(Meridian, et al.\)](#)

#1805 - 10/06/2011 [Middle East Politics: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

When a Tunisian street vendor set himself on fire in December, 2010 to protest treatment by a

police officer, he set off an unlikely chain of uprisings throughout the region, now dubbed as the "Arab Spring." Both Tunisia and Egypt's revolutions resulted in a change of government, and later in 2011, Libya's government also fell to rebels.

Marcia Franklin talks with Suzanne Maloney, a scholar at the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution, about the reasons why the uprisings are occurring, and their potential effects on the United States. The two also discuss U.S.-Iranian relations. Maloney is an expert on Iran.

Before she took her current position, Maloney worked as the Middle East advisor for ExxonMobil Corporation, was a member of the U.S. State Department's Policy Planning Staff, and directed the 2004 Council on Foreign Relations Task Force on US Policy toward Iran.

She is the author of **Iran's Long Reach: Iran as a Pivotal State in the Muslim World**.

The interview is part of **Dialogue**'s ongoing "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2011 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. This year's, and previous years', conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers](#) site.

Guests

- Suzanne Maloney, Saban Center for Middle East Policy

More Information

- [Saban Center for Middle East Policy](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

#1804 - 09/29/2011 [Rep. Raul Labrador](#)

Idaho's newest congressman makes his first appearance on **Dialogue**. U.S. Rep. Raul Labrador talks with Marcia Franklin about his first nine months in office and takes questions from viewers.

Labrador, an immigration attorney and former Idaho state representative from Eagle, was elected to Congress in November 2010. The Republican is serving on the House Natural Resources Committee as well as the Oversight and Government Reform Committee. The 112th Congress has been dominated by fiscal issues as the federal government struggles with its growing debt. But social concerns are also on the docket, and national groups have called on Labrador to speak to immigration issues.

Guests

- Congressman Raul Labrador

More Information

- [Rep. Labrador's Congressional website](#)

#1803 - 09/15/2011 [Idaho Economic Trends](#)

President Barack Obama is promoting a new jobs bill across the country this week. What could it mean for Idaho? How is Idaho's economy doing? What types of jobs, if any, are being created in Idaho?

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests - Mike Ferguson, Director for the Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy; Steve Cooke, retired professor of economics from the University of Idaho; and Cheryl Brush, Assistant Deputy Director for Work Force Development from the Idaho Department of Labor - look at the state's current economic trends.

Guests

- Mike Ferguson, Director, Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy
- Steve Cooke, Dept. of Agricultural Economics (Ret.), University of Idaho
- Cheryl Brush, Assistant Deputy Director for Work Force Development, Idaho Department of Labor

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Labor](#)
- [The American Jobs Act \(White House Fact Sheet\)](#)
- [Recovery.gov](#)
- [GeoFred: Geographical Economic Data](#)
- [The Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)
- [Wage Divergence between the Rocky Mountain States and the U.S.: Idaho Measures and Sources, 2001–2009 \(pdf\)](#)
- [Stateline.Org: Recession and Recovery News](#)
- [PBS NewsHour: Economic News and Analysis](#)

#1802 - 09/08/2011 [Idaho's Redistricting Plan 2011](#)

The U.S. Constitution calls for a census every ten years and then requires the states to redraw congressional and legislative districts to ensure equal representation. Idaho uses a Redistricting Commission to decide where those lines should be drawn.

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests review the Commission's plans and discuss their potential impact on Idaho's congressional and state legislative delegations. Guests include Commission members Lou Esposito (Republican) and George Moses (Democrat), as well as Betsy Russell, Spokesman-Review Boise Bureau Chief and Gary Moncrief, Professor of Political Science at Boise State University.

Guests

- Lou Esposito, Redistricting Commissioner
- George Moses, Redistricting Commissioner
- Gary Moncrief, Professor, Political Science, Boise State University
- Betsy Russell, Boise Bureau Chief, Spokane Spokesman-Review

More Information

- [Idaho's Citizen Commission for Reapportionment](#)
- [Archive of Commission Meetings and Public Hearings](#)

#1801 - 09/01/2011 [Remembering 9/11](#)

It's been a decade since the events of September 11, 2001, when thousands of people died as terrorists hijacked planes and crashed them into the World Trade Towers, the Pentagon and a field in rural Pennsylvania.

Marcia Franklin talks with guests and viewers about how life has changed as a result of 9/11, with wars in two countries and increased security measures. Despite those changes, how much is 9/11 still on the minds of Americans?

Guests include: Rich Gorman, a Red Cross volunteer who served in mental health services at Ground Zero; Bill and Susan Mauk, who worked with victims and firefighters in New York; Said Ahmed-Zaid, a professor of engineering at Boise State University; and Richard Seamon, a professor at the University of Idaho Law School.

Guests

- Rich Gorman, Red Cross volunteer
- Bill Mauk (lawyer) and Susan Mauk (therapist)
- Said Ahmed-Zaid, professor of engineering, Boise State University
- Richard Seamon, professor of law, University of Idaho

More Information

- [America Remembers 9/11: What's Changed, 10 Years Later \(PBS NewsHour\)](#)
- [Remembering 9/11 \(Washington Week\)](#)
- [9-11 Commission Report](#)
- [Tenth Anniversary Report Card on 9/11 Commission Recommendations](#)
- [NewsHour Conversation: Is America Safer?](#)
- [Pew Research Center Survey: United in Remembrance, Divided Over Policies](#)

#1736 - 06/30/2011 [STEM Education In Idaho](#)

Most of us know the Earth revolves around the sun, but according to surveys, less than half of us know that antibiotics don't kill viruses and only 45% of U.S. adults can explain why you see

lightning before hearing thunder. American students rank 21st out of 30 in science literacy and 25th out of 30 in math literacy.

To be sure, more fodder for alarmed headlines. But the survey results and literacy rankings point to a more fundamental problem. Political, business and education leaders, from President Obama to local school board members, argue that America's economic future depends upon improving its science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and enhancing what its citizens and workers know about these subjects.

Joan Cartan-Hansen hosts a special one-hour examination of STEM education. Two leaders from the National Science Foundation, Joan Ferrini-Mundy and Sue Allen, begin the show by explaining what STEM education is and describing new ways to enhance STEM education in both formal and informal settings. Then a panel of Idaho experts come on to discuss how the state is approaching STEM education and to explain why Idaho's business community is supporting enhanced STEM education. Her guests in this segment include James Gregson, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and External Funding for the College of Education and STEM coordinator, University of Idaho; Jefferson Jewell, Managing Director, Blackfin Technology; Louis Nadelson, Assistant Professor in the College of Education at Boise State University; Holly MacLean, Principal of the Treasure Valley Math and Science Center; and Chris Taylor, 8th grade Earth Science teacher at South Jr. High in Boise.

Guests

- Joan Ferrini-Mundy, Assistant Director for Education and Human Resources, National Science Foundation
- Sue Allen, Acting Director, Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings, National Science Foundation
- Louis Nadelson, Assistant Professor, College of Education, Boise State University
- Jefferson Jewell, Managing Director, Blackfin Technology
- James Gregson, Assoc. Dean of Graduate Studies & External Funding for the College of Education; STEM Coordinator, University of Idaho
- Holly MacLean, Principal, Treasure Valley Math and Science Center
- Chris Taylor, 8th grade Earth Science teacher, South Jr. High, Boise

More Information

- [Press Release: New Report Offers Roadmap for Success in K-12 STEM Education \(NSF\)](#)
- [Successful K-12 STEM Education: Identifying Effective Approaches in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics \(National Academies Press\)](#)
- [Idaho STEM Pipeline](#)
- [STEM Education Coalition](#)
- [STEM Careers](#)
- [STEM Education](#)
- [National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#)

- [NSF: Education and Human Resources](#)
- [NSF: Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings](#)
- [Educate to Innovate](#)
- [Science Knowledge Quiz \(Pew Research Center\)](#)
- [Survey Report: Public Praises Science; Scientists Fault Public, Media \(Pew Research Center\)](#)
- [NSF: Science and Technology: Public Attitudes and Understanding](#)
- [NSF: Adult and student correct answers to factual knowledge questions \(Table\)](#)
- [Why would-be engineers end up as English majors](#)
- [Joan Ferrini-Mundy](#)
- [Jefferson Jewel](#)
- [Louis Nadelson](#)
- [James Gregson](#)
- [American Association for the Advancement of Science](#)

#1735 - 06/23/2011 [Good Summer Reading 2011](#)

Idaho authors Alan Heathcock and Carter Niemeyer and independent bookstore owner Laura Delaney join Marcia Franklin for her annual Good Summer Reading show.

Heathcock's fiction has been published in many of America's top magazines and journals. His stories have won the National Magazine Award in fiction, and his recent book of short stories, **VOLT**, has received numerous favorable reviews. Heathcock, who teaches writing at Boise State University, is currently an Artist-in-Residence for the city of Boise and a Literature Fellow for the state of Idaho.

Boise resident Niemeyer is the author of **Wolfer**, a memoir of his career working with predators. He retired in 2006 as U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wolf recovery coordinator for Idaho and was a key member of the federal wolf reintroduction team in the mid-1990s.

Delaney, co-owner of Rediscovered Books in Boise, has recently expanded her store and will talk about the challenges and joys of operating an independent bookstore.

Guests and viewers alike share what they're reading and tell us why their favorites would make good summer reading.

Readers' Recommendations

- [View the Picks](#)

Guests

- Alan Heathcock
- Carter Niemeyer
- Laura Delaney

More Information

- [Alan Heathcock](#)
- [Carter Niemeyer](#)
- [Rediscovered Book Store](#)

#1734 - 06/09/2011 [The State of Idaho's Parks](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen interviews Nancy Merrill, director of Idaho's Department of Parks and Recreation. Merrill discusses how Idaho's state parks are faring one year after Gov. Butch Otter and state legislators dramatically cut the department's funding.

Merrill explains the changes in how state parks are managed and what visitors can expect. And she describes new rules for operators of off-highway vehicles and the department's efforts to raise awareness of "nature deficit disorder" among young people.

Guests

- Nancy Merrill, Director, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation](#)

#1733 - 06/02/2011 [Roadblocks to Higher Education](#)

Why don't more Idaho high school students pursue higher education? Increasing costs could be a major reason why Idaho is 48th in the nation in the number of young people going onto college. What are some of the other factors? Is college even worth it?

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests look at the reasons behind the relatively low number of Idaho high school students who pursue higher education. The panel members will also talk about what they and other officials are doing to reverse this trend. Guests include Ken Edmunds, Vice President of Idaho's State Board of Education; Sue Huizinga, TRIO project director at Boise State University; and Court Hansen, Boise High School Career Counselor.

Guests

- Ken Edmunds, Vice President, Idaho State Board of Education
- Sue Huizinga, project director, Boise State University TRIO programs
- Court Hanson, career counselor, Boise High School

More Information

- [Postsecondary Education Survey \(Idaho Office of Performance Evaluation\)](#)
- [Is College Worth It? College Presidents, Public Assess Value, Quality and Mission of Higher Education \(Pew Research Center\)](#)

- [What's it Worth? The Economic Value of College Majors \(Georgetown Univ. Center on Education\)](#)
- [Trends in College Pricing 2010 \(The College Board\)](#)
- [The State of Education \(The National Center for Education Statistics; PDF\)](#)

#1732 - 05/26/2011 [Human Rights In Idaho](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guests look at the ways Idaho has improved its reputation since the destruction of the Aryan Nations compound a decade ago, and areas that still need improvement.

Topics include a potential resurgence of hate crimes, the controversy over gay rights, treatment of Hispanics, the nexus between poverty and human rights, and the reasons people may join hate groups.

This special hour-long DIALOGUE is a follow-up to the IdahoPTV documentary, "[The Color of Conscience](#)," a look at the history of Idaho's modern human rights movement as well as the past 30 years of racial and cultural relations in the state.

Franklin's guests include: Amy Herzfeld of the Idaho Human Rights Education Center; Leo Morales of the Idaho Community Action Network; Estella Zamora, chair of the Idaho Commission on Human Rights; Boise State University history professor Jill Gill; and Tony Stewart and Christie Wood of the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations.

Guests

- Estella Zamora, Chair, Idaho Commission on Human Rights
- Amy Herzfeld, Idaho Human Rights Education Center
- Tony Stewart, Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations
- Leo Morales, Idaho Community Action Network
- Christie Wood, Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations
- Dr. Jill Gill, Associate Professor of History, Boise State University

More Information

- [The Color of Conscience](#)
- [Idaho Human Rights Education Center](#)
- [Idaho Community Action Network](#)
- [Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations](#)
- [Idaho Commission on Human Rights](#)
- [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

#1731 - 05/12/2011 [After Bin Laden](#)

How much of an impact will the death of Osama bin Laden have on terrorist threats to the U.S.?

How will it affect U.S. relations with Pakistan? How significant a role has bin Laden even played in al Qaeda in recent years?

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen speaks with foreign policy experts from Idaho's three state universities about the aftermath of bin Laden's death. Guests include Dr. Sean Anderson, Professor of Political Science and Director of International Studies at Idaho State University; Dr. Greg Raymond, the Frank & Bethine Church Chair of Public Affairs at Boise State University; and Dr. Bill Smith, Director of the Martin Institute at the University of Idaho.

Guests

- Dr. Sean Anderson, Professor of Political Science and Director of International Studies, Idaho State University
- Dr. Greg Raymond, the Frank & Bethine Church Chair of Public Affairs, Boise State University
- Dr. Bill Smith, Director of the Martin Institute, University of Idaho

#1730 - 05/05/2011 [Women Who Light The Dark](#)

Women around the world face overwhelming problems of violence, inequality and poverty. But some women have found creative ways to overcome these ills, and one woman has documented their stories.

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with international photojournalist Paola Gianturco about her book **Women Who Light the Dark**. Gianturco spent months documenting the lives of women in 15 countries on five continents, meshing their stories with her stunning photographs. She learned how women tackle the problems in their lives - domestic violence, sex trafficking, poverty, illiteracy, discrimination - with creativity and imagination.

Gianturco's images have been exhibited at the United Nations, the U.S. Senate, numerous museums, and the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington D.C. She has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show, CNN and NPR. Her pictures have been published in **Harpers Bazaar**, the **New York Times** and the **Washington Post**.

Guests

- Paola Gianturco, Photojournalist

More Information

- [Paola Gianturco's website](#)
- [Women Who Light the Dark book site](#)
- [Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation](#)
- [Global Fund for Women](#)
- [Interview: Paola Gianturco \(Boise Weekly\)](#)
- [International Museum of Women: Paola Gianturco](#)

#1729 - 04/28/2011 [Captured by the Taliban](#)

Journalist Jere Van Dyk talks with Marcia Franklin about the 45 days he spent as a captive of the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2008. An experienced international reporter who had traveled to Afghanistan many times since the 1970s, Van Dyk was captured trying to find some of his original Mujahideen contacts from the 1980s. His account of his experience and eventual release is detailed in his book, **Captive: My Time as a Prisoner of the Taliban**.

Franklin and Van Dyk talk about the conditions of his captivity, his views on the differences between the Taliban and Al-Qaeda, his thoughts on our military presence in Afghanistan, and what has drawn him to that country for so many years, despite the danger.

In the web extra, Van Dyk discusses his thoughts on the captivity of Idahoan Bowe Bergdahl.

Guests

- Jere Van Dyk, Journalist

More Information

- [Jere Van Dyk, A Taliban 'Captive' For 45 Days \(NPR\)](#)
- [Captive: My Time as a Prisoner of the Taliban \(book site\)](#)

#1728 - 04/21/2011 [Salmon Recovery 2011](#)

After decades of litigation, Federal District Judge James Redden is poised to hear oral arguments on recovery plans for endangered Pacific Northwest salmon, including the Idaho sockeye.

Today, many Pacific Northwest salmon populations are already extinct, and several others, including the Idaho sockeye, are endangered. Fish hatcheries across the region, including those in Idaho, have become surrogates for rivers and streams, incubating salmon eggs and carefully controlling their reproduction.

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests preview the issues before the court and discuss the current state of salmon recovery in the Northwest.

Guests include Tom Stuart, Idaho Rivers United board member; Vincent Kozakiewicz from the Bureau of Reclamation; Russ Thurow of the U.S. Forest Service; and Jim Norton, a filmmaker whose documentary, "Salmon: Running the Gauntlet," will air Sunday May 1, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. MT/PT, as part of PBS' **Nature** series.

Guests

- Tom Stuart, board member, Idaho Rivers United
- Jim Norton, filmmaker

- Vincent Kozakiewicz, Department Program Manager, Columbia Snake River Office, Bureau of Reclamation
- Russ Thurow, Rocky Mountain Research Station, U.S. Forest Service

More Information

- [Federal Caucus: Salmon Recovery](#)
- [Salmon Recovery: Northwest Fisheries Science Center](#)
- [NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service: Salmon Recovery Planning](#)
- [Bonneville Power Administration](#)
- [Idaho Rivers United](#)
- [Idaho Governor's Office on Species Conservation](#)
- [Nature \(PBS\)](#)
- [Columbia and Snake River Salmon Recovery Project \(Bureau of Reclamation\)](#)

#1727 - 03/24/2011 [Nuclear Power Aftermath](#)

What happened at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant in Japan? Idaho National Laboratory Director John Grossenbacher joins host Joan Cartan-Hansen to explain how INL scientists are assisting their Japanese colleagues to deal with the crisis at the nuclear plant and what they are trying to learn from this disaster.

Grossenbacher also explores what this event means for the future of the nuclear industry and what it means for the Idaho National Laboratory.

Guests

- John Grossenbacher, Director, Idaho National Laboratory

More Information

- [Idaho National Laboratory](#)
- [Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant \(Wikipedia\)](#)
- [Latest Updates on Japan's Nuclear Crisis and Earthquake Aftermath \(NY Times\)](#)
- [Resources related to the 2011 Japan Crisis](#)
- [PBS NewsHour: Disaster in Japan](#)
- [NPR: Nuclear Fears Emerge After Quake, Tsunami In Japan](#)
- [NHK World \(Japan Television in English\)](#)
- [U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission: NRC Actions on Japan's Emergency](#)
- [International Atomic Energy Agency \(IAEA\)](#)
- [Nuclear Energy Institute](#)
- [Tokyo Electric Power Company](#)
- [Radnet: Tracking Environmental Radiation Nationwide](#)
- [Radnet Monitoring: Idaho](#)
- [Idaho Department of Environmental Quality](#)
- [American Red Cross](#)

#1726 - 03/17/2011 [Trey McIntyre Project](#)

Choreographer Trey McIntyre's work has been called "dance that defies categorization." During FESTIVAL 2011 he visits with host Marcia Franklin to discuss his career and the Boise-based Trey McIntyre Project. Dancer and TMP executive director John Michael Schert, as well as Ashley Werhun, one of the troupe's female dancers, join the conversation.

McIntyre talks about what compels him to choreograph and why he chose Boise to be the home for his dance company. McIntyre, Schert and Werhun also discuss their plans for community engagement projects and what inspires them. The program showcases video of their works, such as their recent critically acclaimed collaboration with the Preservation Hall Jazz Band.

Before he formed his own company, McIntyre was a choreographic associate for Houston Ballet, and resident choreographer for the Oregon Ballet Theatre, Ballet Memphis and the Washington Ballet.

TMP was chosen as Boise's first "cultural ambassador" and is the recipient of a U.S. Department of State award to represent the United States on a tour of Asia in 2012.

More Information

- [Trey McIntyre Project website](#)
- [Trey McIntyre Project Finds a Dance Partner in Boise \(PBS NewsHour\)](#)
- [Dancers Adopt a City and Vice Versa \(NY Times\)](#)

#1725 - 03/03/2011 [Cal Groen Retires](#)

The head of Idaho's Department of Fish and Game is retiring. Cal Groen says he will step down at the end of March. Groen joins Joan Cartan-Hansen for a look back at his tenure.

Groen was appointed to the director position in January 2007, promising to stay for four years. He will talk about his accomplishments as director and his biggest disappointment - not being allowed to manage the state's wolf population. Groen will also discuss his retirement plans: to hunt and fish more and to help his son establish an orphanage in Tanzania.

Guests

- Cal Groen, Director, Idaho Fish and Game

More Information

- [Idaho Fish and Game](#)
- [D4K Be Outside website](#)
- [D4K Be Outside video](#)

#1724 - 02/24/2011 [Revolution In Egypt](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss the latest developments in the recent revolution in Egypt, where protesters successfully ousted President Hosni Mubarak, who assumed office in 1981 after the assassination of then-President Anwar Sadat.

Franklin's guests are Ahmed Mohamed, an Egyptian native teaching at Renaissance High School in Boise; Matthew Whoolery, Ph.D., a professor of psychology at BYU-Idaho, who taught at the American University in Cairo from 2004 through 2007; and retired U.S. Air Force Col. Ralph Getchell, who from 1996-1999 served at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo as an adviser to the U.S. ambassador and Egyptian government on military aid programs.

Franklin and her guests will look at the political and historical factors leading up to Mubarak's downfall, what may be next for the country and the region, and the military and economic relationship our country has with Egypt.

Guests

- Ahmed Mohamed, Egyptian native and teacher, Renaissance High School, Boise
- Dr. Matthew Whoolery, professor of psychology, BYU-Idaho
- U.S. Air Force Col. Ralph Getchell (Ret.), former embassy advisor

More Information

- [Frontline: Revolution in Cairo \(PBS\)](#)
- [Mubarak Driven From Egyptian Presidency: A Timeline \(AOL News\)](#)
- [Timeline: Egypt \(BBC News\)](#)
- [Egypt \(Wikipedia\)](#)
- [Tahrir Square Room in America \(YouTube\)](#)

#1723 - 02/17/2011 [Public Education Reform Update](#)

Last week, hundreds of Idahoans came to the Capitol to speak out on schools superintendent Tom Luna's education reform plans. This week, in response to the testimony, the Idaho Senate Education Committee took up a new version of the proposal.

The proposal tweaks the online course requirements and gives districts more flexibility in regulating the use of laptops. But, there were no changes to the its most controversial provision: raising class sizes and eliminating 800 to 1,000 teaching positions. Will the changes in the new bills make a difference? What are the alternatives?

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with several stakeholders in the education reform debate: Mark Moorer, a school board member with the Potlatch School District; Sherri Wood, president of the Idaho Education Association; Maria Greeley, PTO treasurer for Grace Jordan Elementary School in Boise; and Karen Echeverria, Executive Director for the Idaho School Boards Association.

Documents

- [Senate Bill 1108: Labor Relations](#)
- [Senate Bill 1110: Teacher Pay for Performance](#)
- [Senate Bill 1113: Modernization and Reform](#)
- [Three Pillars of a Customer-Driven Education System \(State Dept. of Education; pdf\)](#)
- [Three Pillars of a Customer-Driven Education System, pt. 2 \(SDE; pdf\)](#)
- [Democrats' Response to Supt. Luna's Reform Proposals \(pdf\)](#)
- [Funding Methodology for Supt. Luna's Reform Plan \(Boise SD; doc\)](#)
- [State Board of Ed Rules and NWAC Accreditation Provisions Potentially Affected by Reforms \(Boise SD; pdf\)](#)
- [Student/Teacher Ratios in Surrounding States \(SDE; pdf\)](#)
- [Student/Teacher Ratio Trend Data \(SDE; pdf\)](#)
- [Response to SDE Proposal \(Boise SD; doc\)](#)
- [An Evaluation of the Teacher Advancement Program in Chicago \(Mathematica Policy Research; pdf\)](#)
- [Teacher Pay for Performance: Experimental Evidence from the Project on Incentives in Teaching \(pdf\)](#)
- [Digital Learning Now \(Foundation for Excellence in Education; pdf\)](#)
- [20th Public Policy Survey \(Public Policy Center, Boise State University; pdf\)](#)

Guests

- Mark Moorer, School Board Member, Potlatch School District
- Sherri Wood, President, Idaho Education Association
- Maria Greeley, PTO Treasurer, Grace Jordan Elementary (Boise)
- Karen Echeverria, Executive Director, Idaho School Boards Association

More Information

- [DIALOGUE: Public Education Reform \(1-27-2011\)](#)
- [Idaho State Department of Education](#)
- [Potlatch School District](#)
- [Grace Jordan Elementary School](#)
- [Idaho Education Association](#)
- [The Idaho School Boards Association](#)
- [Survey Results on Supt. Luna's](#)
- [Follow the Ed Money \(Riddenbaugh Press\)](#)
- [Teachers' advocate: Union is 'the eyes and ears of the educator in the classroom' \(Pt. 1 of 3; Coeur d'Alene Press\)](#)
- [Educators first: Union or not, teachers look out for students' needs \(Pt. 2 of 3; Coeur d'Alene Press\)](#)
- [Collective protection: Teacher contracts keep jobs, health benefits secure \(Pt. 3 of 3; Coeur d'Alene Press\)](#)

- [Crumbling Foundations \(Op-ed by Bill Cope, Boise Weekly\)](#)

#1722 - 02/10/2011 [Senator Mike Crapo 2011](#)

This week, Joan Cartan-Hansen interview U.S. Senator Mike Crapo, R-Idaho.

Sen. Crapo wants the new Congress to focus on deficit reduction. He was one of 11 members of the President's Commission on Fiscal Responsibility to support the Commission's report.

Crapo discusses his priorities for controlling America's debt. And he talks about what to expect as Republicans take control of the House and what issues he anticipates will come up before the Senate as Congress begins its new session.

Guests

- U.S. Senator Mike Crapo

More Information

- [U.S. Senator Mike Crapo](#)
- [National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform](#)
- [The Debt to the Penny and Who Holds It \(US Department of the Treasury\)](#)

#1721 - 02/03/2011 [Medicaid Woes](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guest discuss the challenges facing the Medicaid system. Franklin's guests are Richard Armstrong, director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, and Leslie Clement, the Medicaid administrator for Idaho Health and Welfare.

The two administrators discuss with Franklin some of the tough choices their agency confronts in the face of continued budgetary reductions. They also react to the testimony presented by Idaho citizens during Friday's special hearings by the Legislature's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee on potential cuts to Medicaid. Gov. Butch Otter has asked the agency to slash \$25 million in state funds from its budget.

Documents

- [JFAC Presentation: Richard Armstrong \(1-17-2011; pdf\)](#)
- [JFAC Presentation: Leslie Clement \(1-17-2011; pdf\)](#)

Guests

- Richard Armstrong, Director, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Leslie Clement, Administrator, Division of Medicaid, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Health and Welfare](#)
- [Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities](#)

- [National Alliance on Mental Illness \(NAMI\) Idaho](#)
- [Idaho State Independent Living Council](#)

#1720 - 01/27/2011 [Public Education Reform](#)

This is the week Idaho's Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna presents his FY2012 budget proposals to the legislature's Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee.

But this will be no ordinary budget presentation: Luna proposes to fundamentally change the way Idaho's schools do business. He and Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter want to reform how schools are financed, change teacher tenure, promote online learning and adopt national standards. And they plan to do all this with without any additional money.

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Supt. Luna about these plans and the future of K-12 education in Idaho.

Documents

- [Three Pillars of a Customer-Driven Education System \(State Dept. of Education; pdf\)](#)
- [Three Pillars of a Customer-Driven Education System, pt. 2 \(SDE; pdf\)](#)
- [Draft Legislation: Public School Modernization and Reform \(SDE; pdf\)](#)
- [Draft Legislation: Labor Relations and Employee Entitlements \(SDE; pdf\)](#)
- [Student/Teacher Ratios in Surrounding States \(SDE; pdf\)](#)
- [Student/Teacher Ratio Trend Data \(SDE; pdf\)](#)
- [Response to SDE Proposal \(Boise SD; doc\)](#)
- [An Evaluation of the Teacher Advancement Program in Chicago \(Mathematica Policy Research; pdf\)](#)
- [Teacher Pay for Performance: Experimental Evidence from the Project on Incentives in Teaching \(pdf\)](#)
- [Digital Learning Now \(Foundation for Excellence in Education; pdf\)](#)

Guests

- Tom Luna, Superintendent of Public Instruction

More Information

- [Idaho State Department of Education](#)
- [Idaho Legislature](#)
- [Idaho Legislature Live](#)
- [Idaho Reports](#)
- [National Center on Performance Evaluation](#)
- [Foundation for Excellence in Education](#)
- [Seeing No Progress, Some Schools Drop Laptops \(NY Times\)](#)

#1719 - 01/20/2011 [Don't Ask, Don't Tell](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Lt. Col. Victor Fehrenbach of Mountain Home Air Force Base, whose challenge of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) policy regarding gays in the military was one of the centerpieces of the debate on the issue.

Now that DADT has been effectively repealed, what's next for Fehrenbach and other gays serving in the military? What changed lawmakers' minds about lifting the ban on gays serving openly in the U.S. armed forces? Will the repeal hurt morale in the military?

Fehrenbach, who has served in the U.S. Air Force since 1991, has deployed six times in support of seven major combat operations, including missions over Iraq, Kosovo and Afghanistan. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, nine Air Medals - including an Air Medal for Heroism - and five Air Force Commendation Medals.

In May of 2008, Fehrenbach discovered that he had been "outed" by a civilian and that the Air Force was seeking to terminate him under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." He decided to fight his discharge and then go public about his situation. His case added to the national discussion on the issue, with newly elected President Barack Obama saying he wanted to repeal DADT.

On Dec. 15 of last year the U.S. House passed a repeal bill, and three days later the Senate also passed the legislation. President Obama signed the bill the following week.

However, under the new law, the president, the secretary of defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff must, among other measures, certify that they have drafted repeal regulations that don't harm military readiness, effectiveness, unit cohesion, recruiting and retention. Once that certification is given, a 60-day waiting period will begin before DADT is formally repealed.

Guests

- Lt. Col. Victor Fehrenbach, U.S. Air Force

More Information

- [History of Lt. Col. Fehrenbach' Case \(Servicemembers Legal Defense Network\)](#)
- [Don't Ask, Don't Tell \(U.S. Department of Defense\)](#)

#1718 - 01/13/2011 [Corrections 2011](#)

Idaho's Department of Correction faces a tough 2011. Legislative auditors warn the state's prisons are dangerously understaffed. The agency has a 24% turnover rate in the ranks of its correctional officers. Work stations go unstaffed because of furloughs and budget cuts. And yet, the rate at which Idaho offenders return to prison after release is among the lowest in the nation, and the prison population has gone down the last two years.

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen reviews the status of this vital state agency and what additional budget cuts may mean for public safety. Cartan-Hansen will be joined by Correction Director Brent Reinke and Chief of Operations Kevin Kempf.

Guests

- Brent Reinke, Director, Idaho Department of Correction
- Kevin Kempf, Chief of Operations, Idaho Department of Correction

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Correction](#)
- [Reader's View \(Submitted to the Spokesman-Review by Brent Reinke, Dec. 22, 2010\)](#)

#1717 - 01/06/2011 [Legislative Preview 2011](#)

Four statehouse reporters join host Marcia Franklin to preview the upcoming legislative session, which begins January 10th.

Guests include Thanh Tan, host of **Idaho Reports**, Betsy Russell of the **Spokane Spokesman-Review**, Bill Spence of the **Lewiston Morning Tribune** and John Miller of the **Associated Press**.

The panel will discuss the tough choices that the governor and lawmakers will have to make in a slim budget year, the effects of changes in Republican leadership, and potential legislation, such as bills addressing illegal immigration, changes to PERSI, and an anti-bullying statute.

Guests

- John Miller, Associated Press
- Betsy Russell, Spokane Spokesman-Review
- Bill Spence, Lewiston Morning Tribune
- Thanh Tan, Idaho Reports (Idaho Public Television)

More Information

- [Idaho Legislature](#)

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#1716 - 12/30/2010 [Historian Douglas Brinkley: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with author and historian Douglas Brinkley about **Wilderness Warrior**, his book about President Theodore Roosevelt's passion and strategies for protecting huge tracts of land for national forests, parks and wildlife refuges. Roosevelt created nearly 20 national forests in Idaho.

Dr. Brinkley is a professor at Rice University who has authored or edited more than 20 works, including biographies on Presidents Reagan, Ford and Carter. He was in Boise to speak at the annual Distinguished Humanities Lecture at the Idaho Humanities Council.

Brinkley talks about why he wanted to write the book, which is part of a series he is penning on wilderness issues. He also discusses the effect Idaho had on Roosevelt when he visited here, and the president's legacy in the conservation movement.

The two also discuss Brinkley's desire to bring history alive for his students, including taking trips with students across the country in his "Majic Bus." They also talk about Brinkley's book, **The Great Deluge**, which examines the effects of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans, a city in which Brinkley lived for many years.

Brinkley also discusses one of his upcoming books, a biography of journalist Walter Cronkite.

In a special web extra, he talks about why he writes articles on popular culture, and what it was like to interview Bob Dylan for **Rolling Stone** magazine.

Guests

- Douglas Brinkley, Professor of History, Rice University

More Information

- [Douglas Brinkley \(Wikipedia\)](#)
- [Douglas Brinkley \(James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy\)](#)
- [Douglas Brinkley \(HarperCollins\)](#)

#1715 - 12/23/2010 [David Kennedy, Historian: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with historian David Kennedy about Depression-era policies and whether they have parallels to today's financial crisis.

Kennedy, professor emeritus at Stanford University, is known for integrating both economic and cultural analyses in his works about particular historical eras, as he did in **Freedom from Fear**, a book about the Great Depression in the United States. That book won the Pulitzer Prize in 2000.

Kennedy is also the author of several other books, including **Over Here: The First World War and American Society**, which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1981.

He and Franklin discuss the differences between the financial crises in the Great Depression and today, as well as current issues that concern him, including the growing gap he sees between

civilian and military society. Kennedy also talks about the priorities for the Bill Lane Center for the American West, of which he is a co-director.

Franklin spoke with Kennedy at the Sun Valley Writers' Conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. Those conversations can be found at <http://idahoptv.org/dialogue/sunvalleywriters/>.

Guests

- David Kennedy, professor emeritus of History, Stanford University

More Information

- [David Kennedy faculty page \(Stanford Univ.\)](#)
- [Bill Lane Center for the American West](#)
- [Freedom from Fear \(The 2000 Pulitzer Prize Winners: History\)](#)

#1714 - 12/16/2010 [Strobe Talbott, Former Diplomat: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Strobe Talbott, a former journalist and diplomat who is currently the president of the Brookings Institution.

Talbott, who wrote for **Time** magazine for more than 20 years, has also penned a dozen books. His latest work focuses on what he sees as the greatest crisis the world has faced: climate change. The book, **Fast Forward: Ethics and Politics in the Age of Global Warming**, suggests political and societal solutions for reversing climate change.

Franklin and Talbott talk about his passion for the subject of global warming, and whether the issue is still on the political radar for both politicians and the public.

The two also discuss his views on global governance, about which he writes in **The Great Experiment: The Story of Ancient Empires, Modern States, and the Quest for a Global Nation**. Talbott also sits on North American Executive Committee of the Trilateral Commission. The two discuss fears that some Americans have of "One World government."

Talbott, who was Deputy Secretary of State under President Bill Clinton, specialized in working with the new independent states of the Soviet Union. He talks with Franklin about the recent scandal in which Russian spies were found to have been living in the United States for many years.

The two also discuss Brookings Mountain West, an offshoot of the Brookings Institution in Las Vegas, which examines public policy issues pertaining to the Intermountain West.

Franklin spoke with Talbott at the Sun Valley Writers' Conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. Those conversations can be found at <http://idahoptv.org/dialogue/sunvalleywriters/>.

Guests

- Strobe Talbott, president, Brookings Institution

More Information

- [Strobe Talbott Bio \(Brookings Institution\)](#)
- [Brookings Mountain West](#)
- [Fast Forward \(Book site\)](#)

#1713 - 12/09/2010 [Pico Iyer, Travel Writer: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with author and world traveler Pico Iyer, whose books and essays about the far corners of the world explore not only the dynamics of those cultures, but also examine travel itself and its effect on an "outsider."

Iyer's many books include: **Video Night in Kathmandu**, **The Lady and the Monk**, **Falling off the Map** and **The Global Soul**.

His most recent book, **The Open Road**, is about the life and philosophy of the Dalai Lama, who was a friend of Iyer's father.

Franklin and Iyer talk about why he enjoys journeying so much, what tips he has for others who want to travel, and why he's concerned that so few Americans have passports.

They also discuss the politics of Tibet, and what Iyer learned about the personality of the Dalai Lama in the years of researching his book on him.

A former reporter for **Time** magazine, Iyer also writes many articles for periodicals and newspapers, including **The New York Times** and the **New York Review of Books**.

Franklin spoke with Iyer at the Sun Valley Writers' Conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. Those conversations can be found at <http://idahoptv.org/dialogue/sunvalleywriters/>.

Guests

- Pico Iyer, Travel Writer

More Information

- [Online Commentaries \(New York Times\)](#)
- [Pico Iyer \(Random House Author Spotlight\)](#)

#1712 - 12/02/2010 [Ishmael Beah, Former Child Soldier: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with former child soldier Ishmael Beah, whose bestselling book, **A Long Way Gone**, details his harrowing experiences in the 1990s when, as a teenager, he fought with the government-backed army in Sierra Leone during a brutal civil war.

Now 30, Beah fled attacking rebels in his homeland at age 12 and was later picked up and forced to serve in the government army. He was eventually released by the army and sent to a UNICEF rehabilitation center.

Franklin and Beah talk about how he and other children are drawn into war, what effect his experience had on him, what society can do about this illegal practice, and what he plans to do with his future.

Beah also addresses allegations that there were factual inaccuracies in his book, including how long he was a soldier.

Beah moved to the United States in 1998 and later earned a bachelor's degree in political science. He is a member of the Human Rights Watch Children's Rights Division Advisory Committee. Beah has spoken before the United Nations, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Center for Emerging Threats and Opportunities (CETO) at the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory, as well as many other panels on children affected by the war.

Franklin spoke with Beah at the Sun Valley Writers' Conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. Those conversations can be found at <http://idahoptv.org/dialogue/sunvalleywriters/>.

Guests

- Ishmael Beah, Former Child Soldier

More Information

- [A Long Way Gone \(Book site\)](#)
- [The Ishmael Beah Foundation](#)

#1711 - 11/25/2010 [Athletes and Arthritis](#)

Libby Ludlow was ranked 10th in the world in Super B down hill skiing. She was the 2004

National Giant Slalom Champion. She was a member of two World Championship Ski teams as well as the 2006 U-S Olympic team. She is a world-class athlete, and she has arthritis.

On this episode of **Dialogue**, Host Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Ludlow, Doctor Achini Dingman, Rheumatologist, and Craig Jussel, Director of Saint Alphonsus Rehabilitation Services (STARS). We find out how arthritis changed Ludlow's career and get the latest developments in treating and competing with arthritis.

Guests

- Libby Ludlow, Olympic Skier
- Dr. Achini Dingman, Rheumatologist, St. Alphonsus
- Craig Jussel, MPT; Director, Saint Alphonsus Rehabilitation Services (STARS)

More Information

- [Libby Ludlow](#)
- [Arthritis Foundation](#)
- [Arthritis \(Center for Disease Control and Prevention\)](#)

#1710 - 11/18/2010 [Fiscal 2012 Preview](#)

Governor Butch Otter declares the upcoming legislative session will be "one of the toughest sessions we've ever seen." Why? The budget. Even Governor Otter says legislators will have to choose between raising taxes or cutting public schools, health services, and other state services even more than they had been previously.

On this edition of **Dialogue**, host Joan Cartan-Hansen previews the budget debate ahead with key legislators. Her guests include House Revenue and Taxation Committee chair Rep. Dennis Lake (R-Blackfoot) and State Senator Nicole LeFavour (D-Boise).

Guests

- Rep. Dennis Lake (R-Blackfoot)
- Sen. Nicole LeFavour (D-Boise)

More Information

- [Idaho Legislature](#)
- [Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee \(JFAC\)](#)
- [JFAC Nov 15/16th Meeting Agenda \(PDF\)](#)
- [Division of Financial Management](#)
- [Idaho Economic Forecast: October 2010](#)
- [Idaho Reports](#)

#1709 - 11/11/2010 [Robert Oxnam and China](#)

China is the most populated country in the world with the world's second largest economy. And yet, China remains a mystery for many Americans. Robert Oxnam, former President of the Asia Society, spent much of his career working to bridge the gap between the United States and China.

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Oxnam about U.S.-China relations in the 21st century. Oxnam is currently an advisor to a major wealth management firm, offering insights on the Asia/Pacific region, as well as an advisory trustee for the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

Oxnam is the author of several books, including an unusual memoir: **A Fractured Mind: My Life with Multiple Personality Disorder**. In that book, Oxnam recounts his experience with multiple personalities. Oxnam is currently collaborating on a new book, **Co-Consciousness: A Dialogue on Cohesive Multiplicity**.

Oxnam is in Idaho for the 27th annual Frank Church Conference - "Eagle and Dragon: The U.S. and China in the 21st Century" - hosted by the Frank Church Institute at Boise State University.

Guests

- Robert Oxnam, former President, The Asia Society

More Information

- [Robert Oxnam, Rockefeller Brothers Funds Biography](#)
- [Asia Society](#)
- [The Frank Church Institute at Boise State University](#)
- [The World Factbook: China \(CIA\)](#)
- [Electronic Briefing Books: China and East Asia \(National Security Archive\)](#)

#1708 - 11/04/2010 [Election Recap 2010](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with the chairmen of Idaho Republican and Democratic parties about the results of this year's general election.

Franklin's guests are Norm Semanko, chair of the Idaho Republican Party, and R. Keith Roark, Idaho Democratic Party chair. Semanko and Roark will analyze the November 2 election results in Idaho and the nation and provide their insights into the potential effects of the elections on party politics and policymaking efforts.

Semanko is a member of the Eagle City Council and the executive director and general counsel of the Idaho Water Users Association. He represents the state of Idaho on the Western States

Water Council and is also the immediate past president of the National Water Resources Association. He is also of counsel to the law firm of Barker, Rosholt & Simpson.

Roark is the senior and managing partner of the Roark Law Firm in Hailey. He has also served as prosecuting attorney for Blaine County and mayor of Hailey, and was the Democratic candidate for Idaho state attorney general in 2002.

Guests

- R. Keith Roark, chair, Idaho Democratic Party
- Norm Semanko, chair, Idaho Republican Party

More Information

- [Idaho Republican Party](#)
- [Idaho Democratic Party](#)
- [DIALOGUE: Election Recap 2008 \(also with Roark and Semanko\)](#)

#1707 - 10/21/2010 [Wilderness in the 21st Century](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks about the past, present and future of wilderness with four guests. This program is a companion discussion to an **Outdoor Idaho** documentary, "[Wilderness in the 21st Century](#)."

Franklin's guests include Liz Close of the United States Forest Service, John McCarthy of the Wilderness Society, Sandra Mitchell of the Idaho Recreation Council, and Rick Johnson of the Idaho Conservation League.

Franklin and her guests will talk about whether new wilderness is needed in Idaho, what kinds of compromises it takes to get new wilderness areas approved, and how wilderness values are managed for a variety of uses, some of which seem to conflict with each other.

In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Wilderness Act, designating 9.1 million acres in the United States as wilderness, including the 1.2 million acre Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in Idaho. Over the years, Congress has designated six additional wilderness areas in Idaho, including the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, the Sawtooth Wilderness, and the recently designated Owyhee River Wilderness. With 4,522,779 total acres of wilderness, Idaho has the fourth largest amount of wilderness among the 50 states.

If Congress passes legislation to designate parts of the Boulder-White Clouds area as wilderness, Idaho would rank #3 in amount of wilderness among the states. However, that legislation is currently stalled.

Guests

- Liz Close, Director of Recreation, Wilderness, & Heritage Resources, Intermountain Region, USFS
- John McCarthy, Idaho Forest Campaign Director, Wilderness Society
- Sandra Mitchell, Executive Director, Idaho Recreation Council
- Rick Johnson, Executive Director, Idaho Conservation League

More Information

- [OUTDOOR IDAHO: Wilderness in the 21st Century](#)
- [Wilderness \(US Forest Service\)](#)
- [The Wilderness Society](#)
- [Idaho Recreation Council](#)
- [Idaho Conservation League](#)
- [Text of Wilderness Act](#)

#1706 - 10/17/2010 [US-Pakistan Relations](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with the Pakistani Ambassador to the United States, Husain Haqqani. Haqqani will share his views on his country's stability and offer an update on flood relief. He will also provide insight into Pakistan's complex relationship with the United States.

Hardly a day goes by without dire news out of Pakistan, a critical U.S. ally which some worry is reaching the status of a failed state. Not only has it been struck by disastrous flooding, which has left millions homeless and has killed more than 1,600 people, but it also continues to battle militants, who train there and then commit acts of terrorism both in Pakistan and abroad. Experts have long thought that Osama Bin Laden is being harbored in the tribal regions of Pakistan.

Pakistan has quietly allowed unmanned American drones to attack suspected militants. But they have killed civilians as well, causing anti-American sentiment. In retaliation, gunmen have destroyed more than 100 NATO trucks trying to bring supplies into Afghanistan through Pakistan, and Pakistan has closed a critical border crossing for the vehicles. A recent US report strongly criticized Pakistan for not doing enough to neutralize the Taliban and other terrorists within its borders.

Franklin and Haqqani will talk about the tension between the two countries, which coincides with American aid for the flood victims. He will discuss where he sees the relationship with the two countries headed.

Husain Haqqani was a close adviser to former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto before accepting his current position as ambassador from Pakistan. He also teaches at Johns Hopkins University and Boston University.

Haqqani's syndicated column runs in newspapers in southern Asia and the Middle East. He edits a journal, **Current Trends in Islamist Thought**, and in 2005 he authored **Pakistan Between Mosque and Military**. Haqqani holds a master's degree in international relations from the University of Karachi.

Guests

- Husain Haqqani, Pakistani Ambassador to the United States

More Information

- [Embassy of The Islamic Republic of Pakistan](#)
- [2010 Pakistan Floods \(NY Times\)](#)
- [Pakistan \(NY Times\)](#)
- [Boise Committee on Foreign Relations](#)

#1705 - 09/30/2010 [Religion and Society](#)

Two thirds of Americans say religion is losing its influence on American life. Religious views have long played a part in political practice and discussion, but if preaching from the pulpit no longer changes people's minds, what does? How will the decline of religion's influence affect our society?

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Brent Peterson, Associate Professor of Theology from Northwest Nazarene University and Ronald Scott, a political scientist teaching at Idaho State University about the relation of religion and society.

Guests

- Brent Peterson, Associate Professor of Theology, Northwest Nazarene University
- Ronald Scott, political science, Idaho State University

More Information

- [Religion Losing Influence in America \(Pew Research Center\)](#)
- [Religious Beliefs and Political Issues \(Pew Research Center\)](#)
- [Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life](#)
- [God in America \(PBS\)](#)
- [U.S. Religious Knowledge Survey](#)

#1704 - 09/23/2010 [Constitutional Amendments](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with a proponent and opponent of three constitutional amendments on the ballot. All three amendments modify Article VIII, Section 3 of the Idaho Constitution, which outlines limitations on county and municipal indebtedness.

Franklin's guests are Sen. Joe Stegner (R-Lewiston) and Dave Frazier, a Boise photojournalist and news blogger. Stegner was the floor sponsor in the Idaho Senate of the amendments, and Frazier opposes them.

In 2006, Frazier won a lawsuit against the city of Boise, when the Idaho Supreme Court ruled that the city's desire to build a parking garage at the city-owned airport without a vote of the people was not "ordinary and necessary" as outlined in Article VIII, Section 3 of the Idaho Constitution. The Supreme Court ruled that any long-term debt by a municipality that cannot be paid off within a fiscal year must be put on the ballot and pass by a 2/3rds vote.

In 2010, in response to the decision, the Idaho legislature passed H.J.R. 4, H.J.R. 5, and H.J.R. 7. The proposed constitutional amendments modify the Idaho constitution to allow for publicly-owned hospitals, airports and electric systems to enter into long-term debt as long as no ad valorem tax revenues are used for the activities, that any such bonds are payable solely from fees, charges, rents, payments, grants of other revenues, and that they are not secured by the full faith and credit or taxing power of any political subdivision.

Proponents say the amendments are needed so the entities can upgrade and modernize their facilities and will not involve increased taxes; opponents say any assumption of long-term debt by a municipality must go to a vote of the people.

A majority of the voters must approve the amendments for them to pass.

Guests

- Sen. Joe Stegner (R-Lewiston)
- Dave Frazier, Boise photojournalist and news blogger

More Information

- [2010 General Election Proposed Constitutional Amendments \(Idaho Secretary of State\)](#)
- [Idaho Constitution: Article VIII, Public Indebtedness and Subsidies](#)
- [White Paper Explains Constitutional Challenge To Voter Rights \(Boise Guardian\)](#)
- [HJR5Facts.com \(Airports\)](#)
- [HJR4: Idaho's Community Hospitals](#)

#1703 - 09/16/2010 [Wolf Management](#)

Host Marcia Franklin is joined by Cal Groen, director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and Jon Rachael, Fish and Game's wildlife carnivore and big game manager, to discuss the recent court decision by U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy that put the gray wolf back on the Endangered Species List.

In his decision, Molloy ruled that Wyoming doesn't have an adequate management plan for hunting wolves and that the Endangered Species Act does not allow the federal government to subdivide a distinct population segment so that a species is listed in part of a region and delisted in the another part of the same region. As a result, Molloy ruled, federal protections for wolves must be reinstated throughout the region. The ruling halted Idaho's wolf-hunting season.

U.S. Sens. Jim Risch and Mike Crapo have sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar asking him to appeal the decision. Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter has also asked Salazar for a new Memorandum of Understanding between the state and the federal government that would allow for wolf hunting in Idaho.

Guests

- Cal Groen, Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Jon Rachael, State Wildlife Manager, Idaho Department of Fish and Game

More Information

- [Wolf Management \(Idaho Fish and Game\)](#)
- [Judge Molloy's ruling \(PDF\)](#)
- [Defenders of Wildlife](#)
- [Wolf Information \(Wyoming Game and Fish Department\)](#)
- [Wolf Program \(Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks\)](#)

#1702 - 09/09/2010 [School Budget Cuts Update](#)

School is back in session and educators find they have a lot fewer resources in the classroom. School districts across the state are living with an historic cut in education funding from the State Legislature. But there is some hope for relief from the federal government. What will the impact of these new federal funds be on Idaho's schools? How are schools faring now that the kids are back in class?

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen brings back four educators and administrators from around Idaho to get an update on the impact of school budget cuts on the state's school children. Guests include Geoffrey Thomas, Madison School District Superintendent; Linda Clark, Meridian School District Superintendent; Mark Moorer, Potlatch School Board Member; and Sherri Wood, Idaho Education Association President.

This is an update of our original "[School budget Cuts](#)" show from June 10, 2010.

Tables

- [Budget Cuts, by District](#)
- [Charter Schools, New Federal Funds](#)

Guests

- Geoffrey Thomas, Superintendent, Madison School District
- Linda Clark, Superintendent, Meridian School District
- Mark Moorer, School Board Member, Potlatch School District
- Sherri Wood, President, Idaho Education Association

More Information

- [Madison School District](#)
- [Meridian School District](#)
- [Potlatch School District](#)
- [Idaho Education Association](#)
- [Idaho Association of School Administrators](#)
- [Idaho School Boards Association](#)
- [Idaho State Department of Education](#)
- [Congress Passes Bill to . . . Support 160,000 Education Jobs \(US Dept of Education, Aug 2010\)](#)
- [Estimated Jobs Saved For Each State \(PDF; US Dept of Education, Aug 2010\)](#)

#1701 - 09/02/2010 [Repeal the 17th Amendment?](#)

In 1787, George Mason called on his fellow delegates at the Constitutional Convention to let state legislators elect U.S. Senators as a check on the power of the new federal government. Mason's idea prevailed, and for more than 100 years, the people elected their U.S. Representatives and state legislators elected U.S. Senators.

But in the early 1900s, Idaho's Senator William Borah sponsored efforts to reform the Constitution and called for direct election of U.S. Senators. In 1913, the United States passed Borah's plan with the adoption of the 17th Amendment to the Constitution.

Today, Idaho Republicans want to undo Borah's reforms. They have voted to repeal the 17th Amendment as part of their party platform.

What does this mean for Idaho? Should the state vote to rescind the 17th Amendment? Host Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined supporters and opponents of such a plan: State Representative Pete Nielsen, R-Mountain Home, State Senator Elliot Werk, D-Boise, and David Adler, Director of the University of Idaho's James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research.

Guests

- Rep. Pete Nielsen (R-Mountain Home)
- Sen. Elliot Werk (D-Boise)

- David Adler, Director, James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research, University of Idaho

More Information

- [Amendments to the Constitution \(US Archives\)](#)
- [History of the 17th Amendment \(U.S. Senate\)](#)
- [Idaho Republican Party Platform 2010 \(PDF\)](#)

#1641 - 07/15/2010 [Local Foods](#)

Host Marcia Franklin and her guests explore the trend of "eating local." Guests include Janie Burns of Meadowlark Farm in Nampa, Dave Krick of Bittercreek Alehouse in Boise, Frank Muir of the Idaho Potato Commission, and Leah Clark of the Idaho Department of Agriculture's Idaho Preferred® program.

Franklin and her guests discuss what the movement entails and ways that both consumers and food purveyors, including schools and restaurants, can get more of their food locally. Panelists also discuss challenges the local food movement faces in the state, including the lack of processing facilities, and whether 'eating local' can actually hurt the marketing of Idaho products, such as potatoes, outside of the state.

Idaho currently has more than 50 farmers' markets, and demand for locally grown food is growing. A recent study of farms in the Treasure Valley area showed that about 10%, or nearly 900 farms, sell directly to consumers, a 36% increase over each of the last five years. Still, according to the same study, conducted by Ken Meter of the Crossroads Resource Center in Minneapolis, more than 98% of food bought by Treasure Valley residents, at an estimated cost of \$1.7 billion, comes from out-of-state.

See also the companion [Outdoor Idaho: "Eating Local,"](#) which explores some of the growers, markets, processors, distributors, and consumers that make up the "local foods" eco-system in Idaho.

Guests

- Janie Burns, Meadowlark Farm
- Dave Krick, Bittercreek Alehouse
- Frank Muir, Idaho Potato Commission
- Leah Clark, Idaho Preferred®

More Information

- [OUTDOOR IDAHO: Eating Local](#)
- [Meadowlark Farm](#)
- [Bittercreek Alehouse](#)

- [Idaho Potato Commission](#)
- [Idaho Preferred®](#)
- [Sustainable Community Connections \(Ken Meter study\)](#)
- [Idaho's Bounty](#)
- [Farmers' markets in Idaho \(PDF\)](#)

#1640 - 07/01/2010 [The Role of the Humanities](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Jim Leach, the chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, about civility in our national discourse and the importance of studying the humanities.

President Obama appointed Leach to his post in July, 2009. The former 15-term Republican congressman from Iowa has made a 50-state "civility tour" a priority, saying that he's concerned about the tone and tenor of political debate over such issues as health care reform.

In addition to the issue of civility, Chairman Leach and Franklin discuss his views on why it's important for Americans to study the humanities, which are often the first courses that institutions of higher learning cut as they trim budgets.

The NEH, an independent federal agency established in 1965, has an appropriation of more than \$160 million dollars for the current budget year.

Most of that funding is distributed as grants to state humanities councils, scholars, schools, museums and libraries.

Guests

- Jim Leach, chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities

More Information

- [National Endowment for the Humanities website](#)

#1639 - 06/24/2010 [Remembering The Korean War](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with several veterans of the war and with a historian. Guests include Richard Seward of Coeur d'Alene and Harold Kwan of Boise, who served with the U.S. Marine Corps at the Battle of Chosin Reservoir; Chuck Platt, who served with the U.S. Army at the Battle of Pork Chop Hill; and Shelton Woods, who is Professor of East and Southeast Asian History and Associate Dean at Boise State University.

The veterans will reflect on their memories of the war and their lives after their return. Professor Woods will set the war in perspective, discussing why it occurred and its geopolitical effects.

The war began on June 25, 1950, when the North Korean Army attacked South Korea. The next day, President Harry Truman authorized General MacArthur to use U.S. Air Force planes and Navy ships against all North Korean military targets south of the 38th Parallel, the dividing line between North and South Korea. Fighting continued until July 27, 1953, when the U.S., North Korea and China signed an armistice.

More than 37,000 American soldiers lost their lives in the Korean War. Hundreds of thousands of Korean soldiers on both sides died, as did millions of civilians.

Guests

- Richard Seward, Marine Corps veteran
- Harold Kwan, Marine Corps veteran
- Chuck Platt, Army veteran
- Shelton Woods, Professor of East and Southeast Asian History and Associate Dean, Boise State University

More Information

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- [Unforgettable: The Korean War \(PBS/Arizona Public Media\)](#)
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- [PBS NewsHour: In-Depth Coverage: North Korea/Korean War](#)
- [American Experience: MacArthur \(The Korean War\)](#)
- [American Experience: Race for the Superbomb \(The Korean War\)](#)
- [United States Forces Korea](#)
- [60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee](#)
- [The Chosin Few](#)

#1638 - 06/17/2010 [Good Summer Reading 2010](#)

Award-winning author Anthony Doerr joins host Marcia Franklin for her annual "Good Summer Reading" show this week.

The Boise-based writer has a new book of short stories that will be released in July entitled **Memory Wall**. Doerr, who is just finishing a two-year appointment as Idaho's Writer-in-Residence, will talk about his book, as well as recommend good summer reading.

Doerr is author of a collection of short stories, **The Shell Collector**; a novel, **About Grace**; and a memoir, **Four Seasons in Rome**. He recently received a Guggenheim Fellowship and is a past recipient of an NEA Fellowship and the Rome Prize from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He writes a regular column on science books for the **Boston Globe**.

Readers' Recommendations

- [View the Picks](#)

Guests

- Anthony Doerr

More Information

- [Anthony Doerr's website](#)

#1637 - 06/10/2010 [School Budget Cuts](#)

What kind of cuts will Idaho's schools see next fall? Most school districts have designed their response to the budget crisis. So what programs are gone? How much will teacher pay be cut? What do these reductions mean long term to Idaho's education system?

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen brings together educators and administrators from around Idaho to discuss the impact of school budget cuts on the state's school children. Guests include: Geoffrey Thomas, Madison School District Superintendent; Linda Clark, Meridian School District Superintendent; Mark Moorer, Potlatch School Board Member; and Sherri Wood, Idaho Education Association President.

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- Geoffrey Thomas, Superintendent, Madison School District
- Linda Clark, Superintendent, Meridian School District
- Mark Moorer, School Board Member, Potlatch School District
- Sherri Wood, President, Idaho Education Association

More Information

- [Madison School District](#)
- [Meridian School District](#)
- [Potlatch School District](#)
- [Idaho Education Association](#)
- [Idaho Association of School Administrators](#)
- [Idaho School Boards Association](#)

- [Idaho State Department of Education](#)

#1636 - 06/03/2010 [End The Silence](#)

The account of one East Dutch Indies family's survival during World War II and the Indonesian Revolution is the subject of this edition of **Dialogue**.

Joan Cartan-Hansen interviews sisters Ilse Evelijn Veere Smit and Edith Evelijn Veere, who survived the two atrocities, as well as author Dorothy Read, who helps Ilse tell her family's story in the new book **End the Silence**.

The sisters lived through the Japanese invasion of the Dutch East Indies in 1942 and the revolution in the war's aftermath and talk about their lives during those turbulent times.

After the Japanese invasion of the Dutch East Indies in 1942, 9-year-old Ilse, her mother and siblings were sent to a concentration camp. Tortured by her captors, Ilse survived the war only to see her family become targets of Indonesian revolutionaries determined to wipe out Dutch colonialists. How Ilse survived a war and a revolution became a family secret, not to be discussed until now as Read documents the story in their book.

The story told in **End the Silence** is a little known yet relevant piece of World War II, an addition to the tragic sagas of Europe's concentration camps and the interment of Japanese Americans in the U.S. It is a piece of history that belongs to a world audience, as it exposes the iniquity and indignities suffered by people interned in the Dutch East Indies, now known as Indonesia.

Guests

- Ilse Evelijn Veere Smit
- Edith Evelijn Veere

More Information

- [Dorothy Read's website](#)
- [Indo-Heritage Project](#)
- [The Dutch East Indies Heritage Project](#)
- [Ports of the World: Indonesia](#)
- [The Defining Years of the Dutch East Indies, 1942-1949 \(Jan A. Krancher\)](#)
- [The Indo Project](#)

#1635 - 05/27/2010 [Rethinking Child Abuse Prevention](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen discusses child abuse prevention with Jim Hmurovich, head of Prevent Child Abuse America.

Hmurovich discusses the reasons behind the drop in the numbers of the most serious cases of child abuse and why child neglect remains a serious problem. He also talks about why society needs to rethink what constitutes child abuse and find new ways to keep children safe.

Hmurovich is a former juvenile probation officer for Monroe County, Indiana, as well as a former state parole officer, state director of probation, director of administration, director of planning and deputy commissioner for the Indiana Department of Correction. After almost 20 years of service in that department, he was appointed to the position of director, Division of Family and Children for the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, a position he held for almost nine years. He was named president/CEO of Prevent Child Abuse America in 2006.

Guests

- Jim Hmurovich, President/CEO, Prevent Child Abuse America

More Information

- [Prevent Child Abuse America](#)

#1634 - 05/20/2010 [Living Simply](#)

Marcia Franklin discusses the "voluntary simplicity" movement with Idaho native and writer Duane Elgin, who helped foster the movement 30 years ago when he authored a book about it. Franklin's other guest is Karen Lanphear, the co-founder of the Sandpoint Transition Initiative, which aims to create a more sustainable economy in that north Idaho community.

Guests

- Karen Lanphear, Sandpoint Transition Initiative
- Duane Elgin, author, Voluntary Simplicity

More Information

- [Awakening Earth: Duane Elgin's website](#)
- [Transition United States](#)
- [Sandpoint Transition Initiative](#)
- [The End Is Near! \(Yay!\) \(NY Times Magazine\)](#)
- [Community Rising: A Transition Initiative in Ketchum, Idaho](#)
- [Transition Network](#)

#1633 - 05/13/2010 [Arizona's Immigration Law](#)

Idaho State Senator Mike Jorgenson is tickled to death about a new immigration law in Arizona. That law would compel local law enforcement officials to confront individuals whom they

suspect of being illegal immigrants and demand proof of citizenship or immigration status. Jorgenson would like to see a similar law in Idaho.

Leo Morales, Immigration Policy Director for the Idaho Community Action Network, says Arizona's law sets a dangerous precedent. He calls for national immigration reform.

In this edition of Dialogue, Jorgenson and Morales face off over immigration policy and the role states have in this ostensible federal responsibility.

Guests

- Sen. Mike Jorgenson (R-Hayden)
- Leo Morales, Immigration Policy Director, Idaho Community Action Network

More Information

- [Arizona \(enacted\): Senate Bill 1070](#)
- [Idaho \(proposed\): E-Verify](#)
- [Idaho \(proposed\): False Impersonation for Employment Purposes](#)
- [Idaho \(proposed\): Falsifying public records for employment](#)
- [Idaho \(proposed\): Unlawful presence, no Idaho driver's license](#)
- [Arizona Governor Brewer's statement on SB1070 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Arizona Executive Order on Training for Immigration Laws \(PDF\)](#)
- [Idaho Community Action Network](#)
- [Immigration and Emigration \(NY Times\)](#)
- [Pew Survey: Broad Approval For New Arizona Immigration Law](#)

#1632 - 05/06/2010 [Larry Echo Hawk](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with former Idaho Attorney General Larry Echo Hawk about his current position as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. Echo Hawk was sworn into office by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar on May 22, 2009.

Echo Hawk, who served as Idaho's Attorney General from 1990-1994, tells Franklin why he decided to accept the job, one of whose responsibilities is overseeing the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), an agency he himself describes as having a "haunting history of mistreatment" since it was established in 1824.

He talks about his goals for the agency, which has a \$2.6 billion budget and 10,000 employees. The BIA administers 55 million acres of land on behalf of nearly two million tribal members; the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) runs a school system with 47,000 students.

Franklin asks Echo Hawk about his strong opposition to tribal gaming when he was Attorney General, and whether his views have changed in his new position. He also reflects on his failed bid for Idaho's governor in 1994, when he ran against Phil Batt.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Echo Hawk served for 14 years as a Professor of Law at Brigham Young University. He started his career in Idaho as Chief General Legal Counsel to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. He then went on to be elected as Bannock County prosecutor and serve two terms in the Idaho legislature before becoming Attorney General.

Guests

- Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior

More Information

- [Bureau of Indian Affairs](#)
- [Larry Echo Hawk bio \(US Dept. of Interior\)](#)
- [Coeur d'Alene Tribe](#)
- [Nez Perce Tribe](#)
- [Shoshone-Bannock Tribes](#)
- [Shoshone Paiute Tribes](#)
- [Kootenai Tribe](#)

#1631 - 04/29/2010 [Helping Refugees](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Michel Gabaudan, the U.S. and Caribbean representative to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

April marks the 30th anniversary of the landmark U.S. Refugee Act of 1980, which expanded the definition of a "refugee," set refugee quotas and created the Federal Refugee Resettlement Program to help refugees once they arrived.

More than 2.5 million refugees from more than 65 nationalities have been resettled in the United States since the Act went into operation. In the past decade, more than 6,500 refugees have arrived in Idaho, including more than 300 Iraqis in just the past year.

Franklin and her guest discuss the increasingly complex and even dangerous nature of the UNHCR's mandate to protect refugees and internally displaced people before they're resettled or are able to return home. They also talk about the challenges refugees face in their adopted countries.

The two also discuss efforts to assist Haitians devastated by the recent earthquake there, and why they are not considered refugees.

Mr. Gabaudan has served in his position since September 2006, and has worked for the UNHCR for more than 25 years in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Australia.

Guests

- Michel Gabaudan, U.S. and Caribbean representative, UN High Commissioner for Refugees

More Information

- [United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees \(UNHCR\)](#)
- [Idaho Office for Refugees](#)
- [Agency for New Americans](#)
- [International Rescue Committee Boise](#)
- [World Relief Boise](#)

#1630 - 04/22/2010 [Higher Ed's Future](#)

Why is Idaho 43rd in the nation in the number of 9th graders that go onto finish college? With recent hikes in tuition, will more Idaho students be unable to afford college? And for those who can figure out a way to pay for school, what kind of jobs are waiting for them after graduation?

Joan Cartan-Hansen explores the future of higher education in Idaho - from a student perspective - with the student body presidents of the state's public four-year colleges and universities: Kelby Wilson, University of Idaho; Ross Knight, Idaho State University; and Clay Long, Lewis-Clark State College.

Guests

- Kelby Wilson, ASUI President, University of Idaho
- H. Ross Knight, ASISU President, Idaho State University
- Clay Long, ASLSCS President, Lewis-Clark State College

More Information

- [Idaho State Board of Education](#)
- [Making Higher Education More Affordable \(U.S. Dept of Education\)](#)
- [Associated Students of the University of Idaho](#)
- [Associated Students of Idaho State University](#)
- [Associated Students of Boise State University](#)
- [Associated Students of Lewis-Clark State College](#)
- [Report on Enrollment, Graduation Rates, and Financial Statistics \(National Center for Education Statistics\)](#)
- [A Test of Leadership: Charting the Future of U.S. Higher Education \(PDF\)](#)
- [Economic, Demography and the Future of Higher Education Policy \(PDF\)](#)
- [Albertson Foundation](#)

#1629 - 04/15/2010 [Tea Party Movement](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with members of Tea Party groups from around the state to learn more about why they became involved in the movement, what they hope to accomplish, and whether their groups will play a role in this year's elections. She also talks with a member of the new Coffee Party.

Guests include Brendan Smythe of Tea Party Boise, Dorothy Moon of the Custer County Tea Party Patriots, Bruce Saunders of the Lewis and Clark Tea Party, and Cindy Gross of the Boise Coffee Party.

The origins of the current Tea Party movement are unclear, but it came to public attention with protests in February, 2009 over the pending Stimulus Act. In general, Tea Party groups promote smaller government and fiscal conservatism, but some groups also focus on other issues such as government intrusion, the right to bear arms, immigration and health care. Their name hearkens back to the 1773 protests by American colonists against the taxation of tea imported by the British East India Company.

The Coffee Party, which is non-partisan as well, started in response to what its organizers viewed as increasingly uncivil debate about political and social issues.

Related Story

- **NewsHour: Tea Party Movement:** The NewsHour discusses the tea party movement in different states, including Idaho. Features **Dialogue** host Marcia Franklin. Air date: May 5, 2010. [Watch the video.](#)

Guests

- Brendan Smythe, Tea Party Boise
- Dorothy Moon, Custer County Tea Party Patriots
- Bruce Saunders, Lewis and Clark Tea Party
- Cindy Gross, Boise Coffee Party

More Information

- [Idaho Tea Party Patriots](#)
- [Tax Day Tea Party](#)
- [The Coffee Party USA](#)
- [Boise Coffee Party Facebook page](#)

#1628 - 04/08/2010 [Poultry Farms](#)

Will large poultry and egg farms come to roost in Idaho? California recently tightened its animal welfare laws, sending poultry companies looking for new locations. Idaho has few regulations,

and proposals in the state legislature to set new standards failed this session. So what should Idaho's policy makers do now? How do we balance the need for clean air and water with the need for the new jobs these large-scale farms would bring? What kind of animal well-being requirements should the state adopt?

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen poses these questions to a panel of experts which include State Senator Tom Corder (R-Mountain Home); Matt Thompson, a waste management engineer from AgTec; Lisa Kauffman, Idaho State Director of the Humane Society of the United States; and Courtney Washburn, Community Conservation Director for the Idaho Conservation League.

Guests

- Sen. Tim Corder, R-Mountain Home
- Matt Thompson, Waste Management Engineer, AgTec
- Lisa Kauffman, Idaho State Director, Humane Society of the United States
- Courtney Washburn, Community Conservation Director, Idaho Conservation League

More Information

- [Idaho Code on large swine or poultry operations](#)
- [Water Quality in Idaho: Operating Swine and Poultry Facilities \(Idaho DEQ\)](#)
- [The Welfare of Hens in Battery Cages: A Summary of the Scientific Evidence \(farmsanctuary.org\)](#)
- [USA Egg Farming](#)
- [United Egg Producers Certified](#)
- [United Egg Producers](#)
- [U.S. Poultry and Egg Association](#)
- [Humane Society of the United States \(Factory Farming\)](#)
- [Frontline: Poisoned Waters](#)
- [Idaho Concerned Area Residents for the Environment \(ICARE\)](#)

#1627 - 04/01/2010 [Health Care Reform Law](#)

Marcia Franklin discusses the new health care reform law recently signed by President Obama. Guests include Boise physician Ted Epperly, chairman of the board of the American Academy of Family Physicians; Jim Wordelman, state director of AARP Idaho; Steve Fredriksen, owner, Fredriksen Health Insurance; and Karen Early, director of corporate communications for Blue Cross of Idaho.

The new health care act has been called both a victory for the common good and a looming catastrophe for the country. The act makes sweeping changes to America's health-care system, most notably by requiring most citizens to purchase health insurance or face a tax penalty. It bans insurance companies from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions and removes caps on that coverage. To pay for the subsidies and tax credits that will be needed to

help people and businesses purchase insurance, the legislation raises taxes and fees in many areas, including individuals who make over \$200,000, certain investment income, medical devices, and the pharmaceutical and health insurance sectors.

Already, GOP lawmakers have vowed to repeal it, and 13 states have joined a lawsuit contesting the constitutionality of the insurance mandate for individuals.

Guests

- Dr. Ted Epperly, chairman of the board, American Academy of Family Physicians
- Jim Wordelman, state director, AARP Idaho
- Steve Fredriksen, owner, Fredriksen Health Insurance
- Karen Early, director of corporate communications for Blue Cross of Idaho

More Information

- HealthReform.gov (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
- [Topic: Health Care Reform \(New York Times\)](#)
- [Implementation timeline \(Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation\)](#)
- [American Academy of Family Physicians](#)
- [Family Medicine Residency of Idaho](#)
- [AARP Idaho](#)
- [Fredriksen Health Insurance](#)
- [Blue Cross of Idaho](#)
- [DIALOGUE program with Ted Epperly \(October 22, 2009\)](#)
- [DIALOGUE program with Hospital CEOs \(October 29, 2009\)](#)
- [DIALOGUE program on Idaho's uninsured \(April 17, 2008\)](#)

#1626 - 03/25/2010 INL's Future

The Idaho National Laboratory is one of the state's largest employers. Its scientists are researching everything from biofuels to hybrid vehicles to new battery technology. Still, the INL is best known for its research on nuclear energy. With the Obama administration offering \$8.33 billion in loan guarantees to jumpstart the nuclear power industry, the INL is arguably on the threshold of a new period of growth. Host Joan Cartan-Hansen talks about the INL's future with its Director, John Grossenbacher.

Guests

- John Grossenbacher, Director, Idaho National Laboratory

More Information

- [Idaho National Laboratory](#)
- [Idaho National Laboratory on Facebook](#)
- [Idaho National Laboratory on YouTube](#)
- [U.S. Department of Energy](#)

#1625 - 03/18/2010 [Coach Petersen 2010](#)

Boise State University's 2010 Football team hopes for its first "top five" preseason ranking this fall. Can the Broncos repeat another undefeated season with a big Bowl game win at the end? Head coach Chris Petersen is the man to ask, and viewers will find out what he thinks on this Festival special. Joan Cartan-Hansen hosts.

Earlier this year Petersen won the Paul "Bear" Bryant Award for the second time in four years. The annual honor is the top college coach of the year. During the show, Petersen discusses his coaching philosophy, some of the reasons for the Broncos' rise among college football's elite programs, and the likelihood of his taking another coaching job someday.

The 2009 Broncos finished a 14-0 season with a 17-10 win over previously unbeaten TCU in the Fiesta Bowl. Boise State went undefeated through the regular season for the third time in Petersen's four years.

Petersen also won the Bryant award in 2006, after the Broncos completed another perfect season with a 43-42 win over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl. The Broncos are 49-4 under Petersen in his four years at the helm at BSU, including a 31-1 record in the Western Athletic Conference. Petersen is the first two-time winner of the award, given since 1986.

Guests

- BSU Head football coach Chris Petersen

More Information

- [Boise State U. Football](#)
- [Sports Illustrated: BSU Football](#)
- [February 2008 interview](#)
- [February 2007 interview](#)

#1624 - 03/04/2010 [Michael Hoffman 2010](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Idaho filmmaker Michael Hoffman, whose latest movie, **The Last Station**, has been nominated for two Academy Awards. The Oscars air on Sunday, March 7th on ABC.

Based on a novel by Jay Parini of the same name, **The Last Station** chronicles the final year in the life of Russian writer and philosopher Leo Tolstoy, who was locked in a battle with his wife Sophia about the rights to his works. Tolstoy is surrounded by acolytes who want him to leave the copyrights to his major novels such as **War and Peace** and **Anna Karenina** to the Russian people, while Sophia wants the Tolstoy family to keep the rights.

Hoffman, who wrote and directed the script, shuttled for years between Boise and Germany, where the film was financed and made. He talks with Franklin about why he was attracted to the story, the process of making the film, and what it was like to direct Helen Mirren and Christopher Plummer, who play the Tolstoys. Both are nominated for Academy Awards.

This is the third **Dialogue** conversation Franklin and Hoffman have had about his works since 1999. Links to those earlier programs are below.

More Information

- [The Last Station \(Sony Classics\)](#)
- [November 2002 interview](#)
- [March 1999 interview](#)

#1623 - 02/25/2010 [Efficiencies in Corrections and Parole](#)

How can Idaho's correctional system be downsized? Can we make the pardons and parole system operate more efficiently? Host Joan Cartan-Hansen looks at new reports evaluating how Idaho deals with prison inmates and ways of releasing prisoners back into the community. Cartan-Hansen is joined by Correction Department Director Brent Reinke; Senator Elliot Werk (D-Boise), Co-Chair of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee; Representative Darrell Bolz (R-Caldwell), Vice Chair of the House Appropriations Committee; and Olivia Craven, Executive Director of the Idaho Commission of Pardons and Parole.

Guests

- Brent Reinke, Director, Idaho Department of Correction
- Sen. Elliot Werk (D-Boise), Co-Chair, Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
- Rep. Darrell Bolz (R-Caldwell), Vice Chair, House Appropriations Committee
- Olivia Craven, Executive Director, Idaho Commission of Pardons and Parole

More Information

- [Operational Efficiencies in Idaho's Prison System \(OPE 1-26-2010\)](#)
- [Increasing Efficiencies in Idaho's Parole Process \(OPE 2-24-2010\)](#)
- [Idaho Commission of Pardons and Parole](#)
- [Idaho Department of Correction](#)

#1622 - 02/18/2010 [Homelessness In Idaho](#)

Thousands of people in Idaho are either homeless or on the verge of homelessness. Host Marcia Franklin talks with a previously homeless woman about her situation and with three shelter operators from different parts of the state about the trends they are seeing, how they are assisting their clients, and what the ongoing needs are for their facilities and for the homeless population.

Guests include: Jeff Conroy, executive director of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho in Coeur d'Alene; B.J. Stensland, director of Aid for Friends in Pocatello; Rev. Bill Roscoe of the Boise Rescue Mission; and Sarah Heinz, who was a resident at City Light Shelter in Boise and now lives in transitional housing operated by the same facility.

Last year's "Point in Time" survey showed that nearly 2,000 individuals in Idaho had no permanent home. This year's report, conducted the last week in January, is expected to show an increase in the number of homeless.

Idaho is the recipient of more than \$4.4 million in federal stimulus grants to assist in both people who have lost their home during the economic downturn as well as those in imminent danger of eviction. Guests will discuss how to apply for that aid, and how it is being used.

Guests

- Jeff Conroy, executive director, Society of St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho (Coeur d'Alene)
- BJ Stensland, director, Aid for Friends (Pocatello)
- Rev. Bill Roscoe, Boise Rescue Mission
- Sarah Heinz, former resident of City Light Shelter (Boise)

More Information

- [Society of St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho](#)
- [Aid For Friends](#)
- [Boise Rescue Mission](#)
- [States cope with rising homelessness \(Stateline.org\)](#)
- [Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program \(HPRP\)](#)
- [Idaho administrators of HPRP Grants \(PDF\)](#)
- [IHFA Home Partnership Foundation](#)
- [housingidaho.com](#)
- [Self-Rescue Manual \(PDF\)](#)

#1621 - 02/11/2010 [Economic Trends 2010](#)

The Federal Reserve Economic Index shows Idaho's economy has remained stable since last fall. Personal income rates and housing starts are both predicted to rise in 2010. Will this slow growth really make a difference to your pocketbook? Will state and federal efforts to spur job growth make a difference in the unemployment rate?

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen speaks with leading economists about the state of Idaho's fiscal health. Guests include Don Holley, Chair of the Department of Economics at Boise State University; Mike Ferguson, Chief Economist, Idaho's Division of Financial Management; Richard Gardner, Senior Fellow, Bootstrap Solutions; and Steve Peterson, Economist, University of Idaho.

Guests

- Don Holley, Chair, Department of Economics, Boise State University
- Mike Ferguson, Chief Economist, State of Idaho Division of Financial Management
- Richard Gardner, Senior Fellow, Bootstrap Solutions
- Steve Peterson, Economist, University of Idaho

More Information

- [State of Idaho, Division of Financial Management](#)
- [Idaho Legislature, Budget and Policy Analysis](#)
- [Recession & Recovery \(Stateline.org\)](#)
- [States in Fiscal Peril \(Pew Center on the States\)](#)
- [Federal Reserve](#)
- [Current Economic Conditions \(Federal Reserve, Sept. 2009, PDF\)](#)
- [Economic Report of the President \(2010\)](#)

#1620 - 02/04/2010 [Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Idaho Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Merrill about the future of her agency, which at one point looked like it would be eliminated.

Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter appointed Merrill, the former mayor of Eagle, ID, to her position in September, 2009. She oversees a \$38.4 million budget, 165 fulltime employees and several hundred seasonal employees.

Currently, \$6.7 million, or 18% of the Parks and Recreation budget, comes from the state general fund. The rest comes from user fees and federal monies. The original governor's recommendation was to reorganize the agency into the Department of Lands and the Department of Fish and Game. Director Merrill had also indicated that several parks, including Thousand Springs and Yankee Fork, might have to be closed.

A revised proposal, released on January 22, keeps the department whole, but calls for a reduction of 25 personnel and \$5 million in general funds.

Director Merrill, who speaks to the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee on Feb. 1, will discuss in more detail her plans to keep the agency running and parks open.

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation](#)
- [Friends of Idaho State Parks \(Facebook\)](#)

#1619 - 01/28/2010 [Improving Idaho's Educational System](#)

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen looks at proposals to improve Idaho's education system. Cartan-Hansen will be joined by two directors of the Education Alliance of Idaho, Skip Oppenheimer and Bob Lokken, and by Jamie MacMillian, executive director of the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation.

The Education Alliance of Idaho has some lofty goals. They include:

- Idaho will be in the top 20 states in the rigor and relevance of its math and science requirements
- Idaho will have broadband connectivity to every public school
- All of the state's high school students will have the opportunity to graduate with up to 30 college general education or professional-technical credits
- 60 percent of high school students will register as full- or part-time college students within one year of graduation

But how realistic are these proposals - especially on the heels of Gov. Otter's recent recommendation for budget cuts within the state's public schools? In these tight budget times, how will we pay for the proposals? And if we don't make these changes, what will happen to Idaho's students?

Guests

- Bob Lokken, Education Alliance of Idaho (CEO, WhiteCloud Analytics)
- Skip Oppenheimer, Education Alliance of Idaho (President, Oppenheimer Companies, Inc.)
- Jamie MacMillian, executive director, J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation

More Information

- [J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation](#)
- [Education Alliance of Idaho](#)
- [Education Alliance of Idaho Recommendations \(PDF\)](#)
- [Public Education Funding in Idaho \(Office of Performance Evaluation\)](#)
- [Accelerating the Agenda: Actions to Improve America's High Schools \(National Governors Association\)](#)
- [Measuring Up 2008: Higher Education Report Card \(Idaho\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Measuring Up 2008: Preparation "Sweet Spots" \(Idaho\)](#)

#1618 - 01/21/2010 [Good Winter Reading](#)

Dialogue presents one of its popular programs, "Good Winter Reading," with two accomplished Idaho authors, Kim Barnes and Mitch Wieland. Both will not only discuss their works with host Marcia Franklin, but also recommend books for viewers to read.

Barnes, a writer and professor at the University of Idaho, is the author of two memoirs, including **In the Wilderness**, which was nominated for the 1997 Pulitzer Prize. She has also published two novels, the most recent of which is entitled **A Country Called Home**. It is the winner of the 2009 PEN Center USA Literary Award for Fiction and was named a Best Book of 2008 by **The Washington Post**, **The Kansas City Star** and the **Oregonian**. Barnes is also the recipient of the PEN/Jerard Award for an emerging woman writer of non-fiction. Her next novel, **American Mecca**, will explore the lives of Americans living in Saudi Arabia in the 1960s.

Mitch Wieland is an author and professor at Boise State University. A story from his most recent book, **God's Dogs**, was one of 18 selected for the anthology **Best of the West 2009**, which also included works from authors Annie Proulx, Joyce Carol Oates, and Louise Erdrich. In December, the website NewWest.net picked **God's Dogs** as one of the "Best Books in the West" for 2009. Wieland's first novel, **Willy Slater's Lane**, received starred reviews in **Publisher's Weekly** and **Booklist**, and was optioned for a film. He is the founding editor of the award-winning literary journal, **The Idaho Review**, and the recipient of a Christopher Isherwood Fellowship.

Books about Haiti

- [Haiti in Ink and Tears: A Literary Sampler](#) (The New York Times)
- [Earthquake in Haiti: A Reading \(and Listening\) List by Edwidge Danticat](#) (WSJ.com)
- [Favorite Books about Haiti](#) (Listmania, Amazon.com)

Author and Viewer Recommendations

- [View the lists](#)

More Information

- [Kim Barnes \(University of Idaho\)](#)
- [River and Vision: Kim Barnes and the story of loss \(High Country News\)](#)
- [Mitch Wieland \(Boise State University\)](#)
- [Word Perfect: Mitch Wieland's literary milestones \(Boise Weekly\)](#)

#1617 - 01/14/2010 [Pete Cenarrusa Memoirs](#)

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen speaks with former Idaho Secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa about his life in Idaho politics and his work to support the Basque community in the state. Two other guests will join the discussion: political analyst Jim Weatherby and Cenarrusa family friend Roy Eiguren.

More Information

- [The Basque Museum & Cultural Center](#)
- [The Cenarrusa Foundation for Basque Culture](#)

#1616 - 01/07/2010 [2010 Legislative Preview](#)

Host Marcia Franklin takes a look at the upcoming legislative session with three political watchers: Betsy Russell of the **Spokesman-Review**, Thanh Tan of Idaho Public Television and Gary Moncrief, Ph.D., a political scientist at Boise State University.

In August, 2009, Idaho was facing an estimated \$150 million shortfall. After a \$98 million holdback and the tapping of the "rainy day fund," the state still has a \$39 million shortfall, and tax revenues have fallen to 2006 levels. Lawmakers will have to make additional cuts, raise taxes or tap budget reserves again.

Franklin's guests will discuss the various options, as well as what an election year may mean in terms of "behind the scenes" maneuvering. They will also talk about the restored Capitol building, and preview changes in the upcoming season of **Idaho Reports**, Idaho's only statewide legislative program.

Guests

- Betsy Russell, reporter, **Spokane Spokesman-Review**
 - Prof. Gary Moncrief, Dept. of Political Science, Boise State University
 - Thanh Tan, **Idaho Reports** host, Idaho Public Television
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#1615 - 12/31/2009 [Harold Holzer](#)

Author of 34 books and numerous articles on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War, Holzer talks with host Joan Cartan-Hansen about his work and about the myths and realities concerning Lincoln. Co-chair of the United States Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and Senior Vice President for External Affairs at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, Holzer was in Idaho to speak at the Idaho Humanities Council dinner in October.

Guests

- Harold Holzer

More Information

- [Harold Holzer website](#)

#1614 - 12/17/2009 [Philip Gourevitch](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with author and **New Yorker** magazine writer Philip Gourevitch about

the stories he's covered, including the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, and the abuses at Abu Ghraib prison.

The two discuss what lessons Gourevitch thinks can be learned from the events, and why he is often drawn to subjects that make others look away.

Gourevitch authored **We Wish to Inform You That Today We Will Be Killed With Our Families**, an account of the 1994 mass killing of at least 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus by other Hutus. The book was the recipient of numerous awards. Gourevitch is now working on a book about what has happened in Rwanda since then, which he discusses with Franklin.

In **The Ballad of Abu Ghraib**, Gourevitch pieced together transcripts of interviews filmmaker Errol Morris conducted with soldiers who were accused of torturing inmates at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. Those interviews were also part of a documentary, "Standard Operating Procedure." Gourevitch talks with Franklin about why he thinks some of the soldiers engaged in abusive acts.

Franklin spoke with Gourevitch at the Sun Valley Writers' Conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. Those conversations can be found at <http://idahoptv.org/dialogue/sunvalleywriters/>.

Guests

- Philip Gourevitch, writer

More Information

- [FRONTLINE interview with Philip Gourevitch](#)

#1613 - 12/10/2009 [Dr. Abraham Verghese: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Dr. Abraham Verghese, a professor at the Stanford School of Medicine and an author of both fiction and non-fiction works.

Franklin and Verghese not only talk about the themes of his work, but also his thoughts on health care reform and ways for doctors to establish better working relationships with their patients.

Verghese's first book, **My Own Country**, was a poignant chronicle of how his life was changed by working with AIDS patients in rural Tennessee. It was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award.

He went on to pen another non-fiction work called **The Tennis Partner**, about a doctor's struggle with mental illness and drug addiction. He is also a frequent contributor to magazines and journals, writing articles about medical ethics.

Most recently, Verghese turned his focus to a work of fiction, **Cutting for Stone**. The expansive book follows the saga of two Indian brothers as they learn more about their past. With medicine as its backdrop, it also allows Verghese to explore some of what he views as the best and worst aspects of his profession. It is set in Ethiopia, where he grew up.

The interview was taped at the Sun Valley Writers' Conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together bestselling authors for discussions about literature and life. Franklin has been conducting interviews there since 2005. Past interviews can be found at <http://idahoptv.org/dialogue/sunvalleywriters/>.

Guests

- Dr. Abraham Verghese, Professor, Stanford School of Medicine

More Information

- [Abraham Verghese's website](#)
- [Dr. Verghese's Stanford profile](#)

#1612 - 12/03/2009 [Annette Gordon-Reed: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Host Marcia Franklin explores the complex bonds between President Thomas Jefferson and one of his slave families, the Hemingses. Franklin talks with Annette Gordon-Reed, a professor at Rutgers University and the New York College of Law, about her book, **The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family**. The book won both the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

Using primary source documents, as well as second-hand accounts, Gordon-Reed tries to piece together the relationship between Jefferson and Sally Hemings, with whom most historians now believe he had as many as seven children. Hemings, a slave at Monticello, was also the half-sister of Jefferson's wife, Martha, who died when Jefferson was 39.

Franklin and Gordon-Reed talk about how the controversy over Sally Hemings has been viewed over the centuries, and also about the relationship between Jefferson and the larger Hemings family.

Franklin also asks Gordon-Reed what Jefferson might have thought about the election of President Barack Obama, America's first African-American president.

The interview was conducted at the Sun Valley Writers' Conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to talk about literature and life. Franklin has conducted interviews at the event since 2005. They can be found at <http://idahoptv.org/dialogue/sunvalleywriters/>.

Guests

- Annette Gordon-Reed, J.D., Professor of History, Rutgers University-Newark

More Information

- [Pulitzer Prize citation for Gordon-Reed](#)
- [Gordon-Reed's acceptance speech at the National Book Awards](#)
- [Federated History Department of Rutgers University-Newark and the New Jersey Institute of Technology](#)

#1611 - 11/19/2009 [15th Anniversary Special](#)

From the environment to education, from health care to the humanities, **Dialogue** takes a look back at some of the people and issues covered in the past 15 years. Hosts Marcia Franklin and Joan Cartan-Hansen share clips from some of their favorite programs, discuss how the show is produced, and talk about some of the changes they have seen since the program debuted in November 1994.

#1610 - 11/12/2009 [State Budget Woes](#)

Despite an improving economy, Idaho's state budget is in trouble. Governor Butch Otter ordered mid-year cuts of \$99 million, but the budget still faces a shortfall of another \$52 million. How bleak is the budget situation? One-in-five Idaho school districts have declared a financial emergency. Idaho's Medicaid program might have to eliminate 23 percent of the health benefits it provides to the state's poor and disabled. State prisons are housing 500 more offenders than a year ago, with \$28 million less in funding.

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with policymakers about the state's fiscal options, what cuts are on the table, and what choices the Governor and legislators will face when the new legislative session starts in January. Guests include Wayne Hammon, Administrator of Idaho's Division of Financial Management; Rep. Darrell Bolz (R-Caldwell), Vice Chair of the Joint Finance and Appropriations committee; and Rep. Wendy Jaquet (D-Ketchum), JFAC committee member.

Guests

- Wayne Hammon, Administrator, Idaho Division of Financial Management
- Rep. Darrell Bolz (R-Caldwell), Vice Chair, Joint Finance and Appropriations committee
- Rep. Wendy Jaquet (D-Ketchum), JFAC committee member

More Information

- [Beyond California: States in Fiscal Peril \(Pew Center on the States\)](#)
- [FY 2010 Post-Enactment Budget Gaps and Budget Cuts \(National Conference of State Legislatures\)](#)
- [State Measures to Balance FY 2010 Budgets \(National Conference of State Legislatures\)](#)
- [Behind Open Doors, States Track Stimulus \(Pam Prah, Stateline.org\)](#)
- [States plug budget holes, for now \(Legislative Year in Review - Pam Prah, Stateline.org\)](#)
- [Efficiency.gov: View State budget details and provide your insight](#)

#1609 - 11/05/2009 [Kristin Armstrong](#)

She may have hung up her competitive wheels, but cyclist Kristin Armstrong will still be very involved in the sport she loves. The Olympic gold medalist and World Champion talks with host Marcia Franklin about her winning career and what's next.

Armstrong, 36, won a gold medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics in the cycling time trial, the first time since 1984 that an American woman had stood atop the podium in that event. In 2009, she captured another gold medal in the UCI Road World Championships time trial event. She also won a gold medal in that event in 2006. From 2004-2007 she was the U.S. National Champion in the Women's Time Trial event, and in 2006 was also the U.S. National Champion in the Women's Road Race.

Armstrong has officially retired from the sport, with plans to start a family and teach women about cycling and proper nutrition. She will talk with Franklin about those issues, what it was like to train for and win her recent medals, and take questions from the viewing audience.

Guests

- Kristin Armstrong

More Information

- [Kristin Armstrong's website](#)
- [Kristin Armstrong on "The Olympic Experience" \(DIALOGUE, August 2004\)](#)

#1608 - 10/29/2009 [Hospital CEOs](#)

The new CEOs of Idaho's two largest regional medical centers discuss, among other subjects, the ongoing debate over health care reform.

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Sally Jeffcoat, who assumed the role of president and CEO of Saint Alphonsus in June, and Dr. David Pate, who took over as president and CEO of the St. Luke's Health System in September.

The two executives, appearing on television together for the first time, will discuss the many challenges facing the nation's health care system, including the current debate over national

health insurance reform and the issues facing Congress as it wrestles with the issue of health care legislation.

In July of this year, the American Hospital Association, the Catholic Health Association and the Federation of American Hospitals agreed to accept \$155 billion in cuts in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement over 10 years if, among other things, Congress passes a health care reform package that assumes coverage of 94 percent of American residents and sets tougher limits on access to Medicare by physician-owned hospitals.

Congress is trying to reconcile the House and Senate versions of health care reform and it remains to be seen whether hospitals will support the final bill.

Jeffcoat and Pate will also share their thoughts on subjects closer to home as they discuss some of the challenges of providing quality health care to a growing region and the goals and objectives they have for the development of their respective regional medical centers.

With more than 7,600 workers, St. Luke's Health System is now Idaho's largest private employer. It operates hospitals in Boise, Meridian, Ketchum and Twin Falls, as well as the Mountain States Tumor Institute, a Children's Hospital, primary care centers and an urgent care facility in Eagle.

Saint Alphonsus employs approximately 3,500 people. In addition to its Boise hospital, it operates 17 clinics, four Express Care clinics, primary care centers and two urgent care facilities. Its parent company, Trinity Health of Novi, Mich., has announced its intent to purchase Mercy Medical Center in Nampa, Holy Rosary Medical Center in Ontario, Ore., and St. Elizabeth Health Services in Baker City, Ore.

Before joining Saint Alphonsus, Jeffcoat was executive vice president and chief operations officer of health care operations for St. Louis-based Ascension Health; before that she was president and CEO of Ascension's Carondelet Health Network in Tucson, Ariz.

In 1995, after a career as a general internal medicine specialist, Dr. Pate turned his interests to hospital administration. Prior to joining St. Luke's he was senior vice president of St. Luke's Episcopal Health System in Houston, which is not affiliated with the Boise St. Luke's.

Guests

- Sally Jeffcoat, president and CEO, Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center (Boise)
- Dr. David Pate, president and CEO, St. Luke's Health System (Boise)

More Information

- [St. Luke's Health System](#)
- [Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center](#)

- [American Hospital Association](#)
- [White House Health Care Reform site](#)
- [HHS.gov/HealthCare \(U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services\)](#)
- [Side-by-Side Comparison of Health Care Reform Legislation \(Kaiser Family Foundation\)](#)

#1607 - 10/22/2009 [Dr. Ted Epperly](#)

How will health care reform affect Idahoans? One Gem State physician has been at the center of the health care reform debate, and on this week's **Dialogue**, he shares his experiences. As a national leader of family physicians, Dr. Ted Epperly has counseled President Barack Obama, testified before Congress, and spoken across the country to help shape current health care reform measures. Host Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Epperly about what these reforms may mean to residents, physicians and taxpayers.

Dr. Ted Epperly is former president and current board chair of the American Academy of Family Physicians; CEO of the Family Medicine Residency of Idaho; and Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

Guests

- Dr. Ted Epperly, board chair, American Academy of Family Physicians

More Information

- [RX for Reform \(The NewsHour\)](#)
- [Prescriptions for Change: Remaking Health Care \(NPR\)](#)
- [HealthReform.gov \(U.S. Department of Health and Human Services\)](#)
- [The President's Plan \(Whitehouse.gov\)](#)
- [FactCheck.org](#)
- [Truth-o-Meter \(Politifact.org\)](#)
- [American Academy of Family Physicians](#)
- [Family Medicine Residency of Idaho](#)

#1606 - 10/15/2009 [Wolf Hunting](#)

A wolf hunting season has finally started in Idaho - what are the ramifications of that decision and how long might it stay in place? Host Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss these issues and take questions from viewers. The program immediately follows an episode of **Outdoor Idaho** that looks at the history of wolf reintroduction in Idaho.

Guests include: Jon Rachael, wildlife manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Suzanne Asha Stone of the Defenders of Wildlife; Carter Niemeyer, former wolf recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Mike Popp, a hunter and outfitter in Kamiah.

Wolves were reintroduced to central Idaho in 1995 and 1996 as an "experimental, non-essential population" under the Endangered Species Act. On May 4, 2009, the federal government removed the wolves from the endangered species list, saying the population had recovered and that both Idaho and Montana had adequate management plans.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game started a wolf hunting season this fall, with a total quota of 220 wolves. As of October 15, the agency had sold more than 23,000 tags to Idahoans, at \$11.50 each. More than 500 out-of-state residents had purchased tags, at \$186 each. Hunters had killed 54 wolves. The first of 10 numbered tags had been auctioned for \$8,000, at an event in North Carolina.

Wolf advocates have sued to put the animal back on the endangered species list, but decided not to challenge the hunting season.

This **Dialogue** follows a new episode of **Outdoor Idaho**, "[Wolves in Idaho](#)," that looks at the history of wolf reintroduction in Idaho.

Guests

- Jon Rachael, wildlife manager, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Suzanne Asha Stone, Defenders of Wildlife
- Carter Niemeyer, former wolf recovery coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Mike Popp, hunter and outfitter, Kamiah, ID

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Fish and Game Wolf Management](#)
- [Northern Rockies and Yellowstone Area Wolves \(Defenders of Wildlife\)](#)
- [Judge Molloy's wolf hunting decision \(transcript\)](#)
- [Outdoor Idaho: Wolves in Idaho](#)

#1605 - 10/08/2009 [H1N1 Virus Update](#)

At the end of September, health officials reported Idaho's first death attributed to the novel H1N1 "Swine" flu virus. Schools face growing numbers of students out sick, and doctor visits are increasing. What can you do to protect yourself and your family?

This week on **Dialogue**, host Joan Cartan-Hansen will talk with Idaho's State Epidemiologist Dr. Christine Hahn about the H1N1 virus in Idaho, about flu shots, and about how individuals, government and businesses should handle this flu season.

Public Health Hotlines for H1N1 Information

- Lewiston area - **(208) 748-0400**
- Toll Free - **(866) 736-6632**

Guests

- Dr. Christine Hahn, Idaho State Epidemiologist

More Information

- [H1N1 Flu Resources for Businesses and Employers \(CDC\)](#)
- [Taking Care of a Sick Person in Your Home: Guidance for Novel H1N1 Flu \(CDC\)](#)
- [Guidance for Individuals and Families Preparing for a Pandemic](#)
- [CDC Guidance for Business and Employers to Plan and Respond to the 2009-2010 Influenza Season](#)
- [Updated Guidance for Businesses and Employers for the Fall Flu Season](#)
- [What Employers Can Do to Protect Workers from Pandemic Influenza \(OSHA\)](#)
- [Flu.gov](#)
- [PanFlu Idaho](#)

#1604 - 09/24/2009 [National Park Service in Idaho](#)

America's National Parks. They have been called our country's greatest idea and a gift to the world. While Idaho doesn't have a national park entirely within its borders, the state does have several National Park Service sites. On this week's **Dialogue**, host Joan Cartan-Hansen looks at those assets in Idaho and talks with three NPS Superintendents about the challenges facing these natural wonders and historical gems. Cartan-Hansen is joined by Doug Neighbor, Superintendent of Craters of the Moon National Monument; Wallace Keck, Superintendent of the City of Rocks National Reserve; and Gary Somers, Superintendent of the Nez Perce National Historical Park.

Guests

- Doug Neighbor, Superintendent, Craters of the Moon National Monument
- Wallace Keck, Superintendent, City of Rocks National Reserve
- Gary Somers, Superintendent, Nez Perce National Historical Park

More Information

- [The National Parks: America's Best Idea](#)
- [The National Park Service](#)
- [Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve](#)
- [Nez Perce National Historical Park](#)
- [City of Rocks National Reserve](#)
- [Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument](#)
- [Minidoka National Historical Site](#)

#1603 - 09/17/2009 [U of I President Duane Nellis](#)

University of Idaho's new President Duane Nellis spent his first few weeks in office traveling the

state. He listened to political leaders, alumni, and citizens all over Idaho. This week on **Dialogue**, Nellis explains what he heard. Host Joan Cartan-Hansen will also talk with Nellis about why he decided to take the job, how he will deal with a tight budget, and what his plans are for Idaho's oldest university.

Nellis became the University of Idaho's 17th president on July 1. A Spokane, Washington, native, Nellis comes to U of I after serving as provost and senior vice president of Kansas State University.

Guests

- Duane Nellis, President, University of Idaho

More Information

- [University of Idaho](#)
- [President Nellis's Facebook page](#)

#1602 - 09/10/2009 [Gretchen Morgenson: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Gretchen Morgenson. Morgenson, a financial editor and columnist at the **New York Times**, has been covering the country's financial crisis since its inception.

She and Franklin talk about what Morgenson sees as the underpinning of the collapse - the federal government's push to increase home ownership. The two also discuss various taxpayer-funded bailouts of companies such as AIG, and whether Morgenson sees any light at the end of the tunnel for the slumping economy.

Morgenson has been assistant business and financial editor at the **New York Times** since May 1998. Prior to that she was assistant managing editor at **Forbes** magazine. She was also the press secretary for the Forbes for President campaign. In 2002, she won a Pulitzer Prize for her coverage of Wall Street.

The interview was recorded at the 2009 Sun Valley Writers' Conference.

More Information

- [Gretchen Morgenson \(New York Times\)](#)

#1601 - 09/03/2009 [Vaccines for Children](#)

Host Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss the statewide Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, which subsidizes childhood immunizations.

Last legislative session, Idaho lawmakers and Governor Butch Otter cut the budget for the VFC program by nearly \$3 million, requiring those with insurance to pay for their shots. The uninsured, those on Medicaid, Native Americans, and those whose insurance doesn't cover vaccinations would still be covered.

An outcry from parents and physicians resulted in the legislative Health Care Task Force asking Otter and the Department of Health and Welfare to find funds to continue the program. That will occur until December 31, 2009. Franklin and her guests discuss funding options for the future.

Idaho is one of only 15 states in the country to provide full or partial vaccine coverage, but still has the lowest overall child immunization rate in the country, at 60.4% percent. The national average is 76.1 percent.

Guests

- Senator Dean Cameron (R-Rupert)
- Russell Duke, director, Central District Health Department
- Rebecca Coyle, Idaho Immunization Program Manager
- Dr. Tom Patterson, pediatrician

More Information

- [Immunization Rates Remain Stable \(Centers for Disease Control\)](#)
- [Idaho Immunization Coalition](#)
- [Idaho Immunization Program](#)
- [Idaho Immunization Reminder Information System \(IRIS\)](#)
- [Immunizations \(Central District Health Department\)](#)
- [Links to other Idaho Public Health Districts](#)

#1539 - 06/25/2009 [Health Care Reform](#)

President Obama has called for the passage of comprehensive health care reform by the end of July. But what kind of proposals are members of Congress considering? Host Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests review the different pieces of health care legislation, discuss what ideas are on - and off - the table, and debate how the different proposals might impact individuals and businesses in Idaho.

Cartan-Hansen will be joined by Dr. Robert Vestal, co-chair of the steering committee for Idaho Health Care for All, a chapter of Physicians for a National Health Care Program; and Bryan McQuide, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Idaho.

Guests

- Dr. Robert Vestal, Idaho Health Care for All

- Bryan McQuide, University of Idaho

More Information

- [Stateline.org \(Health policy news and links\)](#)
- [Idaho Health Care for All](#)
- [Bryan McQuide bio \(Univ. of Idaho\)](#)
- [Kaiser Family Foundation Comparison of Health Care Reform Proposals](#)
- [Senate Finance Committee White Paper on Health Care Reform \(pdf\)](#)
- [White House: Health Care](#)
- [HHS.gov/HealthCare \(U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services\)](#)
- [NewsHour Field Guide on Health Care Reform](#)
- [The Commonwealth Fund on Health Care Reform](#)

#1538 - 06/18/2009 [Credit Fixes](#)

Congress recently changed credit card laws and funded new programs to help homeowners at risk of foreclosure. Joan Cartan-Hansen explores how these credit fixes will affect how you use credit cards, how it could impact your credit rating, and where homeowners can get help.

Cartan-Hansen is joined by Dale Dixon, CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Southwest Idaho and Eastern Oregon; and Dirk Scott, Sales Manager for U.S. Bank in Boise.

Guests

- Dale Dixon, Better Business Bureau
- Dirk Scott, U.S. Bank

More Information

- [Protecting American Credit Card Holders \(US Treasury Dept\)](#)
- [Fact Sheet: Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility, and Disclosure Act \(The White House\)](#)
- [Making Home Affordable \(US Treasury, HUD, White House\)](#)
- [Homes and Communities \(US Housing and Urban Development\)](#)
- [Better Business Bureau \(Southwest Idaho and Eastern Oregon\)](#)

#1537 - 06/11/2009 [Laurel Thatcher Ulrich](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and Idaho native Laurel Thatcher Ulrich about her latest book, **Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History**. Ulrich, a professor at Harvard University, coined the phrase in a scholarly paper she wrote in the 1970s.

Franklin and her guest discuss how growing up in Idaho influenced Professor Ulrich to become a historian. She also explains why she calls herself "a Mormon feminist" and why she believes

"good history is almost always dangerous." Franklin recorded this interview after Ulrich's Distinguished Humanities Lecture in Idaho Falls for the Idaho Humanities Council.

Guests

- Prof. Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, Harvard University

More Information

- [Laurel Thatcher Ulrich faculty profile](#)
- [Delivering History \(Harvard Gazette\)](#)
- [DoHistory](#)
- [American Experience: A Midwife's Tale](#)

#1536 - 06/04/2009 [Arthritis in the New Millennium](#)

Forty-six million Americans suffer from some form of arthritis. So far, treatments are limited, but there is hope. This week one of the nation's leading researchers into autoimmune diseases explains how new discoveries are leading to better, more individualized care. Joan Cartan-Hansen speaks with Dr. William Robinson, assistant professor of immunology and rheumatology at the Stanford School of Medicine about new developments in the research and treatment for arthritis.

Guests

- Dr. William Robinson, Stanford School of Medicine

More Information

- [Arthritis Foundation](#)
- [Idaho Arthritis Program](#)
- [National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases: National Institutes of Health](#)
- [Dr. William Robinson and the Stanford Center on Longevity](#)

#1535 - 05/28/2009 [Smart Grid](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen sits down with Mike Weedall, Vice President of Energy Efficiency at the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Weedall will explain the function and impact of a new technology called the "Smart Grid" that the U.S. government is pursuing.

The federal government is about to invest millions into developing a Smart Grid. This show looks at the impact of a digital system that will allow real-time communication among power users, suppliers and generators. Weedall will explain how this will save energy, provide insight on what individual homeowners might experience, and describe the role a Smart Grid will play in America's future energy needs.

Guests

- Mike Weedall, Bonneville Power Administration

More Information

- [Idaho Office of Energy Resources](#)

#1534 - 05/21/2009 [Mexican Consul to Idaho 2009](#)

Marcia Franklin interviews Idaho's first Mexican Consul to Idaho, Ricardo Pineda, about his role and the responsibilities of his new office. Previously the duties were handled by the Mexican Consulate in Salt Lake. According to the last census estimates, Idaho had nearly 150,000 Mexicans within its borders.

Pineda, a former Deputy Consul-General at the Consulate of Mexico in San Diego, also has experience as the political and border advisor to the Mexican Embassy in Washington, DC.

In his position here, Pineda will also work on those political issues, but the Consulate will also be involved in a broad array of activities, including facilitating trade and economic development between Idaho and Mexico, promoting cultural exchanges and education, and helping Mexicans with their travel documents. The Consul will also assist Mexicans living in Montana.

Guests

- Ricardo Pineda, Mexican Consul to Idaho

#1533 - 05/14/2009 [Strengthening Families](#)

Do early childhood education programs reduce rates of child abuse and neglect? Research from the Center for the Study of Social Policy concludes they can.

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Judy Langford, a Senior Fellow with the Center who heads the "Strengthening Families" movement. Langford contends that small but significant changes in early childhood education programs can have a profound impact on preventing child abuse and neglect. She explains how a small investment toward these changes can enable programs to effectively and quickly help families in crisis and protect children.

Guests

- Judy Langford, Center for the Study of Social Policy

More Information

- [Strengthening Families](#)
- [Idaho Children's Trust Fund](#)
- [Center for the Study of Social Policy](#)

#1532 - 05/07/2009 [H1N1 Virus](#)

Is Idaho prepared for an H1N1 epidemic? What are the symptoms? What can you do to protect yourself and your family? Host Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by Dr. Christine Hahn, Idaho's State Epidemiologist, who updates viewers on the status of the spread of the H1N1 virus, otherwise known as Swine Flu.

Guests

- Dr. Christine Hahn, Idaho State Epidemiologist

More Information

- [PanFlu Idaho](#)
- [PanFlu National site](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [NewsHour Global Health Watch](#)

#1531 - 04/30/2009 [Owyhee Wilderness](#)

It's being called a model for solving tough land management issues. In a special hour-long **Dialogue**, Marcia Franklin talks with members of a group that worked for eight years to figure out how to set aside both wilderness and multiple use areas in the Owyhee canyonlands of southern Idaho. The legislation was sponsored by Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID), and signed into law by President Obama on March 30, 2009. Members discuss how they went from foes to friends, and how the plan will be implemented.

Guests include: Sen. Mike Crapo; Fred Grant, Owyhee Initiative Work Group; Craig Gehrke, Wilderness Society; Ted Howard, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes; Bill Taylor, Idaho State 4x4 Association; Brenda Richards, Owyhee Borderlands Trust.

The bill creates 517,000 acres of wilderness, releases 199,000 acres from wilderness study for multiple use purposes, and protects 316 miles of streams with the Wild and Scenic River designation. Certain grazing parcels will be taken out of production through purchase or land trades, and access to some previously used roads will be closed. The legislation also authorizes a University of Idaho scientific review center and an independent grazing review process. Franklin and her guests will show maps of the area, discuss the pending changes, and learn more about the cooperative process used to reach a settlement.

Guests

- Sen. Mike Crapo
- Fred Grant, Owyhee Initiative Work Group
- Craig Gehrke, Wilderness Society
- Ted Howard, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes
- Bill Taylor, Idaho State 4x4 Association

- Brenda Richards, Owyhee Borderlands Trust

More Information

- [Senator Crapo \(Owyhee Initiative\)](#)
- [The Owyhee Initiative](#)
- [Wilderness Society \(Omnibus Public Land Management Act\)](#)
- [Shoshone-Paiute Tribes](#)
- [Outdoor Idaho: Owyhee Canyonlands](#)
- [Outdoor Idaho: Backroads Adventures \(Owyhee Uplands Byway\)](#)
- [Outdoor Idaho: Borderlands](#)

#1530 - 04/23/2009 [Be Outside](#)

2009 marks the 30th anniversary of Earth Day. **Dialogue** offers suggestions for translating the spirit of the anniversary event into healthy activities that yield results year-round. Marcia Franklin talks with representatives of the Idaho Children in Nature Network about the group's initiative to inspire more kids to get outdoors.

Franklin's guests are Meggan Laxalt Mackey of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Dick Jordan, a teacher at Boise's Timberline High. Both represent the Idaho Children in Nature Network. They are joined by Melissa Webster, a student involved in Timberline's ecology club, and Tom Glass, also a student at Timberline.

Author Richard Louv coined the phrase "nature deficit disorder" to describe the increasing phenomenon of children playing indoors. Since then, initiatives have sprung up around the country to encourage more outdoor activity among youth.

Guests

- Meggan Laxalt Mackey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Dick Jordan, teacher, Timberline High
- Melissa Webster, student, Timberline High
- Tom Glass, student, Timberline High

More Information

- [Idaho Children and Nature Network](#)
- [Children and Nature Network \(National\)](#)
- [Richard Louv's website](#)
- [TREE: Teens Restoring Earth's Environment](#)
- [Outside Day](#)

#1529 - 04/16/2009 [The Psychology of Spending](#)

Why do we spend money the way we do? Is it out of guilt or done on impulse? Learning why we

spend money the way we do is the first step toward taking control of our finances. Host Joan Cartan-Hansen and Todd Christensen, Director of Education for the National Financial Education Center, discuss the psychology of spending.

Test your financial IQ. Take a [Financial Literacy Quiz](#).

Guests

- Todd Christensen, Director of Education, National Financial Education Center

More Information

- [Jump Start Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy](#)
- [Idaho Financial Literacy Coalition](#)
- [Financial Literacy resource provided by Idaho Libraries](#)
- [Financial Literacy activities in Idaho \(pdf\)](#)

#1528 - 04/09/2009 [Disability Rights](#)

Disability rights groups are dealing both with cuts in services at the state level and the prospect of millions of additional dollars flowing from the federal stimulus program and the national budget.

Marcia Franklin talks with Kelly Buckland, the executive director of the State Independent Living Council, about the effects of the cutbacks, and his priorities for the money the state will be receiving.

Buckland, who will be leaving his post in May to take over the reins of the National Council on Independent Living, has been an advocate for the disabled in Idaho for more than 20 years. He will be joined by Angela Lindig, the parent of a child with disabilities.

Earlier this year, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare announced proposed cuts in services to people with disabilities, including reduced hours of psychosocial rehabilitation, mental health day treatment and developmental therapy. At the same time, hundreds of millions of dollars will now be available in stimulus money for disability-related issues, including an additional \$140 million for Centers of Independent Living.

Guests

- Kelly Buckland, Idaho State Independent Living Council
- Angela Lindig, parent

More Information

- [Idaho State Independent Living Council](#)
- [National Council on Independent Living](#)
- [Idaho Parents Unlimited](#)

- [Idaho Careline](#)
- [Adventure Island Playground \(Meridian\)](#)

#1527 - 04/02/2009 [Transportation Update 2009](#)

Idaho is facing a multi-million dollar backlog of road repairs and infrastructure replacement. The Governor also wants millions of dollars for new construction. But how do you pay for it all?

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests look at what transportation projects made it on the "do to list" and finds out how they will be funded. This week's guests include Pam Lowe, Director, Idaho Department of Transportation; House Transportation Committee chair JoAn Wood (R-Rigby); and Dave Carlson, Director of Public and Government Affairs for AAA Idaho.

Guests

- Pam Lowe, Director, Idaho Department of Transportation
- JoAn Wood (R- Rigby), House Transportation Committee
- Dave Carlson, Director of Public and Government Affairs, AAA Idaho

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Transportation](#)
- [Gov. Otter's Stimulus Fund Recommendations](#)
- [Transportation Funding Policy Brief \(The Common Interest\)](#)
- [Issues: Transportation \(stateline.org\)](#)

#1526 - 03/26/2009 [Stimulus Plan](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guests demystify some aspects of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), designed to help stimulate America's sagging economy. Almost half of the nearly \$800 billion in ARRA funds will be devoted to federal social programs, with another \$288 billion going to tax cuts and \$144 billion going to state and local municipalities.

Franklin and her guests will talk about where the money will be spent, including the \$45 million in discretionary state funds, which Gov. Otter has proposed to spend mostly on road building and water projects. They will also talk about ways in which entities such as universities and businesses are applying for stimulus money through federal agencies, and whether the plan will help Idaho's economy.

Guests include: U.S. Rep. Walt Minnick (D-ID); U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID); Wayne Hammon, administrator of the Idaho Division of Financial Management; and Marty Peterson, former administrator of the Division of Financial Management and a member of Gov. Otter's Stimulus Committee.

Read the [Summary](#) on HR 1, the American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act (the "stimulus" bill). The measure won final Congressional approval on Friday, February 13, 2009.

Guests

- U.S. Rep. Walt Minnick
- Wayne Hammon, administrator, Idaho Division of Financial Management
- Marty Peterson, former administrator, Idaho Division of Financial Management
- U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson

More Information

- [Recovery.gov \(The federal government's accountability site\)](#)
- [Accountability.idaho.gov \(The State of Idaho's accountability site\)](#)
- [Staterecovery.org \(The Council of State Governments\)](#)
- [State Oversight of Federal Stimulus Funds \(National Conference of State Legislatures\)](#)
- [Rep. Simpson's House website](#)
- [Rep. Minnick's House website](#)
- [Stimulus plan budget breakdown \(NY Times\)](#)

#1525 - 03/19/2009 [Wolf Delisting](#)

In this one-hour special, Marcia Franklin examines the recent decision by the Obama administration to take gray wolves off the endangered species list in Idaho and Montana. The wolves, which were reintroduced in 1995, are now estimated to number more than 800 in Idaho. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar found that they have recovered well enough to be delisted, which was the recommendation under the Bush Administration as well. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will manage the population, including administering a wolf hunting season this fall.

Conservationists argue there still isn't enough genetic diversity among the packs to ensure long-term survival and are expected to challenge the decision in court.

Franklin talks with Jim Unsworth of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Suzanne Stone of Defenders of Wildlife, Grant Simonds with the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association, John Faulkner, a sheep rancher, and Ralph Maughan of the Wolf Recovery Foundation about what's next for wolf management.

Guests

- Jim Unsworth, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Suzanne Stone, Defenders of Wildlife
- Grant Simonds, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association
- John Faulkner, sheep rancher
- Ralph Maughan, Wolf Recovery Foundation

More Information

- [Idaho Wolf Management \(Idaho Fish and Game\)](#)
- [Wolves \(Defenders of Wildlife\)](#)
- [Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association](#)
- [Idaho Wool Growers Association](#)
- [American Sheep Industry Association](#)
- [Wolf Education and Research Center \(Winchester, ID\)](#)
- [Ralph Maughan's Wildlife News](#)
- [Western Wolf Coalition](#)

#1524 - 03/12/2009 [Attorney David Nevin](#)

In this special hour-long show, Marcia Franklin talks with Boise defense attorney David Nevin about some of his high-profile cases. As part of the ACLU's John Adams Project, Nevin is on the defense team for Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, considered the mastermind behind the 9/11 attacks as well as other major terrorist actions. Mohammed is now imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay, also known as Gitmo.

Nevin explains his strategy for defending Mohammed, who has told a judge he wants to plead guilty. He and Franklin discuss the civil liberties issues associated with the Military Commissions Act and Gitmo. And they'll address where the detainees would be held and tried if President Obama closes the facility, as he wants to do.

Guests

- David Nevin, attorney, Nevin, Benjamin, McKay & Bartlett

More Information

- [John Adams Project](#)
- [David Nevin \(Nevin, Benjamin, McKay & Bartlett\)](#)
- [Background on Khalid Sheikh Mohammed \(New York Times\)](#)
- [Guantanamo Docket on Khalid Sheikh Mohammed \(New York Times\)](#)

#1523 - 02/26/2009 [Idaho Department of Fish and Game](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Cal Groen, director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, about the latest news in the management of gray wolves, which have been on and off the endangered species list in just the past year.

The two also discuss the agency's proposal to raise hunting and fishing license fees by an overall 15%, the potential ramifications of listing the sage grouse as a threatened or endangered species, the possible reasons for better salmon runs this year, and Fish and Game's involvement in a state initiative to get more children to experience the outdoors.

Guests

- Cal Groen, Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game

More Information

- [Department of Fish and Game website](#)
- [2008 interview with Cal Groen](#)
- [2007 interview with Cal Groen](#)
- [Idaho Children in Nature](#)

#1522 - 02/19/2009 [Public Education Cuts](#)

Idaho's public schools face an unprecedented 62 million dollars in budget cuts for 2010. In hearings starting February 16th, members of the House and Senate Education committees will decide recommendations for what areas of the K-12 funding should stay and what should go.

The chairs of both committees, Sen. John Goedde (R-Coeur d'Alene) and Rep. Bob Nonini (R-Coeur d'Alene), will discuss their decisions with Joan Cartan-Hansen. Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna and Sherri Wood, President of the Idaho Education Association, will also join the conversation.

Guests

- Sen. John Goedde (R-Coeur d'Alene)
- Rep. Bob Nonini (R-Coeur d'Alene)
- Tom Luna, Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Sherri Wood, President, Idaho Education Association

More Information

- [Idaho State Department of Education](#)
- [Idaho State Board of Education](#)
- [Education around the States: Stateline.org](#)
- [Public Schools Budget \(State Dept. of Education\)](#)

#1521 - 02/12/2009 [Abraham Lincoln's Legacy](#)

On February 12th, our nation celebrates Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. **Dialogue** notes the occasion by looking at America's 16th president and his ties to Idaho history.

Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by three Lincoln scholars: David Leroy, the chair of Idaho's Lincoln Bicentennial Commission; Dave Adler, Professor of Political Science at Idaho State University; and Linda Brady, Associate Professor of History at Boise State University. Dave Adler's appearance is made possible by funding from the Idaho Humanities Council.

Test your knowledge - take our [Lincoln quiz!](#)

Guests

- David Leroy, Idaho Lincoln Bicentennial Commission
- Dave Adler, Professor of Political Science, Idaho State University
- Linda Brady, Associate Professor of History, Boise State University

More Information

- [Idaho Lincoln Bicentennial Commission](#)
- [U.S. Lincoln Bicentennial Commission](#)
- [Abraham Lincoln: An Extraordinary Life \(National Museum of American History\)](#)
- [Life of Lincoln \(Smithsonian Magazine\)](#)
- [The Times of the Lincolns \(PBS: American Experience\)](#)
- [The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln \(PBS: American Experience\)](#)

#1520 - 02/05/2009 [Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer 2009](#)

Water rights holders in the Eastern Snake Plain aquifer have been fighting for decades. The State Water Resource Board thinks they may have a new management plan which could solve the legal battles and stabilize the state's largest and most important aquifer. But the plan needs money and the state may not be able to afford it.

Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests Hal Anderson, Division Administrator for the Idaho Department of Water Resources, and State Legislator and surface water user Senator Charles Coiner explain what the plan would do and debate its future.

This show continues **Dialogue**'s long-standing coverage of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer issue. View previous shows:

- [Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer update](#) (March 2007)
- [Water Conflicts Update](#) (March 2005)

Guests

- Hal Anderson, Division Administrator, Idaho Department of Water Resources
- Sen. Charles Coiner (R-Twin Falls)

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Water Resources](#)
- [Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan](#)

#1519 - 01/29/2009 [Idaho's Economic Trends](#)

Governor Butch Otter and state legislators continue to slash at Idaho's state budget as revenues fall. Can a federal stimulus package help? Will the state's economy rebound any time soon?

Joan Cartan-Hansen looks at Idaho's economic trends and what economists believe will happen in 2009. Guests are Professor Don Holley, the Chair of the Department of Economics at Boise State University; Mike Ferguson, Idaho's State Economist; and State Senator Nicole LaFavour, D-Boise.

At the end of the show, Joan takes a moment to remember Silver Valley businessman Harry Magnuson, who died January 24.

Guests

- Don Holley, Department of Economics, Boise State University
- Mike Ferguson, Chief Economist, State of Idaho Division of Financial Management
- Sen. Nicole LeFavour (D-Boise)

More Information

- [State of Idaho, Division of Financial Management](#)
- [Idaho Legislature, Budget and Policy Analysis](#)
- [Stateline.org](#)

#1518 - 01/22/2009 [President Obama's Inaugural](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with her guests about the significance of President Barack Obama's inaugural. History Professor Steve Shaw of Northwest Nazarene University will analyze Obama's address in the context of other presidential inaugural speeches, and set the stage historically for challenges the new president will face. Yvonne McCoy and Ron Coulter are two African-Americans from Idaho who voted for Obama, but who have differing views on his abilities to lead the country.

The program will include excerpts from the Obama address and inaugural, as well as footage of Idahoans at the event.

Guests

- Steve Shaw, Professor of History, Northwest Nazarene University
- Yvonne McCoy, Obama voter
- Ron Coulter, Obama voter

More Information

- [Inaugural Addresses of the Presidents \(Bartleby.com\)](#)
- [Presidents of the United States \(whitehouse.gov\)](#)
- [POTUS: Presidents of the United States \(Internet Public Library\)](#)
- [Pres. Obama's Inaugural Address](#)

#1517 - 01/15/2009 [Robert Franz - Boise Philharmonic Music Director](#)

Can actively listening to classical music help create better students? Conductor Robert Franz, the new Music Director for the Boise Philharmonic, thinks so.

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Franz about his nationally recognized efforts in arts education and about the future of classical music and the arts in Idaho. Franz became the Boise Philharmonic's Music Director this season. A champion of new music, Franz also serves as resident conductor of the Buffalo Philharmonic and as Music Director of the Mansfield Symphony in Ohio.

Guests

- Robert Franz, Boise Philharmonic Music Director

More Information

- [Boise Philharmonic](#)
- [Robert Franz website](#)

#1516 - 01/08/2009 [Secretary of Interior Dirk Kempthorne](#)

In one of his final appearances as the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Dirk Kempthorne joins host Marcia Franklin in the IdahoPTV studio for a conversation about his accomplishments and legacy.

Franklin and Kempthorne will also discuss what his priorities for the department have been during his stewardship, as well as challenges facing the new Secretary of the Interior.

Prior to his appointment as Secretary of the Interior, Kempthorne served nearly two terms as Governor of Idaho, first elected in 1998 and then reelected in 2002. From 1993 to 1999, he served in the United States Senate. He began his career in public service as the mayor of the city of Boise (1985-1992).

Kempthorne was confirmed as the 49th Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior on May 26, 2006. The department, which includes the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has more than 70,000 employees and a \$17 billion budget. The department has been in the news recently because of several Inspector General reports detailing mismanagement in various parts of the agency under prior secretaries.

Guests

- Dirk Kempthorne, U.S. Secretary of the Interior

More Information

- [U.S. Department of the Interior](#)

2008

#1515 - 12/25/2008 [Author Richard Paul Evans 2008](#)

Marcia Franklin interviews Richard Paul Evans, author of **The Christmas Box** and other contemporary best sellers. They discuss the serious themes of his most recent book, **Grace**, which deals with sexual abuse and child neglect. They also discuss Evans' charitable organization, The Christmas Box International, which offers shelter and therapy to young victims of childhood exploitation.

Evans has appeared on **Dialogue** twice before, in [2007](#) and [2002](#).

Guests

- Richard Paul Evans, author

More Information

- [Richard Paul Evans' website](#)
- [The Christmas Box International](#)
- [DIALOGUE interview with Richard Paul Evans \(Dec. 2007\)](#)
- [DIALOGUE interview with Richard Paul Evans \(Dec. 2002\)](#)

#1514 - 12/18/2008 [Author Ethan Watters](#)

Writer Ethan Watters joins Marcia Franklin for a discussion of the themes in his book, **Urban Tribes**, which looks at the ways in which young, unmarried Americans create their own sense of family.

Ethan Watters has been a freelance writer for 20 years. He has taught non-fiction writing at Berkeley and Stanford, and is currently an adjunct professor in the masters writing program at California College of the Arts. In addition to his three books, he's written about social trends for publications from **Esquire** to the **New York Times Magazine**, among other national and regional publications. He has also created pieces for Public Radio International's **This American Life**. In 1994 he co-founded the San Francisco Writers' Grotto.

Guests

- Ethan Watters

More Information

- [Urban Tribes website](#)
- [The San Francisco Writers' Grotto](#)
- [Ethan Watters, Urban Tribes \(book review\)](#)

#1513 - 12/11/2008 [Former U.N. Under-Secretary General Shashi Tharoor: Conversations](#)

from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference

Marcia Franklin talks with former U.N. Under-Secretary-General, diplomat and author Dr. Shashi Tharoor. They discuss his revealing look at India's role in the global economy, **The Elephant, The Tiger, and The Cell Phone: The Transformation of India in the 21st Century**.

Since talking with Franklin in August, 2008, Tharoor was elected to the Indian Parliament to represent the Trivandrum constituency in Kerala.

Guests

- Dr. Shashi Tharoor

More Information

- [Keep up the spirit to fight \(Op-Ed, The Times of India, 30 Nov 2008\)](#)
- [Mumbai Stands Out From Other Terrorist Attacks \(Interview with Shashi Tharoor, NPR, 3 Dec 2008\)](#)
- [Shashi Tharoor's political website](#)

#1512 - 12/04/2008 [Journalist John Hockenberry: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with John Hockenberry, a longtime journalist who is also the program director for the Sun Valley Writers conference. They discuss his goals for the event, as well as changes in the media world. They also talk about advances in adaptive technology for the disabled. Hockenberry became a paraplegic in an auto accident, but that didn't keep him from reporting all over the world. He recorded those wheelchair-piloted adventures in his 1995 book, **Moving Violations - War Zones, Wheelchairs and Declarations of Independence**.

Guests

- John Hockenberry

More Information

- [John Hockenberry \(Wikipedia\)](#)
- [Sun Valley Writers Conference](#)

#1511 - 11/27/2008 [Katherine Jefferts Schori](#)

Organized just before the American Revolution, the Episcopal Church in the United States claims more than two million members. But the Episcopal Church today faces a serious rift, one that causes dissent within and could dissolve its historical alliance with Anglican communities elsewhere in the world. Host Joan Cartan-Hansen speaks with Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori about this division and the role of the Episcopal Church in the world.

In 1976, the Episcopal Church allowed women to be ordained to the priesthood and in 2003, the first openly gay Bishop was elected. Some American parishes and Anglican churches abroad have called for a separation from the main U.S. church. Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori searches for ways to heal that international divide and resolve the conflicts within her own congregations. Jefferts Schori is the first woman to be elected as Presiding Bishop of the American church.

Guests

- Katherine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America

More Information

- [The Episcopal Church \(United States\)](#)
- [The Anglican Communion \(England\)](#)

#1510 - 11/20/2008 [Refugee Resettlement](#)

Marcia Franklin looks at the issues surrounding refugee resettlement in Idaho. In the past year, more than 1,000 refugees have come to the Gem State, more than in any other year since the inception of the U.S. Refugee Program in 1980.

Viewers hear from two refugees who have arrived in Idaho in the past few years: Iman Elnour of Sudan, who has been here five years, and Muna Maki of Iraq, who arrived earlier this year. The two discuss the difficulties they faced escaping from their home countries, as well as their hopes for the future.

Franklin also talks with Jan Reeves of the Idaho Office for Refugees and Christina Bruce-Bennion of the Agency for New Americans about services available to refugees.

The largest group of refugees to arrive in Idaho last year was from Iraq, followed by Burma and Bhutan. In total, refugees from 20 countries moved here. In contrast, just 8 years ago, 83% of the refugees coming to Idaho were from Europe and Central Asia, primarily Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Note: The video for this show will not be live-streamed or archived online.

Guests

- Jan Reeves, Idaho Office for Refugees
- Christina Bruce-Bennion, Agency for New Americans

More Information

- [Idaho Office for Refugees](#)
- [Agency for New Americans](#)

- [The International Rescue Committee \(Boise site\)](#)
- [World Relief \(Boise site\)](#)
- [College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center](#)
- [U.S. State Department, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration](#)
- [Refworld - Maps, Reports, Statistics, News \(United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees\)](#)
- [UNHCR: The UN Refugee Agency](#)

#1509 - 11/13/2008 [Martha Raddatz](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with ABC Chief White House correspondent Martha Raddatz about national politics and the war in Iraq.

Although Raddatz could stay inside the Beltway to do her job, she's made it a priority to go to Iraq, a total of 17 times at this date. She talks with Franklin about why she takes that risk, whether she's seeing any progress in that country, and about her book, **The Long Road Home**, which chronicles a battle in Sadr City. The two also talk about her thoughts on the growing violence in Pakistan, a country Raddatz has reported from many times.

In a special web-only extra, Franklin and Raddatz talk about Iran, which Raddatz recently visited and from where Franklin has also reported.

Prior to joining ABC in 1999, Raddatz covered the Pentagon for National Public Radio for six years. Public Television viewers will recognize her as well for her regular appearances on **Washington Week with Gwen Ifill**.

The recipient of numerous honors, including a Peabody Award and three national Emmy awards, Ms. Raddatz was in Boise as the distinguished speaker for the Idaho Humanities Council's annual event.

Guests

- Martha Raddatz, chief White House correspondent, ABC News

More Information

- [ABC News: Martha Raddatz](#)
- [MarthaRaddatz.com](#)
- [Idaho Humanities Council](#)

#1508 - 11/06/2008 [Election Recap](#)

Host Marcia Franklin and her guests, Norm Semanko, chairman of the Idaho Republican Party and R. Keith Roark, chairman of the Idaho Democratic Party, review Tuesday's general election.

This show continues a long tradition of election recaps, dating back to **Dialogue's** [very first episode](#).

Guests

- Norm Semanko, Idaho Republican Party
- R. Keith Roark, Idaho Democratic Party

#1507 - 10/30/2008 [Mining In Idaho](#)

With prices for gold and silver hitting record highs, mining is making a comeback in Idaho. But how do we reconcile new mining operations and their economic benefits with environmental concerns and Idahoans' demand for clean water and clean air? Host Joan Cartan-Hansen takes on the topic of mining in Idaho with Earl Bennett, the retired Dean of the (former) College of Mines and Earth Sciences at the University of Idaho and Justin Hayes, Program Director for the Idaho Conservation League.

Guests

- Earl Bennett, retired Dean of the (former) College of Mines and Earth Sciences, University of Idaho
- Justin Hayes, Program Director, Idaho Conservation League

More Information

- [Idaho Geological Survey](#)
- [Idaho Conservation League](#)
- [Idaho Mining Association](#)

#1506 - 10/16/2008 [Red vs. Blue](#)

With the election less than three weeks away, **Dialogue** takes on the Red vs. Blue debate with two of the nation's leading political writers. Host Joan Cartan-Hansen speaks with leading conservative columnist Jonah Goldberg and progressive writer Peter Beinart. Goldberg is a contributing editor to the **National Review** and author of the book **Liberal Fascism: The Secret History of the American Left from Mussolini to the Politics of Meaning**. Beinart is editor-at-large for **The New Republic**, writes a syndicated weekly column for the **Washington Post** and contributes to **Time** magazine. Both men are commentators for CNN. The two are in Idaho as part of Boise State University's Vox Discipuli Lecture Series.

Guests

- Jonah Goldberg, contributing editor, **National Review**
- Peter Beinart, editor-at-large, **The New Republic**

More Information

- [Red vs. Blue debate between Peter Beinart and Jonah Goldberg \(Boise State Univ. Arbiter Online\)](#)
- [Peter Beinart bio](#)
- [Jonah Goldberg bio](#)
- [Article: Hoover-Era Ghost Stories No Longer Apply \(Goldberg, National Review, October 3, 2008\)](#)
- [Article: Barack, Don't go to Baghdad \(Beinart, Time magazine June, 2008\)](#)
- [Op-Ed: Erasing the Race Factor \(Beinart, Washington Post, August, 2008\)](#)
- [Article: The Best Laid Plans \(Goldberg, National Review, October 10, 2008\)](#)
- [An interview with Jonah Goldberg \(Salon.com\)](#)
- [Interview with Peter Beinart \(Australian Broadcasting Company\)](#)
- [The New Republic](#)
- [National Review Online](#)

#1505 - 10/09/2008 [Michael Kirk](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with **Frontline** co-founder and producer Mike Kirk. Kirk discusses his upcoming program, "The Choice," which profiles presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain. For 20 years, **Frontline** has been profiling the major candidates for the American presidency, giving voters a behind-the-scenes look at their backgrounds, values and life decisions.

Kirk also talks about his work on ten documentaries about the "war on terror," including "Bush's War," "Cheney's Law," and "The Torture Question." The producer of more than 200 national documentaries, Kirk has spent much of the past seven years documenting the political intrigue behind the decision to go to war in Iraq and the consequences of that decision.

An Idaho native, Kirk's public television career started at KUID-TV in Moscow.

Guests

- Michael Kirk, FRONTLINE producer

More Information

- [FRONTLINE: The Choice 2008](#)
- [2004 DIALOGUE interview with Michael Kirk](#)

#1504 - 10/05/2008 [George Packer: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with **New Yorker** writer George Packer. Packer, who has been to Iraq six times, discusses his book on the subject, **The Assassin's Gate**, which the **New York Times** named one of the ten best books of 2005. He also talks with Franklin about the current political landscape. The conversation was held at this year's Sun Valley Writers' Conference.

Guests

- George Packer, author and staff writer for the New Yorker

More Information

- [George Packer's Blog: "Interesting Times"](#)
- [Article: "Betrayed: The Iraqis who trusted America the most"](#)
- [A Conversation with George Packer \(P.O.V.\)](#)

#1503 - 09/25/2008 [Wall Street Woes](#)

Wall Street is roiling with the news that venerable financial institutions are in crisis. With the federal bailout of housing lenders Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and insurance giant AIG, as well as the pending bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers and the buyout of Merrill Lynch, some are calling it the greatest financial crisis in our country since the Depression.

How will the Wall Street woes affect the Main Streets of cities across Idaho, not to mention citizens' savings, and their ability to borrow? Should the government be more closely regulating certain financial transactions, and what are the pros and cons of using taxpayer money to shore up private institutions?

Marcia Franklin talks with three experts about these issues. Bob Maynard is the Chief Investment Officer at the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho, which manages more than \$10 billion on behalf of Idaho's state employees. Dennis Fitzpatrick is the founder, CEO, and president of D.B. Fitzpatrick and Co., Inc., which manages assets of over \$800 million on behalf of its private and institutional investors. Professor Don Holley is the chair of the Department of Economics at Boise State University and a former economic analyst and forecaster for Ore-Ida Foods.

Guests

- Bob Maynard, PERSI
- Dennis Fitzpatrick, D.B. Fitzpatrick and Co., Inc.
- Professor Don Holley, Dept. of Economics, Boise State University

More Information

- [Treasure Valley leaders, financial experts weigh in \(Idaho Statesman 9-20-2008\)](#)
- [Timeline: Tracking the Crisis on Wall Street \(.pdf; Idaho Statesman 9-19-2008\)](#)
- [Idaho banks still secure amid market turmoil](#)
- [NewsHour's Business and Economy coverage](#)
- [Nightly Business Report](#)
- [Business/Finance coverage \(New York Times\)](#)
- [Wall Street Crisis \(The Wall Street Journal\)](#)
- [PERSI](#)

#1502 - 09/18/2008 [Teacher Evaluation](#)

How do you decide whether or not a teacher is doing a good job? Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna thinks there may be a better way to evaluate a teacher's performance. Luna organized a committee to develop minimum evaluation standards. Committee members have met over the summer and are working toward proposals to put before the Governor, the Legislature and the State Board of Education.

Joining host Joan Cartan-Hansen to look at what the committee is suggesting are Superintendent Luna and fellow committee member Sherri Woods, Idaho Education Association President.

Guests

- Tom Luna, Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Sherri Woods, president, Idaho Education Association

More Information

- [State Department of Education](#)
- [Idaho Education Association Forum on Teacher Performance Evaluation and Alternative Compensation](#)
- [National Center for Education Statistics](#)
- [EDUCATION WORLD: Wire Side Chat: Teacher Evaluations As A Reform Tool](#)
- [EDUCATION WEEK: Drive On To Improve Evaluation System For Teachers](#)
- [National Center on Teacher Quality](#)

#1501 - 09/11/2008 [Donna Butts, Generations United](#)

Donna Butts, the executive director of **Generations United**, talks with Marcia Franklin about intergenerational issues, such as support for grandparents caring for their grandchildren. Formed more than 20 years ago by the National Council on the Aging and the Child Welfare League of America, **Generations United** now encompasses more than 100 groups advocating for programs that benefit both young and old together, such as intergenerational housing and community centers.

Guests

- Donna Butts, executive director, Generations United

More Information

- [Generations United website](#)

#1436 - 07/10/2008 [William McDonough: Sustainable Development](#)

Waste equals food. That's the philosophy of world-renowned architect and designer William

McDonough. **Time** magazine recognized McDonough as a hero for the planet because of his unified sustainable designs, a step beyond just constructing green buildings.

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with McDonough about his work, his philosophy of "cradle-to-cradle" design, and the concept of the "Next Industrial Revolution." McDonough was in Idaho as part of Boise State University's Distinguished Lecture Series.

Guests

- William McDonough

More Information

- [William McDonough's website](#)
- [Film: The Next Industrial Revolution](#)
- [BSU Distinguished Lecture Series](#)

#1435 - 06/26/2008 [Law School Expansion - Don Burnett](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Don Burnett, the dean of the University of Idaho Law School. For nearly 100 years, the law school has resided solely in Moscow. The Idaho State Board of Education has authorized the school to proceed with an implementation plan for a Boise location. The expansion would increase the number of students at the school from 296 to 500, and would require additional private and public funding, including higher student fees and tuition.

Dean Burnett will discuss the rationale for expanding the law school to Boise, as well as the proposed timeline and funding for the initiative.

Guests

- Don Burnett, dean of the University of Idaho Law School

More Information

- [College of Law, University of Idaho](#)
- [Dean Donald L. Burnett Jr.](#)

#1434 - 06/19/2008 [Good Summer Reading 2008](#)

As summer approaches, **Dialogue** celebrates with its annual "Good Summer Reading" edition. Marcia Franklin interviews three guests, including two authors, about their own works as well as their favorite books.

Guests include Claire Dean, whose most recent novel, **Girlwood**, depicts a young girl struggling with her sister's disappearance; Norman Weinstein, an architecture and music critic for **The**

Christian Science Monitor and author of several books; and Laura DeLaney, the co-owner of the Rediscovered Bookshop in Boise.

View our guests' and viewers' [Good Summer Reading Booklists](#).

Guests

- Claire Dean, novelist
- Norman Weinstein, architecture and music critic
- Laura DeLaney, co-owner, Rediscovered Bookshop

More Information

- [Site for Claire Dean and Girlwood](#)
- [The 10 Best Books of 2007 \(New York Times\)](#)
- [Summer Books 2008 \(NPR\)](#)
- [Rediscovered Bookshop \(Boise\)](#)

#1433 - 06/12/2008 [Dave Tuthill, Water Resources Director](#)

Idaho received an above average amount of precipitation this year. That's good news for agriculture and recreation. But Idaho still faces serious questions about how to distribute the state's water supply and how to prepare for drier times ahead.

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with David Tuthill, the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Tuthill wants to investigate changes in how and where we store water and will discuss recent decisions in the Swan Falls settlement and the North Idaho adjudication.

Guests

- Dave Tuthill, Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Water Resources](#)

#1432 - 06/05/2008 [Surviving Tough Financial Times](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss "Surviving Tough Financial Times." Topics include advice on budgeting and smart shopping, as well as where to go for help for bankruptcy or foreclosure issues.

Franklin's guests include Linda Gossett, extension educator with the Ada County Extension Service/University of Idaho; Kelly McConnell, insolvency attorney with the law firm of Givens Pursley; and Anthony Polidori, supervising examiner/investigator with the Idaho Department of Finance.

According to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Idaho, bankruptcy filings in Idaho increased 35% over the past year. In addition, RealtyTrac.com reports Idaho home foreclosures are up 92% since January 2007.

Whether it's the rising cost of living or serious personal financial challenges, many Idahoans are feeling the pinch and looking for answers. Join us as we discuss possible solutions and help for consumers.

Financial and Shopping Tips

Guests

- Linda Gossett, extension educator
- Kelly McConnell, insolvency attorney
- Anthony Polidori, Idaho Department of Finance

More Information

- [U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Idaho](#)
- [Credit Abuse Resistance Education \(I-CARE\)](#)
- [Frontline: Secret History of the Credit Card](#)
- [Managing Your Money \(.pdf; Univ. of Maryland Cooperative Extension\)](#)
- [Family Finance \(Univ. of Idaho Extension\)](#)
- [Commodity Foods Recipes](#)
- [Financial Literacy \(Idaho Dept. of Finance\)](#)
- [High School Financial Planning Program \(National Endowment for Financial Education \[NEFE\]\)](#)
- [Idaho State Bar Bankruptcy Lawyer Referral Service](#)
- [Free Credit report \(AnnualCreditReport.com\)](#)

#1431 - 05/29/2008 Remembering J. R. Simplot

Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests remember Idaho billionaire J.R. Simplot. Simplot passed away 5/25/08 at the age of 99.

Simplot left home when he was 14 and made his first fortune selling hogs. He then won a coin toss to win a new electric potato sorter and eventually parlayed that windfall into an estimated 3.6 billion dollar fortune.

Cartan-Hansen will be joined by H. Dean Summers, Simplot's friend; Tom Stitzel, former Dean of the College of Business and Economics at Boise State University; and historian Susan Stacy. They will help us remember this remarkable man, his accomplishments and his impact on the world's economy.

Biography: **J.R. Simplot: A Billion the Hard Way** by Louie Attebery. Caxton Press, 2000.

Guests

- Susan Stacy, historian
- Tom Stitzel, former Dean, College of Business and Economics, Boise State University
- H. Dean Summers

More Information

- [J.R. Simplot 1909-2008: 'He did more to build Idaho than any other one person' \(Tim Woodward\)](#)
- [Obituary \(Simplot Family\)](#)
- [Obituary \(Idaho Statesman\)](#)
- [Obituary \(Washington Post\)](#)
- [What I've Learned: J.R. Simplot \(Esquire Magazine\)](#)

#1430 - 05/08/2008 [Alternative Energy](#)

Can Idaho be powered by nature? Can alternative energy sources provide enough power to meet all our needs? Which technologies work today? And why aren't more in place?

This week on **Dialogue**, host Joan Cartan-Hansen will discuss the benefits and challenges of alternative energy sources and what changes state and local governments need to make to encourage the growth of renewable energy. Cartan-Hansen will be joined by Bill Rogers, Associate Lab Director for Energy and Environment Science & Technology at Idaho National Laboratory and John Gardner, Associate Vice President of Energy Research Policy and Sustainability at Boise State University. Cartan-Hansen and guests will also focus on what residents can do to promote and use alternative energy.

Guests

- Bill Rogers, Idaho National Laboratory
- John Gardner, Boise State University

More Information

- [Powered by Nature \(Outdoor Idaho\)](#)
- [25 by 25 \(Idaho\)](#)
- [Idaho Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency](#)
- [Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy \(US Dept. of Energy\)](#)
- [Green Power \(US Dept. of Energy\)](#)
- [Idaho National Laboratory](#)
- [Energy Research, Policy and Campus Sustainability \(Boise State University\)](#)
- [D4K: Green Energy \(for kids and educators\)](#)

- [Alternative Energy \(DIALOGUE, 2-8-2007\)](#)

#1429 - 04/24/2008 [Tim Egan](#)

Marcia Franklin interviews award-winning author and New York Times columnist Tim Egan. Egan, who was part of a team of New York Times reporters that won a Pulitzer Prize in 2001, has covered the American West for more than 20 years. He talks with Franklin about how the region is changing socially and politically.

He also discusses the struggles of the Dust Bowl survivors of the 1930s, whose stories he chronicles in **The Worst Hard Time**. That work won a National Book Award in 2006.

Guests

- Tim Egan

More Information

- [Tim Egan's New York Times Blog](#)
- [Tim Egan is interviewed about **The Worst Hard Time**](#)
- [Tim Egan reads excerpts from **The Worst Hard Time**](#)

#1428 - 04/17/2008 [Idaho's Uninsured](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with three physicians who regularly treat the uninsured. The group will discuss the effects on society from the lack of access to health insurance, as well as potential solutions.

Guests for the program are: Karl Watts, MD, the director of the Genesis Medical Center in Boise and a member of Governor Otter's Select Committee on Health Care; Patrice Burgess, MD, past president of the Idaho Medical Association and chair of that group's Committee on the Uninsured; Jonathan Bowman, MD, the medical director for Terry Reilly Health Services, which operates six clinics in Ada and Canyon counties.

According to a July 2007 study commissioned by Idaho's Office of Performance Evaluations, between 16 and 18 percent of Idaho's population is uninsured, with the vast majority ineligible for public coverage. The rate of uninsured is eight points higher in rural areas than in urban settings. The lack of coverage results in less preventive care, more costly visits to the emergency room, and even deaths. In addition, the insured population pays higher premiums to cover the cost of treating those without insurance.

Idaho is in the process of assessing other state models for addressing this issue, including creating a public/private insurance pool and making health insurance more portable between jobs.

Guests

- Karl Watts, MD, Genesis Medical Center
- Patrice Burgess, MD, Idaho Medical Association Committee on the Uninsured
- Jonathan Bowman, MD, Terry Reilly Health Services

More Information

- [Idaho Community Health Centers](#)
- [Terry Reilly Health Services](#)
- [Garden City Community Clinic](#)
- [Idaho Medical Association Resolution on the Uninsured](#)
- [Idaho Office of Performance Evaluations Report on Covering the Uninsured](#)

#1427 - 04/10/2008 [Tracing The Roots of Violence](#)

Why do children kill? Research shows the foundation for a propensity for violence may start in infancy. Author Robin Karr-Morse believes violent behavior is fundamentally linked to abuse and neglect in the first two years of life.

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen will talk with Karr-Morse about the evidence that the predisposition to violent behavior is "hardwired" into the brain. Karr-Morse is the co-author of the book **Ghosts from the Nursery** and was the first executive director of the Oregon Children's Trust Fund. She is in Idaho speaking at the Idaho Children's Trust Fund annual conference.

Guests

- Robin Karr-Morse

More Information

- [Idaho Children's Trust Fund](#)
- [Ghosts from the Nursery](#)
- [Book Review: "Thugs in Bassinets"](#)
- [Children's Trust Fund of Oregon](#)

#1426 - 04/03/2008 [Department of Environmental Quality](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Toni Hardesty, the director of the Department of Environmental Quality. Hardesty, who started her environmental career as an intern for DEQ in the 1980s, now oversees an agency with a \$63 million budget and 380 employees. The DEQ is responsible for protecting Idaho's air, water and land resources.

Among other topics, Franklin and Hardesty discuss new legislation that would expand auto emissions testing programs in Idaho, new rules and regulations for field burning, a U.S. Court of Appeals decision regarding nuclear waste shipments from the Idaho National Laboratory, and concerns over pharmaceuticals in drinking water.

Before being appointed to her position by Governor Kempthorne in July, 2004, Hardesty had worked in both the Air and Water Quality divisions of the agency, as well as for the EPA and private consulting firms. She has been re-appointed director by both Governors Risch and Otter.

Guests

- Toni Hardesty, director, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Environmental Quality](#)

#1425 - 03/27/2008 [Mark Kurlansky](#)

On this edition of **Dialogue**, host Marcia Franklin talks with New York Times bestselling author Mark Kurlansky. Kurlansky, who is known for his "microhistories" of objects and events we often take for granted, will speak about some of his works, including **Salt: A World History**, **Cod, A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World**, **1968: The Year that Rocked the World**, **The Basque History of the World**, and **Non-Violence: 25 Lessons from the History of a Dangerous Idea**.

Guests

- Mark Kurlansky

More Information

- [About Mark Kurlansky \(Penguin Group\)](#)
- [Mark Kurlansky \(Random House\)](#)

#1424 - 03/20/2008 [Legislature 2008](#)

Idaho's legislators have printed over 875 bills this session. What have they accomplished? This week on **Dialogue**, Joan Cartan-Hansen discusses this session's high and low points with leaders from Idaho's House and Senate. Cartan-Hansen's guests are Senate Pro Tem Robert Geddes (R-Soda Springs) and House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet (D-Ketchum).

Guests

- Sen. Robert Geddes
- Rep. Wendy Jaquet

More Information

- [Idaho Legislature](#)

#1423 - 03/13/2008 [Climate Change](#)

Perhaps no other scientific issue has received more debate in the past decade than global

climate change. Marcia Franklin talks about the phenomenon with two experts, and also discusses changing human perceptions about the issue.

One of Franklin's guests is Stephen Schneider, Ph.D., a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Stanford University. Dr. Schneider was one of the lead authors of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. He was the recipient of a MacArthur "genius" Fellowship in 1992, and is the author of numerous books on climate change, including **Climate Change Policy: A Survey** and **Laboratory Earth: The Planetary Gamble We Can't Afford to Lose**.

The other guest on the panel is Stephen Pyne, Ph.D., a professor in the School of Life Sciences at Arizona State University. Dr. Pyne is considered one of the world's experts in fire ecology, and has written more than ten books on the subject, including **Fire: A Brief History** and **World Fire**. He was the recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship in 1988 and two National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships.

Both guests were in Boise for the annual conference of the American Society for Environmental History.

Guests

- Dr. Stephen Schneider, professor, Biological Sciences, Stanford University
- Dr. Stephen Pyne, professor, School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University

More Information

- [Dr. Stephen Schneider's faculty page](#)
- [Dr. Stephen Pyne's faculty page](#)
- [American Society for Environmental History](#)
- [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#)
- [Nobel Peace Prize for 2007](#)

#1422 - 02/28/2008 [BSU Coach Petersen](#)

Should the College Football Bowl system be replaced with playoffs? The NCAA is considering a new proposal. What would that mean for Boise State University? This week, Joan Cartan-Hansen asks BSU head football coach Chris Petersen what he thinks. Petersen is also building his team in anticipation of a new season. What are the team's greatest strengths and its weakest links?

Guests

- Chris Petersen, head coach, Boise State University

More Information

- [Boise State football](#)

- [Bowl Championship Series \(Wikipedia\)](#)
- [Vote for your favorite highlight \(includes BSU vs. OK\)](#)

#1421 - 02/21/2008 [Digital Television Transition](#)

In one year, on February 17, 2009, television as we have known it will change. That's when all television broadcasters, with the exception of those with low power (LP) transmitters and TV translators, are mandated by the federal government to exclusively transmit their signals digitally, instead of using analog technology. A new survey from Consumer Reports National Research Center found that more than 1/3 of Americans who have televisions are not aware of the upcoming change, and many more are confused about it.

Marcia Franklin examines the DTV transition with three guests: Peter Morrill, General Manager, Idaho Public Television; Thomas Wyatt, Deputy Bureau Chief of Consumer and Governmental Affairs for the Federal Communication Commission (FCC); and Brian Danza, Special Assistant, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

The shift to digital broadcasting will improve picture sound quality, allow for more channels, and free up valuable analog spectrum for public safety organizations. But it will also mean that traditional television sets receiving broadcasts via antenna will not function without a special converter box.

Franklin and her guests will discuss how to receive a converter box, as well as the options for purchasing digital-ready sets. They will also talk about the reasons for the conversion in the first place, the difference between digital television and high definition television (HDTV), and what will happen with the freed-up analog spectrum.

Guests

- Peter Morrill, Idaho Public Television
- Thomas Wyatt, Federal Communication Commission
- Brian Danza, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

More Information

- [The DTV Transition at Idaho Public Television](#)
- [FCC's DTV Transition Web site](#)
- [Digital Television Transition and Public Safety](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions About the Transition](#)
- [DTV Answers](#)
- [Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program](#)
- [Consumer Reports electronics recycling program](#)

#1420 - 02/14/2008 [Relationship Cures](#)

How do you save a marriage? How do you find Mr. or Miss Right? How many ways do you need to leave a lover? On Valentine's Day, **Dialogue** host Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests will discuss how to find and keep good romantic relationships. Cartan-Hansen will be joined by Dr. Carla Jensen, psychoanalyst and Dr. Roger Olson, psychologist.

Some of the inspiration for this show comes from the work of Dr. John Gottman, emeritus professor of psychology at the University of Washington, co-founder of the Gottman Institute in Seattle, and author of **The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work** and **The Relationship Cure**. Try the relationship quizzes (linked below), courtesy of the Gottman Institute.

Guests

- Dr. Carla Jensen, psychoanalyst
- Dr. Roger Olson, psychologist

More Information

- [Quiz: Dr. Carla Jensen's Relationship Quiz](#)
- [Quiz: Dr. Roger Olson's Relationship Quiz](#)
- [The Gottman Institute](#)
- [Quiz: How Well Do You Know Your Partner?](#)
- [Quiz: Bids For Connection](#)

#1419 - 02/07/2008 [Idaho Department of Fish and Game](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Cal Groen, the director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Groen is in his second year as director of the agency, which employs more than 500 people and seeks a fiscal year budget of \$77.5 million.

Franklin and Groen will talk about the state's management plan for wolves. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has announced its intention to remove the Rocky Mountain population from the endangered species list at the end of February, with Idaho assuming management for its population at the end of March, barring judicial intervention.

Groen will also discuss the delisting of grizzly bears, the agency's 10-year mule deer plan and the continuing debate over salmon restoration.

Guests

- Cal Groen, Department of Fish and Game

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Fish and Game](#)

#1418 - 01/31/2008 [Idaho Department of Health and Welfare](#)

The Department of Health and Welfare is one of Idaho's largest agencies. One out of four Idahoans receive its services. People depend upon the department for food stamps, medical care, childcare, food safety, and dozens of other programs. But spiraling costs may mean cuts. How do we provide a safety net for society and not break the bank?

Finding that balance and managing all the employees and programs falls to Richard Armstrong, the Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. This week on **Dialogue**, Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Director Armstrong to talk about the state of social services in Idaho.

Guests

- Richard Armstrong, Department of Health and Welfare

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Health and Welfare](#)

#1417 - 01/24/2008 [Idaho Transportation Department](#)

On a special hour-long edition of **Dialogue**, Marcia Franklin talks with the two top leaders of the Idaho Transportation Department, Pamela Lowe and Darrell Manning, about the ITD's current fiscal needs.

The Idaho Transportation Board has identified a \$200 million ongoing funding deficit for the Idaho Transportation Department. This session lawmakers will consider options such as increasing vehicle registration fees to help remedy the situation, which comes despite a nearly \$1 billion dollar bonding plan over five years to accelerate road construction using anticipated federal highway funds.

Lowe became Director of the Idaho Transportation Department in January, 2007. She began her ITD career in 1993 as a construction associate, and then was promoted through many positions, including planning services manager, regional engineer, District 3 engineer and administrator of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Manning, a former Adjutant General of the Idaho National Guard, is the current chair of the Idaho Transportation Board. The first director of the Idaho Transportation Department in 1974, Manning is also a former lawmaker. He has served the state in many capacities, including chief of the Bureau of Disaster Services and director of the Idaho Aeronautics Department.

Guests

- Pamela Lowe, Idaho Transportation Department
- Darrell Manning, Idaho Transportation Board

More Information

- [Idaho Transportation Department](#)

#1416 - 01/17/2008 [Idaho Department of Commerce](#)

Idaho is one of the fastest-growing states in the country, but the new director of the Idaho Department of Commerce believes the state should be doing much more to promote itself.

Marcia Franklin talks with Don Dietrich, the administrator of the Economic Development Division of the Idaho Department of Commerce. Dietrich discusses Idaho's economic landscape and the agency's priorities.

Guests

- Don Dietrich, administrator, Economic Development Division

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Commerce](#)
- [Official: Idaho must be ready if Micron leaves \(Idaho Statesman\)](#)
- [Micron should be more open \(Idaho Statesman\)](#)
- [Idaho Governor Names Commerce Head \(newwest.net\)](#)

#1415 - 01/10/2008 [Idaho Department of Correction](#)

or the Department of Correction, growth is a bad thing. Correction officials foresee another 5% increase in the state's prison population and are scrambling for places to put a projected 400 additional inmates. Idaho isn't alone in experiencing an exploding prison population. Other states are trying new ways of handling inmates too. What should Idaho do?

That's the biggest issue facing Idaho Correction Department Director Brent Reinke. What will he propose to Idaho's legislators? Are private prisons the best option? Joan Cartan-Hansen continues a month-long series of programs looking at state agencies and departments. Learn about one of state government's most consequential agencies, and join in the conversation, as IdahoPTV continues its extensive coverage of the 2008 Idaho Legislature.

Guests

- Brent Reinke, Director

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Correction](#)

#1414 - 01/03/2008 [Idaho Historical Society](#)

The Idaho Historical Society is beginning its second century with a new director and new

ambitions. Joan Cartan-Hansen sits down for a conversation about the agency and its plans with Janet Gallimore, the Society's Executive Director.

This is the first of five **Dialogues** on governmental planning and budgeting, as seen through the perspective of five different state agencies. What services do these agencies provide? Which of their programs are effective? How well are they spending your tax dollars? Learn some answers to these questions and more on **Dialogue**.

Guests

- Janet Gallimore, Executive Director

More Information

- [Idaho State Historical Society](#)
- [Idaho Legislature website](#)

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#1413 - 12/27/2007 [Separation of Church and State](#)

A recent Beliefnet poll reveals that 55 percent of Americans believe the United States was founded as a Christian nation. Yet, George Washington actually railed against the interference of the clergy in government matters.

Religious historian and author Forrest Church joins host Joan Cartan-Hansen for a conversation about his new book, **So Help Me God: The Founding Fathers and the First Great Battle Over Church and State**, and what our nation's forefathers really thought about God and politics.

Update: Rev. Church passed away on 9/24/09.

Guests

- Rev. Forrest Church

More Information

- [Forrest Church's website](#)
- [DIALOGUE interview with Forrest Church \(Oct 31, 2002\)](#)
- [In Memoriam: Rev. Forrest Church](#)

#1412 - 12/20/2007 [Richard Paul Evans 2007](#)

Utah author Richard Paul Evans burst onto the literary scene in 1993 with his self-published book, **The Christmas Box**. Subsequently picked up by a major publisher in 1995, the book became the #1 hardcover and paperback book in the nation. Since then, he has written 11 more bestsellers, including **The Last Promise** and **Finding Noel**.

Evans speaks with Marcia Franklin about his latest book, **The Gift**. Continuing with a spiritual theme that has been popular with readers, the story chronicles the life of a boy with special healing powers. The child cannot heal others, though, without hurting himself. One of the people he helps has Tourette's Syndrome, which Evans also has.

Franklin talks with Evans not only about the book, but also about Tourette's condition and its influence on his life and writing. They also discuss his philanthropic efforts on behalf of abused children.

Guests

- Richard Paul Evans

More Information

- [Richard Paul Evans' website](#)
- [The Christmas Box International](#)
- [Tourette Syndrome Association](#)
- [Tourette syndrome \(Wikipedia\)](#)
- [DIALOGUE interview with Richard Paul Evans \(Dec. 2002\)](#)

#1411 - 12/13/2007 [Jim McClure Biography](#)

When Jim McClure stepped in to run for Congress in 1966 after the Republican nominee was killed in a plane crash, no one knew he would become one of Idaho's best known political figures of the 20th century. McClure served for three terms in the House of Representatives and for 18 years in the U.S. Senate. He worked with six presidents and helped shape Idaho and American history.

McClure and biographer William Smallwood join Joan Cartan-Hansen for a conversation about McClure's life and political career.

Guests

- Sen. James McClure
- William Smallwood, McClure biographer

More Information

- [From Payette to Potomac, McClure has left his mark \(Dan Popkey\)](#)
- [Review: McClure of Idaho \(Randy Stapilus\)](#)
- [McCLURE, James Albertus \(from: Biographical Directory of the U.S. Congress\)](#)

- [McClure papers at the University of Idaho](#)
- [McClure of Idaho \(Caxton Press\)](#)

#1410 - 12/06/2007 [Presidential Courage](#)

George Washington's decision to support a treaty with Great Britain saved a young nation. Defying overwhelming public criticism, he decided to negotiate rather than fight. He worried that his choice would forever ruin his place in history. But his fears were unfounded.

Historian Michael Beschloss joins Joan Cartan-Hansen for a discussion about the most courageous acts in Presidential history. Beschloss is an historical commentator for ABC and the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer. He is the author of several books, including his latest, **Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America 1789-1989**.

Beschloss was in Idaho to speak at the Idaho Humanities Council Distinguished Humanities Lecture and Dinner.

Guests

- Michael Beschloss, Author & Historian

#1409 - 11/29/2007 [Sunshine Mine Disaster](#)

It's been more than 35 years, but the scars from one of America's largest mining accidents are still very real. Miners supply us with the raw materials for products we use every day. Yet we rarely hear about them until there's a disaster underground. In the past two years, 26 miners have lost their lives on the job in the United States, and many more have perished outside the U.S., where there are fewer regulations. All the recent disasters in the U.S. have been in coal mines, not metal mines.

But it hasn't always been that way. Idaho has the distinction of being home to one of the largest hard rock mine disasters in our country's history. In May 1972, 91 men lost their lives in the Sunshine mine in north Idaho when a toxic fire deep underground got out of control. The tragedy, coupled with the closure of the Bunker Hill mine, broke the area, not only economically but emotionally. Today, the towns of Kellogg and Wallace near the mines are finally rebounding. But the wounds from the Sunshine disaster are still below the surface.

Marcia Franklin talks about the events of 1972 with: Gregg Olsen, author of **The Deep Dark**, an account of the disaster; Peggy Delange-White, who lost her father, uncle and brother-in-law in the fire; and Bob Launhardt, the safety engineer for Sunshine mine, and one of the central figures in Mr. Olsen's book.

Guests

- Peggy Delange-White, victims' relative

- Bob Launhardt, former safety engineer for the Sunshine mine
- Gregg Olsen, author, **The Deep Dark**

More Information

- [Gregg Olsen's book site](#)
- [Sunshine Mine \(a great collection of links and sources, from Wikipedia\)](#)

#1408 - 11/22/2007 [Dr. Louis Sullivan](#)

America's health care system is a perennial subject for politicians and citizen groups alike. Marcia Franklin talks with the former head of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services about his ideas for improving health care.

According to the U.S. Census, about one in seven Americans, or 46 million people, are without health insurance. At the same time, the National Coalition on Health Care reports that Americans are spending more than two trillion dollars on medical care and that those costs are rising at twice the rate of inflation. Our health care system and how to pay for it are the subjects of intense national debate, particularly at election time. Yet solutions always seem to be mired in politics.

Dr. Louis Sullivan has some ideas about that, and he's in a position to share them. Dr. Sullivan was the director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 1989 to 1993, under President George H.W. Bush. A specialist in internal medicine and hematology, Dr. Sullivan is also the founding dean and the first president of Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, which he led for more than 20 years. Since his retirement from that institution in 2002, Dr. Sullivan has been involved in a variety of health care issues, including co-chairing the President's Commission on AIDs and HIV. He was also the host of the PBS series, **Frontiers of Medicine**.

Dr. Sullivan was in Boise to speak at Boise State University's Distinguished Lecture series.

Guests

- Dr. Louis Sullivan, former Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

More Information

- [National Coalition on Health Care](#)
- [Morehouse School of Medicine](#)
- [Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS \(PACHA\)](#)

#1407 - 11/18/2007 [Paula Kerger](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Paula Kerger, the President and CEO of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

Kerger talks about the challenges of running the nonprofit corporation, which serves more than 350 television stations, including Idaho Public Television. She discusses her vision and goals for PBS as traditional broadcasters race to keep up with a changing entertainment and information landscape brought on by the rise of digital media.

Guests

- Paula Kerger, President, Public Broadcasting Service (PBS)

More Information

- [PBS website](#)

#1406 - 11/08/2007 [Open Idaho](#)

Openness in government is essential to a democracy, but learning how to access public records or find out about government meetings can be intimidating. Idaho's Open Meeting and Public Records laws are the tools citizens can employ to access their government, but do you know how to use them? If you are a government employee or elected official, do you know what your responsibilities are?

In a one-hour **Dialogue** special, Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests, Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden and Betsy Russell, President of Idahoans for Openness in Government (IDOG), will explain the ins and outs of these two laws.

This episode is part of IdahoPTV's **Open Idaho** project. Funded by a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and produced in cooperation with IDOG and the Idaho Attorney General's office, this project will help teach public officials and private citizens about Idaho's Open Meeting and Public Records laws.

IdahoPTV has produced a DVD and companion website [Open Idaho](#) featuring filmed skits and interactive material designed to help viewers learn more about accessing their government and the rights and responsibilities of public officials and government employees.

Guests

- Lawrence Wasden, Idaho Attorney General
- Betsy Russell, Idahoans for Openness in Government

More Information

- [Open Idaho website](#)
- [Federal Freedom of Information Act](#)
- [Idaho Cameras in the Courtroom rules](#)
- [Idaho Press Club](#)
- [Idaho State Historical Society: Public Archives and Research Library Collections](#)
- [Idaho State Judiciary](#)

- [Idahoans for Open Government](#)
- [National Freedom of Information Coalition](#)
- [Office of the Attorney General](#)

#1405 - 11/01/2007 [Artificial Intelligence](#)

Artificial Intelligence, a term coined in 1956, is defined as the science and engineering of making intelligent machines. Advances in this field have led to the internet, robots that do surgery, driverless cars, and some pretty cool toys.

But will advances in artificial intelligence challenge our definition of what it means to be human, what it means to be alive? Fiction writers foresaw the possibility of such a conflict, but is there any truth to these fears?

Joan Cartan-Hansen looks at the future of artificial intelligence and its impact on our lives with two guests: Caleb Chung, the inventor of Furby, the first widely released robot; and John Sosoka, Chief Technology Officer for UGOBE, the developer of Life Forms robotic technology. UGOBE is releasing Chung's latest invention, PLEO, a robotic dinosaur.

Guests

- Caleb Chung, UGOBE
- John Sosoka, UGOBE

More Information

- [UGOBE](#)
- [What is Artificial Intelligence? \(John McCarthy, Stanford University\)](#)
- [Challenge A.I: Play 20 questions](#)

#1404 - 10/25/2007 [Public Schools](#)

Marcia Franklin welcomes Idaho State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna. They discuss Luna's first year in his position, and take viewer questions about where Idaho public education is heading in the coming months and years.

Franklin talks with Luna about his 2009 proposed budget, which includes funding for a new math initiative, as well as salary increases for teachers who are willing to give up certain job securities. The two will also discuss recent developments in student testing.

Guests

- Tom Luna, Superintendent of Public Instruction

More Information

- [State Department of Education website](#)

#1403 - 10/18/2007 [Endangered Species](#)

Twenty-two Idaho species are threatened or endangered. Thousands more are at risk worldwide. What factors cause animals and plants to go extinct? What can you do to help? Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests, Steve Burns, Zoo Boise Director, Scott Ransom, Pocatello Zoo Director, and Eric Yensen, professor of biology from Albertson College, discuss efforts to save endangered species here in Idaho and worldwide.

This program is part of Idaho Public Television's support of Zoo Boise's Conservation Fund, an effort to create a community dialogue about conservation and to involve as many people as possible in the conservation process. Zoo Boise will be granting funds to two conservation groups to support their preservation efforts. During the program, viewers will be able to learn more about the six organizations vying for that pool of money.

Guests

- Steve Burns, Zoo Boise
- Scott Ransom, Pocatello Zoo
- Eric Yensen, Albertson College

#1402 - 10/11/2007 [Senator Craig Ruling](#)

Marcia Franklin looks at the ramifications of Senator Larry Craig's decision to stay in office, despite a judge's ruling that the Senator cannot withdraw a guilty plea for disorderly conduct in a men's restroom. Guests include Dan Popkey of the Idaho Statesman, Betsy Russell of the Spokesman Review, and John Miller of the Associated Press.

On August 1, Senator Craig mailed in a guilty plea to a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct in a men's restroom in the Minneapolis airport, after an undercover cop arrested him for soliciting sex on June 11. On September 1, after the charge became public, Senator Craig announced his "intent" to resign effective September 30th. However, he decided to fight the charges, and even with the judge's ruling, says he will stay in the Senate to try and clear his name with the ethics committee there and continue to work for the citizens of Idaho. He has announced his intention to resign at the end of his term in January 2009.

Franklin and her guests talk about the potential ramifications of an ethics committee investigation for Senator Craig, whether he can still be effective as a legislator, and the effect the situation is having on Idaho politics.

Guests

- John Miller, Associated Press
- Dan Popkey, Idaho Statesman
- Betsy Russell, Spokesman-Review

More Information

- [Sen. Craig's website](#)
- [Betsy Russell's Blog: Eye on Boise](#)
- [Idaho Statesman's Sen. Craig coverage](#)
- [Judge Charles Porter's ruling \(pdf\)](#)
- [SNL - Really!?! with Seth & Amy: Senator Craig](#)
- [Sen. Craig humor](#)

#1401 - 10/04/2007 [SCHIP Update](#)

More than 21,000 Idaho children may soon lose their health insurance. The State Children's Health Insurance Program, known as SCHIP, may end if Congress and President George Bush cannot come to a compromise over the program's reauthorization.

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests look at the program's impact and what the future holds for so many of Idaho's children. This week's guests include Mary Lou Kinney, Cover Idaho Kids Director, and Leslie Clement, Administrator for the Medicaid division of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

Guests

- Mary Lou Kinney, Cover Idaho Kids
- Leslie Clement, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

More Information

- ["Adults, it's time to speak up for kids' health" Op-Ed by Mary Lou Kinney](#)
- [Health Insurance Premium Assistance](#)
- [Idaho Health](#)
- [State Health Facts by the Kaiser Family Foundation](#)
- [Kids Count report: Idaho](#)
- [Rep. Bill Sali](#)
- [Rep. Mike Simpson](#)
- [Senator Larry Craig](#)
- [Senator Mike Crapo](#)

#1339 - 09/20/2007 [Iraq War Injuries](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with two physicians about the types of injuries Iraq veterans are sustaining and the toll those injuries may be taking on society.

Ron Glasser, MD, was an Army doctor in the 1960s and is currently a pediatrician in Minneapolis. He has written several books on war-related topics, including **365 Days and Wounded: Vietnam to Iraq**. The latter explores the growing issue of war-related injuries to

soldiers in Iraq from IEDs, and the emotional and physical costs to both the soldiers' families and the public from those injuries.

Glasser is joined by Larry Dewey, MD, the chief of psychiatry at the Boise VA Medical Center. Dewey, who is also the author of **War and Redemption**, is an expert on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Guests

- Ron Glasser, MD
- Larry Dewey, MD, Boise VA Medical Center

More Information

- [Ron Glasser's website](#)
- [Boise VA Medical Center](#)
- [Walter Reed and Beyond: A Washington Post Investigation](#)

#1338 - 09/13/2007 [Wildland Fire](#)

With more than 1,400 fires and 1.7 million acres involved, Idaho is fighting more wildland blazes than any other state this year. Marcia Franklin talks with several experts about what is causing the increasingly large conflagrations, and how firefighting policy has been changing over the years, especially with the challenges posed by development at the urban-wildland interface and by global warming.

Guests include: Tom Boatner, Division Chief of Fire Operations, National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC); Dick Smith, Supervisor, Boise National Forest; Jen Pierce, Ph.D, Professor of Geomorphology, Boise State University; Rocky Barker, Author, **Scorched Earth: How the Fires of Yellowstone Changed America**.

Guests

- Tom Boatner, National Interagency Fire Center
- Dick Smith, Supervisor, Boise National Forest
- Jen Pierce, Ph.D, Boise State University
- Rocky Barker, Author

More Information

- [National Interagency Fire Center](#)
- [National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group Preparedness Strategy 2007 \(pdf\)](#)
- [Boise National Forest home page](#)
- [Professor Jen Pierce's home page](#)
- [Rocky Barker's home page](#)
- [Tips for protecting homes from wildland fire](#)

#1337 - 09/06/2007 [Senator Larry Craig's Scandal](#)

Idaho Senator Larry Craig announced his intention to leave office after his arrest and guilty plea in an undercover sex sting, then he tried to find a way to hang on. Now an aide says Craig is likely to leave unless he can clear his name by the end of the month. Is that possible? Should he stay even if he's able to change his plea? Meanwhile, Governor Butch Otter is considering possible replacements for Craig. Who is on the list?

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests will discuss the aftermath of Craig's resignation, his attempts to clear his name, and the future of Idaho politics.

Cartan-Hansen will be joined by Betsy Russell, Boise Bureau Chief for the Spokesman Review; John Miller, political reporter for Associated Press; Jim Weatherby, political analyst, and Kenton Bird, Director of the School of Journalism and Mass Media at the University of Idaho.

Guests

- Betsy Russell, Spokesman Review
- John Miller, Associated Press
- Kenton Bird, School of Journalism and Mass Media, University of Idaho
- Jim Weatherby, Political Analyst

More Information

- [Betsy Russell's "Eye on Boise" blog](#)
- [Craig-related stories from the AP](#)
- [The Idaho Statesman's "Larry Craig Investigation" page](#)
- [Colleagues urge Senator to make resignation unequivocal](#)

#1336 - 08/02/2007 [Barbara Morgan Launch](#)

This special hour-long **Dialogue** celebrates former Idaho teacher Barbara Morgan's upcoming launch into space on the Shuttle Endeavour.

The program includes a video piece produced by host Marcia Franklin, which recaps Morgan's 22-year odyssey since she was first picked as a backup to teacher-in-space Christa McAuliffe in 1985. When McAuliffe died in the space shuttle Challenger explosion in 1986, the teacher-in-space program was scuttled. Then in 1998, NASA asked Morgan to return to NASA to be fully trained as an "educator astronaut." She has been in Houston since then preparing for a launch, and will perform critical assignments on STS-118, the name for her mission, which will continue the construction of the International Space Station.

Franklin's piece includes interviews with Morgan throughout the years, as well as with her husband, former students, and crewmates. Franklin talks with four guests who know Barbara, including one of the other teacher-in-space finalists, former Boise High teacher Dave Marquart.

Other guests include Cindy McArthur, the lead for the Teaching In Space program, Kevin Collins, the former director of science education for the Idaho Department of Education, and Tom Campbell, director of the T.C. Bird planetarium in Boise.

The guests talk about Morgan's perseverance, as well as her educational mission, which has changed significantly since she was first chosen. They also share their views on the value of space exploration.

This is one of a series of programs that Idaho Public Television is planning about Morgan's mission.

Guests

- Dave Marquart, Teacher-in-Space Finalist
- Kevin Collins, Science Educator
- Tom Campbell, T.C. Bird Planetarium
- Cindy McArthur, Teaching From Space Program

More Information

- [NASA's Space Shuttle site](#)
- [CBS News Space Place](#)
- [Discovery Center of Idaho Space Days](#)
- [Blog for Idaho followers of Barbara Morgan and her shuttle mission](#)
- [Space Shuttle Viewing Opportunities](#)

#1335 - 06/21/2007 [Good Summer Reading 2007](#)

On this **Dialogue**, two Idaho authors and a young storyteller talk with Marcia Franklin about their work and recommend good summer reading for viewers.

Guests include: Tony Doerr, author of **Four Seasons in Rome**; Kelly Jones, author of **The Lost Madonna**; and Ben Kemper, the Grand Torch Bearer of the National Youth Storytelling Showcase.

[Good Summer Reading List 2007.](#)

Guests

- Tony Doerr, Author
- Kelly Jones, Author
- Ben Kemper, Storyteller

More Information

- [Anthony Doerr's website](#)

- [Kelly Jones' website](#)
- [The National Youth Storytelling Showcase](#)
- [Tony Doerr on NPR's Weekend Edition](#)

#1334 - 06/14/2007 [Supreme Court Justice Linda Copple Trout](#)

The first woman appointed to Idaho's State Supreme Court is stepping down in part because she believes judicial elections have become too nasty.

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Justice Linda Copple Trout about her work on the bench, her decision to retire, and the impact contentious elections have on the justice system.

Guests

- Linda Copple Trout, Idaho State Supreme Court Justice

More Information

- [Idaho State Judiciary website](#)

#1333 - 06/07/2007 [Arthur Vailas, ISU President](#)

Idaho State University President Arthur Vailas celebrates his first year on the job at the end of the month. What has he learned so far?

ISU recently announced plans to expand its teaching and research space in the Treasure Valley. Will ISU be the home of a new medical school? What challenges and opportunities face this institution and its new leader?

Joan Cartan-Hansen finds out when President Vailas joins her for this week's show.

Guests

- Arthur Vailas, President, Idaho State University

More Information

- [Idaho State University](#)

#1332 - 05/31/2007 [West Nile Virus Update](#)

Last year, West Nile Virus sickened more than one thousand Idahoans. Twenty-three residents died. This year, health authorities expect another surge of cases of this mosquito-borne disease.

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests will discuss how individuals can protect themselves from this disease, what symptoms to be on the look out for, and what efforts are underway to combat this disease.

Guests

- Dr. Christine Hahn, State Epidemiologist
- Bob Hays, Idaho Dept. of Agriculture
- Mel Lacy, West Nile Virus survivor

More Information

- [Center for Disease Control West Nile Virus Site](#)
- [Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare West Nile Information](#)

#1331 - 05/24/2007 [Moscow Shootings](#)

Marcia Franklin examines recent shootings in Moscow and Boise from a mental health perspective. The shootings raise questions about the accessibility of mental health treatment in Idaho, access to guns by the mentally ill, and laws regarding civil commitment.

Franklin's guests include: Sheriff Wayne Rausch, Latah County Sheriff; Judge John Bradbury, who oversees the mental health court in Clearwater County; Dr. Arnold Kadrmas, medical director of the mental health center at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lewiston; Professor Michael Blankenship of the Department of Criminal Justice at Boise State University; and Joel Mills, Palouse reporter for the Lewiston Morning Tribune.

Saturday night, May 20, 36-year old Jason Hamilton began spraying bullets into the Latah County dispatch center in Moscow. He killed an officer, a sexton at a nearby church, and then committed suicide. It was later discovered that he had also killed his wife. Hamilton had a long history with law enforcement and had recently told a mental health professional that he wanted to commit suicide by killing others with him.

The shooting comes on the heels of the March 31 murder of another Moscow resident, David Boss, who was allegedly killed by 21-year old John Delling. Delling, a former Idahoan who also is suspected of killing Boisean Bradley Morse on April 2, has a history of psychiatric disturbances.

Guests

- Judge John Bradbury, Clearwater County
- Dr. Arnold Kadrmas, St. Joseph's Hospital
- Professor Michael Blankenship, Boise State University
- Joel Mills, Lewiston Morning Tribune
- Sheriff Wayne Rausch, Latah County Sheriff

More Information

- [The Criminal Justice/Mental Health Consensus Project](#)
- [Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law](#)
- [Experts: Massacre to fuel mental health debate](#)

- [Mental-health law needs closer look](#)
- [Treatment Advocacy Center](#)
- [Mental Health Courts Program \(US Department of Justice\)](#)
- [Idaho Mental Health Court](#)

#1330 - 05/17/2007 [Community Colleges](#)

The Treasure Valley is the largest metropolitan area in the country without a community college. On May 22nd, residents of Ada and Canyon counties will vote on whether to authorize a community college district with taxing authority. If approved, the new College of Western Idaho will be housed at Boise State University's West Campus in Nampa, and would be funded with a combination of property taxes, state funds, private donations and tuition.

Marcia Franklin talks with proponents of the community college, as well as an administrator of an existing community college, about the promises and challenges of two-year higher educational institutions, which now account for nearly half of all undergraduates in our country.

Guests

- Skip Oppenheimer, Co-chair, "Community College Yes"
- Sona Andrews, Provost, Boise State University
- Claudeen Buettner, Executive Vice President, College of Southern Idaho

More Information

- ["Community College Yes" Campaign](#)
- ["Community College Now" educational program \(Albertson Foundation\)](#)
- [College of Southern Idaho](#)
- [North Idaho College](#)
- [Boise State University](#)
- [American Association of Community Colleges](#)
- [DISCOUNTED DREAMS television program](#)

#1329 - 05/10/2007 [Socially Responsible Investing](#)

Officials at PERSI, Idaho's public workers retirement fund, are reviewing calls to end investments in companies doing business in Sudan. Four other states have passed legislation calling for this type of divestment because of charges of mass genocide in Sudan's Darfur region.

Using investments to push for social change is nothing new, but now corporations are also jumping on the bandwagon. They are promoting their socially responsible or green investments. How can you make your money work for your moral, ethical or political views? How are states using their financial clout to push for change? Joan Cartan-Hansen and her

guests will discuss socially responsible investing for individuals as well as government funds and its impact on public policy.

Cartan-Hansen will be joined by Lisa Leff, a certified financial analyst with Trillium Asset Management Corporation, Jim Angresano, a political economy professor at Albertson College and a recently named Teacher of the Year for 2006 from the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching and Keith Brainard, Research Director, National Association of State Retirement Administrators.

Guests

- Lisa Leff, Certified Financial Analyst, Trillium Assets
- Jim Angresano, Political Economy Professor, Albertson College
- Keith Brainard, Research Director, National Association of State Retirement Administrators

More Information

- [PERSI website](#)
- [Trillium Assets Management website](#)
- [Prof. Jim Angresano](#)
- [Sudan Divestment Task Force](#)
- [Domini Social Investments](#)
- [National Association of State Retirement Administrators](#)
- [Sudan Divestment Task Force and Invested Interests Mutual Funds Screener](#)
- [Email the director of PERSI about socially responsible retirement investment options and/or Sudan divestment](#)
- [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and Google's "Crisis In Darfur" site](#)

#1328 - 05/03/2007 [David Fanning, Frontline Founder](#)

In 1983, David Fanning started what has become PBS' flagship public affairs program. **Frontline** is America's only regularly scheduled investigative documentary series on television. It remains one of the most honored programs on the air.

Fanning joins Joan Cartan-Hansen to discuss the state of broadcast journalism. Fanning was in the Pacific Northwest to accept the Edward R. Murrow Distinguished Achievement Award from Washington State University.

Guests

- David Fanning, **Frontline** producer and founder

More Information

- [Frontline website](#)

- [David Fanning bio](#)
- [The Edward R. Murrow Symposium](#)

#1327 - 04/12/2007 [Pet Food Safety](#)

Marcia Franklin examines the health, legal and regulatory issues arising out of the recent massive pet food recalls in the United States. The recalls, which included both dog and cat food, have pet owners concerned about their animals' health, and have prompted a U.S. Senate hearing into FDA oversight of the pet food industry.

Guests

- Sandy Willis, DVM
- Jacquie Swartz, DVM
- Marty Becker, DVM

More Information

- [Food and Drug Administration Pet Food Recall Site](#)
- [American Veterinary Medical Association Pet Food Recall Site](#)
- [Pet Food Institute](#)
- [American Academy of Veterinary Nutrition](#)
- [American Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals Pet Food Recall Site](#)
- [U.S. Humane Society Pet Food Recall site](#)
- [Petconnection.com](#)
- [Petfoodtracker](#)
- [People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals Pet Food Recall Site](#)

#1326 - 04/05/2007 [Tim White, University of Idaho President](#)

University of Idaho President Timothy White wants Idaho's best and brightest high school students to come to his school. The University recently announced a new scholarship program that would award top high school graduates a minimum of \$6,000 dollars over four years. President White explains his new program and updates viewers about the state of higher education in Idaho.

Guests

- Timothy White, President, University of Idaho

More Information

- [Go Idaho Scholarship program](#)
- [University of Idaho](#)

#1325 - 03/29/2007 [Idaho Department of Correction \(2007\)](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with the new director of the Idaho Department of Correction, Brent Reinke. Reinke, who was appointed in January, had been the director of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections since 1997. In his new position, he will oversee the operations of eight state prisons, one private prison, five community work centers and seven probation and parole offices.

The Department, which has a budget of more than \$163 million, manages 19,000 offenders and has 1,500 employees. Reinke and Franklin will talk about the challenges facing the agency, and his priorities as director.

Guests

- Brent Reinke, Director, Idaho Department. of Correction

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Correction](#)

#1324 - 03/22/2007 [Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer update](#)

An Idaho Supreme Court ruling gives thousands of Eastern Idaho farmers facing a shut-off of their pumps a reprieve. But questions about whose water rights will be filled remain unanswered.

Last year, a district court's order suggested thousands of junior water right holders in Eastern Idaho could be forced to shut off water pumps to meet the senior rights of some Magic Valley users. This month, Idaho's highest court overturned that district court ruling. Now the director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources will have to decide how to balance water rights and the beneficial use of this valuable resource.

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests will discuss the impact of the Court's ruling and the options facing water users in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. Cartan-Hansen's guests include Dave Tuthill, Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, State Senator Charles Coiner (R-Twin Falls), and water rights attorney Michael Creamer.

Guests

- Dave Tuthill, Idaho Department of Water Resources
- Sen. Charles Coiner (R-Twin Falls)
- Michael Creamer, water rights attorney

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Water Resources](#)
- [Text of the Idaho Supreme Court opinion \(PDF\)](#)
- [Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Mitigation, Recovery and Restoration Agreement for 2004 \(PDF\)](#)

#1323 - 03/15/2007 [Hans Blix/Weapons of Mass Destruction](#)

Marcia Franklin is joined by former Chief U.N. Weapons Inspector Hans Blix, who is now the chairman of the International Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission. In his current position, he investigates ways of reducing the dangers from nuclear, biological, chemical and radiological weapons.

Franklin and Blix talk about the run-up to the Iraq war, during which Blix expressed reservations about the existence of weapons of mass destruction in that country. They also talk about the risks posed by Iran and North Korea, as well as terrorists groups that could make weapons of mass destruction. Blix was in Idaho as part of the Boise State University Distinguished Lecture Series.

Guests

- Hans Blix, Former Chief U.N. Weapons Inspector

More Information

- [Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission](#)
- [International Atomic Energy Agency](#)
- [Boise State Distinguished Lecture Series](#)

#1322 - 03/01/2007 [Early Childhood Education, High Public Return](#)

Business leaders across the nation are pushing state and local governments to increase support for early childhood education. They say society sees a huge financial return on this important investment.

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with economic researcher Rob Grunewald about whether Idaho should follow suit. Grunewald, an economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, co-authored a study showing how investing in early childhood education can have positive business returns.

Guests

- Rob Grunewald, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

More Information

- [Early Childhood Development:Economic Development with a High Public Return \(PowerPoint\)](#)
- [Early Childhood Development on a Large Scale](#)
- [Early Childhood Development: Economic Development with a High Public Return \(PDF\)](#)
- [Social Code website](#)

#1321 - 02/22/2007 [BSU Football Coach Chris Petersen](#)

Boise State University's head football coach, Chris Petersen, is the guest on **Dialogue**. Coming off a 12-0 season and an unforgettable Fiesta Bowl win, Petersen is now looking ahead at the next season.

Guests

- Coach Chris Petersen

#1320 - 02/15/2007 [Idaho's Working Poor](#)

According to a new study, only half of Idaho's existing jobs pay a living wage for parents with two children, even when both parents are working full time. The Northwest Federation of Community Organizations issued its report at the same time Idaho's legislators rejected or held off considering several measures aimed at helping the working poor.

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests debate what legislators can do to improve economic and social conditions for thousands of Idahoans. They discuss proposals like an increase in the minimum wage, reducing the sales tax on food, and starting community colleges to increase educational opportunities.

Guests

- Senator Elliot Werk, D-Boise
- Representative Janice McGeachin, R-Idaho Falls

More Information

- [Job gap study \(Northwest Federation of Community Organizations\)](#)

#1319 - 02/08/2007 [Alternative Energy](#)

Marcia Franklin and guests examine the state's newly released Energy Plan. The plan encourages development of alternative energy sources, such as wind power and geothermal energy.

Franklin talks with the co-chair of the committee which released the plan, the president of a company that is developing a facility at Raft River, Idaho, the owner of a company that assists wind- and solar-energy developers, and a man who helps farmers explore the possibilities of ethanol and other grain fuels.

Because Idaho has ample hydropower and good access to both natural gas and coal-fired power plants, its energy prices have traditionally been some of the lowest in the nation. But as an importer of 80 percent of its energy needs, and with a rapidly growing population, Idaho is

increasingly vulnerable to changes in the energy market. The plan seeks to mitigate those issues before they become problems for the state's residents.

Guests

- Sen. Curt McKenzie (R-Nampa), Interim Committee on Energy, Environment and Technology
- Daniel Kunz, U.S. Geothermal
- Brian Jackson, Renaissance Engineering and Design
- Russ Hendricks, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation

More Information

- [Energy, Environment and Technology Interim Committee](#)
- [2007 Idaho Energy Plan \(pdf\)](#)
- [U.S. Geothermal](#)
- [Renaissance Engineering and Design](#)
- [Harvesting Clean Energy](#)
- [Apollo Alliance](#)
- [Northwest Energy Coalition](#)
- [Idaho Farm Bureau Federation](#)
- [25 x '25 Initiative](#)
- [Database for State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency](#)
- [The Price of Power](#)

#1318 - 02/01/2007 [Idaho Fish and Game](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Cal Groen, the newly appointed director of Idaho's Department of Fish and Game.

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission selected Groen to replace former Director Steve Huffaker, who retired after leading the agency for nearly five years. Groen, a 17-year veteran of the agency, has held several prominent positions within the department, the most recent being supervisor of the Clearwater region, a post he held for nine years.

Director Groen, who will manage an agency with more than 500 employees and a budget of more than \$74 million, discusses his priorities for the coming fiscal year. He also talks with Franklin about issues such as salmon recovery, wolf management, and non-game species.

Guests

- Cal Groen, Director, Department of Fish and Game

More Information

- [Idaho Fish and Game](#)

- [US Fish & Wildlife Service Mountain-Prairie Region Endangered Species Program](#)

#1317 - 01/25/2007 [Idaho's Chief Justice Gerald Schroeder](#)

Before retiring from the bench, Idaho's Chief Justice Gerald Schroeder speaks out on **Dialogue**. He has been on the state's highest court since 1995.

Joan Cartan-Hansen and the Chief Justice review the Court's changing role in Idahoans' lives, the challenges facing the third branch of our government, and discuss Schroeder's major accomplishments.

Guests

- Chief Justice Gerald Schroeder, Idaho Supreme Court

More Information

- [Idaho State Judiciary Web site](#)
- [Internet Guide to the Idaho's Courts](#)

#1316 - 01/18/2007 [Boise History](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen looks at the beginnings of Idaho's capital city, Boise. She is joined by historian Carol Lynn Macgregor. Macgregor is the author of the book, **Boise, Idaho 1882-1910: Prosperity in Isolation**.

Guests

- Carol Lynn Macgregor

#1315 - 01/11/2007 [Water Rights Showdown](#)

The Idaho Supreme Court is considering one of the most significant water rights cases to ever impact the state. If the high court upholds a district court ruling, hundreds of thousands of acres of farmland could dry up. Municipal water supplies could be put at risk. Economic development in Eastern Idaho could come to a halt.

If the Court overturns the ruling, it would change the primary legal basis for water law in the state, doctrines older than the state itself. Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests review the details of the issue and discuss what actions legislators might propose in light of the legal consequences of the case.

Guests

- Rocky Barker, The Idaho Statesman
- Sen. Charles Coiner (R-Twin Falls)
- Prof. Barbara Cosens, University of Idaho Law School

#1314 - 01/04/2007 [Legislative Preview 2007](#)

Elections have changed the look of the statehouse, with a new governor taking the helm and some familiar faces absent from the chambers.

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Idaho statehouse reporters about the upcoming legislative session. Greg Hahn of The Idaho Statesman, Betsy Russell of the Spokesman-Review, and Corey Taule of the Idaho Falls Post Register will discuss what issues the 2007 session is likely to address.

Guests

- Betsy Russell, Spokesman Review
 - Greg Hahn, Idaho Statesman
 - Corey Taule, Post Register
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#1313 - 12/28/2006 [Terry Tempest Williams](#)

Author Terry Tempest Williams talks about her latest series of essays, **The Open Space of Democracy**, which describe the nexus between the environment and democracy and encourage Americans to become involved in civic life.

Guests

- Terry Tempest Williams

More Information

- [Coyote Clan: Site dedicated to the life and work of Terry Tempest Williams](#)
- [The Open Space of Democracy Tour \(Orion Society\)](#)

#1312 - 12/21/2006 [Justice Stephen Breyer](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer about his judicial philosophy and his book, **Active Liberty**.

The interview is part of **Dialogue**'s ongoing "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2006 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. This year's, and previous years', conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers](#) site.

Guests

- Justice Stephen Breyer

#1311 - 12/14/2006 [Haynes Johnson: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Marcia Franklin interviews Pulitzer-prize winning reporter Haynes Johnson about the parallels he sees between the McCarthy era and today's political climate.

The interview is part of **Dialogue's** ongoing "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2006 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. This year's, and previous years', conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers](#) site.

Guests

- Haynes Johnson

#1310 - 12/07/2006 [Doris Kearns Goodwin: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Pulitzer-prize winning historian Doris Kearns Goodwin talks with Marcia Franklin about the lessons we can learn from Abraham Lincoln.

The interview is part of **Dialogue's** ongoing "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2006 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. This year's, and previous years', conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers](#) site.

Guests

- Doris Kearns Goodwin

#1309 - 11/30/2006 [Cancer Prevention](#)

Advances in cancer prevention offer new hope that we may someday avoid these potentially deadly diseases. Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests look at the new cervical cancer vaccine and other innovative methods to prevent cancer.

Dr. Doug Dammrose, Medical Director for Blue Cross of Idaho and Dr. Jerry Perez, Gynecologic Oncologist with St. Luke's Regional Medical Center and St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center join Cartan-Hansen to discuss the pros and cons of these new treatments.

Guests

- Dr. Doug Dammrose, Medical Director for Blue Cross of Idaho

- Dr. Jerry Perez, Gynecologic Oncologist

More Information

- [CDC HPV Vaccine Questions and Answers](#)
- [Food and Drug Administration HPV information](#)
- [Harvard Center for Cancer Prevention \(Harvard School of Public Health\)](#)
- [National Cancer Institute](#)

#1308 - 11/23/2006 [Jim Lehrer](#)

Dialogue presents a discussion with the anchor for PBS's **The Newshour With Jim Lehrer**. Marcia Franklin sat down with Lehrer when he visited Boise as the featured speaker for the Idaho Humanities Council's 10th Annual Distinguished Humanities Lecture and Dinner.

In his conversation with Franklin, the NewsHour anchor and executive editor talks about the influences that have helped shape him as a journalist and his passion for writing. Lehrer is the author of 16 novels, an award-winning journalist, moderator for 10 nationally televised presidential debates, and winner of the 1999 Presidential Humanities Medal.

Mr. Lehrer's Journalistic Guidelines

- * Do nothing I cannot defend.
- * Cover, write and present every story with the care I would want if the story were about me.
- * Assume there is at least one other side or version to every story.
- * Assume the viewer is as smart and as caring and as good a person as I am.
- * Assume the same about all people on whom I report.
- * Assume personal lives are a private matter until a legitimate turn in the story absolutely mandates otherwise.
- * Carefully separate opinion and analysis from straight news stories and clearly label everything.
- * Do not use anonymous sources or blind quotes except on rare and monumental occasions. No one should ever be allowed to attack another anonymously.
- * I am not in the entertainment business.

Guests

- Jim Lehrer

More Information

- [The Online NewsHour](#)
- [Wikipedia entry on the NewsHour](#)
- [Wikipedia entry on Jim Lehrer](#)
- [Address at the opening of the new U.S. Marine Museum in Quantico, VA](#)

#1307 - 11/16/2006 [DNA](#)

Advances in biotechnology and DNA analysis impact everything from the food we eat to innovations in medical care to who lands in jail. Boise State University Professor Greg Hampikian is a leading national expert in forensic DNA research. He joins Joan Cartan-Hansen for this week's **Dialogue**.

Hampikian oversees a variety of research projects including designing miniature sensors capable of detecting environmental biohazards, studies of DNA in populations of American ethnic and tribal subpopulations, and forensic investigations as part of the Idaho Innocence Project.

Guests

- Greg Hampikian, Biology Professor & Director, Idaho Innocence Project

More Information

- [Greg Hampikian's Boise State University site](#)

#1306 - 11/09/2006 [Election Wrap-up](#)

To conclude its election season coverage, Idaho Public Television looks at the results of elections in Idaho and in key races across the country. Marcia Franklin speaks with representatives from the state Democratic and Republican parties to hear their insights about the outcomes.

Guests

- Dan Popkey, Idaho Statesman
- Richard Stallings, Idaho Democratic Party
- Blake Hall, Republican National Committee

#1305 - 11/02/2006 [House Joint Resolution \(HJR\) 2: Marriage Amendment](#)

This special hour-long edition of **Dialogue** examines a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot that defines marriage as being between a man and a woman. The amendment also validates marriage as the only domestic union recognized by the state.

For more information on the amendment, visit our [Idaho Debates](#) site.

Guests

- Rep. Lawrence Denney (R-Midvale), amendment sponsor
- Kim Beswick, Idaho Votes No
- Bryan Fischer, Idaho Values Alliance
- Jim East, Idaho Votes No

#1304 - 10/26/2006 [Proposition 1](#)

On this special hour-long edition of **Dialogue**, Marcia Franklin examines Proposition One, which would ask lawmakers to find the equivalent of one penny in sales tax to fund education needs. That amount is estimated to be \$219 million.

Guests

- Ryan Hill, Yes For Idaho Schools
- Darrel Deide, Idahoans for Excellence in Education
- Brad Foltman, Division of Financial Management
- Judy Brown, Director, Idaho Center on Budget and Tax Policy

#1303 - 10/19/2006 [Proposition 2: Eminent Domain](#)

Dialogue looks at the debate over Proposition 2, which would limit the state's power of eminent domain and allow compensation for regulatory takings.

Guests

- Mark Bowen, Boise Chamber of Commerce
- Heather Cunningham, attorney

#1302 - 10/12/2006 [Israeli Palestinian Conflict](#)

Marcia Franklin discusses the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with Ambassador Philip Wilcox, President of the Foundation for Middle East Peace (FMEP).

Wilcox, a retired U.S. Foreign Service officer, has been the director for Near East Regional Affairs, director for Israeli and Arab-Israeli Affairs and Chief of Mission in Jerusalem. He brings that experience to his position at FMEP, a nonprofit organization that promotes Israeli-Palestinian peace.

Guests

- Philip C. Wilcox, Jr., President, Foundation for Middle East Peace

More Information

- [Foundation for Middle East Peace](#)

#1301 - 10/05/2006 [Boulder White Clouds/CIEDRA](#)

The Central Idaho Development and Recreation Act (CIEDRA) is the topic this week. Marcia Franklin talks with Representative Mike Simpson, the bill's sponsor, and with members of organizations who have a stake in its outcome.

CIEDRA would designate as wilderness more than 300,000 acres in the Boulder-White Clouds region of Central Idaho. Senator Larry Craig (R-ID) recently held a hearing on the Act, and expressed concerns about some of its provisions. At the same time, he said he would work with all the parties to see if a compromise could be found. The legislation has already passed the U.S. House of Representatives.

Guests

- Rick Johnson, Idaho Conservation League
- Carl Pence, retired Area Ranger, Sawtooth National Recreation Area
- Brett Madron, Idaho Trail Machine Association
- Representative Mike Simpson (R-Idaho)

#1237 - 09/28/2006 [West Nile Virus and Avian Flu](#)

Health Officials warn that while West Nile Virus cases in southern Idaho are declining, residents in North Idaho may be at a real risk next spring. Fish and Game officials have also stepped up their efforts to monitor Avian Flu in bird populations.

What can Idahoans do to protect themselves from these two potentially deadly illnesses? Where should state and local governments focus their resources? Why should bird hunters be particularly vigilant?

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests, Idaho State Epidemiologist Dr. Christine Hahn and State Waterfowl Manager Tom Hemker, update viewers on the status of efforts to stem these two diseases.

Guests

- Dr. Christine Hahn, State Epidemiologist
- Tom Hemker, State Waterfowl Manager

More Information

- [Idaho Avian Flu information](#)
- [Center for Disease Control: Avian Flu](#)
- [PandemicFlu.gov](#)
- [US Dept. of Health and Human Services](#)
- [Global Health Facts: Avian Flu](#)
- [OSHA: Avian Flu Guidance](#)
- [Idaho West Nile Virus information](#)
- [Center for Disease Control: West Nile Virus](#)
- [West Nile cases across US](#)
- [West Nile Virus US Incidence map](#)
- [West Nile Virus Fact sheet, tips for prevention, symptoms and care](#)

#1236 - 09/21/2006 [BYU-Idaho](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Dr. Kim Clark, the president of BYU-Idaho, the state's largest private university. The school is affiliated with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Clark took the helm of the institution, which has more than 11,000 students, after being asked by the president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to accept the post. Clark had been the Dean of the Harvard Business School for 10 years.

President Clark talks with Franklin about his plans for the school, (formerly known as Ricks College,) and how the university fits in with Idaho's other academic institutions.

Dr. Kim Clark was born in Salt Lake City, Utah. He holds Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees in economics from Harvard University, where he taught from 1978 to 2005. He served two years as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the South German Mission.

Guests

- Dr. Kim Clark, President, BYU-Idaho

More Information

- [BYU-Idaho home page](#)
- [Office of the President](#)

#1235 - 09/14/2006 [Anti-terrorism Policy](#)

Five years after September 11th, are we any safer? On this special edition of **Dialogue** from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference, Marcia Franklin discusses anti-terrorism policy with expert Juliette Kayyem.

The interview is part of **Dialogue's** ongoing "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2006 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there since 2005. This year's, and previous years', conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers](#) site.

Guests

- Juliette Kayyem, Counter-terrorism Expert, Harvard University

#1234 - 09/07/2006 [No Child Left Behind Update](#)

Dozens of Idaho schools face increasing sanctions for failing standards under the Federal No Child Left Behind law. State officials have recently updated the way school districts develop

improvement plans, but local school officials are concerned that without additional funds and support, meeting those goals may be difficult.

Is your school failing? Are the standards impossible to meet? Is the test even valid? What should parents know? Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests update parents and citizens about the impacts of No Child Left Behind.

Cartan-Hansen is joined by Marybeth Flachbart, Bureau Chief for the Idaho Department of Education, Eric Earling, Deputy Secretary of Education Regional Representative for the U.S. Department of Education and Dr. Stan Olson, Boise School District Superintendent.

Guests

- Eric Earling, U.S. Dept of Education
- Marybeth Flachbart, Idaho Dept of Education
- Dr. Stan Olson, Boise School District Superintendent

More Information

- [No Child Left Behind, US Department of Education](#)
- [Idaho Department of Education](#)
- [2005-2006 Adequate Yearly Progress Reports for Idaho](#)
- [No Child Left Behind: Reports, Articles, and other publications \(Center on Education Policy\)](#)
- [Case study of the Meridian School District and No Child Left Behind \(Center on Education Policy; PDF\)](#)
- [State Implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act \(Education Commission of the States\)](#)

#1233 - 06/22/2006 [Filmmaking in Idaho](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Idaho filmmakers Heather Rae and Russell Friedenbergl. The two produced and wrote "Trudell," a documentary about Native American poet and activist John Trudell. The documentary aired on Idaho Public Television as part of the "Independent Lens" series.

Rae and Friedenbergl discuss their film, which premiered at Sundance and has been screened around the world. They also talk about their upcoming works, the state of documentary filmmaking, and their plans to buy a building in Boise that will be a filmmaking center.

Guests

- Heather Rae, Filmmaker
- Russell Friedenbergl, Filmmaker

More Information

- [Trudell the Movie](#)

#1232 - 06/15/2006 [Arts in America/Mark Hofflund](#)

The National Endowment for the Arts celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2006. An Idahoan sits on the National Arts Council that helps oversee the NEA's \$126 million budget. President George W. Bush appointed Idaho Shakespeare Festival Managing Director Mark Hofflund to a three-year term.

Joan Cartan-Hansen interviews Hofflund about the NEA's major initiatives, the 30th anniversary of the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, and about Hofflund's passion for arts education programs.

Guests

- Mark Hofflund, National Council on the Arts

More Information

- [National Endowment for the Arts](#)
- [National Council on the Arts](#)
- [Mark Hofflund bio](#)
- [The Big Read](#)
- [Shakespeare in American Communities](#)

#1231 - 06/08/2006 [Hitchhiking](#)

It's a mode of transportation frowned upon by mothers and law enforcement alike: hitchhiking. But this week's guest on "Dialogue" says Americans are losing out by not trying it. Elijah Wald, author of **Riding with Strangers: A Hitchhiker's Journey**, has been hitching for 30 years, not only in the United States but around the world. He contends that it's safer than people think, as well as more efficient than other ways of traveling. In addition, he says, it gives the rider a unique perspective on a country and its citizens.

Wald shares with Franklin his best tips for getting a good ride and responds to concerns about the dangers of hitchhiking. He also talks about his other works. A musician and former music critic for the Boston Globe, Wald is the author of several books on the music world, including **Narcocorrido, The Mayor of MacDougal Street, River of Song**.

Guests

- Elijah Wald, Author

#1230 - 06/01/2006 [AIDS in Idaho](#)

Twenty-five years ago, doctors from the Center for Disease Control described a lethal new virus now known as AIDS. Since then 25 million people worldwide have died and 40 million more are

infected. While there is an effective treatment for HIV and AIDS, the epidemic and its aftermath are still very much with us today.

What challenges do Idahoans with this disease face? Are current prevention programs enough?

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests, Duane Quintana, a.l.p.h.a. Founder, and Alfredo Hernandez, a social work case manager, update us on the state of AIDS in Idaho.

Guests

- Duane Quintana, Allies Linked for the Prevention of HIV and AIDS (a.l.p.h.a.)
- Alfredo Hernandez, Social Worker, State of Idaho

More Information

- [Allies Linked for the Prevention of HIV and AIDS \(a.l.p.h.a.\)](#)
- [Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, STD/AIDS program](#)
- [Frontline: The Age of AIDS](#)
- [The Kaiser Family Foundation Report on HIV/AIDS](#)
- [The Center for Disease Control and Prevention: HIV/AIDS Prevention](#)
- [The United Nations Program on AIDS/HIV](#)
- [AIDSmeds.org](#)
- [The New York Times: Articles on AIDS/HIV](#)
- [AIDS: The Journal of the International AIDS Society](#)
- [DATA \(Debt, AIDS, Trade in Africa\)](#)
- [The Body: The Complete HIV/AIDS Resource](#)
- [Samaritan's Purse: HIV/AIDS Prescription for Hope](#)
- [The Trust for American's Health: Idaho Statistics](#)

#1229 - 05/25/2006 [Globalization](#)

Joseph Stiglitz, a Nobel Prize-winning economist, discusses U.S. and international economics with Marcia Franklin. He also talks about the total daily cost of the Iraq war and what the money could have been used for instead.

Guests

- Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel Prize-winning economist

#1228 - 05/11/2006 [Kempthorne Confirmation](#)

Marcia Franklin and two experts take a look at Governor Kempthorne's nomination as the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, a cabinet-level position. They talk about the challenges facing Kempthorne, if he is confirmed, in leading a department that manages one out of every five acres of land in the country, and provides the resources for nearly one-third of the nation's energy.

Kempthorne took questions from the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources last week and is expected to be confirmed by that committee on Wednesday. His nomination will then go before the full Senate.

If confirmed, he will be the 49th Secretary of the Interior and the second Idaho governor to serve in that position. Governor Cecil Andrus was Secretary of the Interior under President Jimmy Carter, from 1977-1981.

Agencies that fall under the Department of Interior include: the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Minerals Management Service and the Office of Surface Mining.

Guests

- Rocky Barker, The Idaho Statesman
- John Freemuth, Boise State University

More Information

- [Gov. Kempthorne's statement to the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee](#)

#1227 - 04/20/2006 [Avian Flu](#)

In the list of threats to global economies presented to delegates to the World Economic Forum recently, the flu came in second only to rising oil prices and ahead of terrorism. Why are governments across the world, including officials in the United States, sounding the alarm about the possibility of a pandemic outbreak of bird or avian flu? How real is the threat?

Joan Cartan-Hansen discusses viewers' questions about bird flu with three experts: Dr. Uwe Reischl, director of the Center for Health Policy at Boise State University; Dr. Mark Drew, Wildlife Veterinarian with the Idaho Department of Agriculture and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game; and Dick Schultz, Idaho State Health Officer.

Guests

- Uwe Reischl, Center for Health Policy, Boise State University
- Dr. Mark Drew, Wildlife Veterinarian, Idaho Department of Agriculture & Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Dick Schultz, Idaho State Health Officer

More Information

- [National Public Radio: Bird Flu Coverage](#)
- [USA Today: Bird Flu, things to know, not fear](#)
- [Center for Disease Control: Avian Flu](#)

- PandemicFlu.gov
- [US Dept. of Health and Human Services](http://USDept.ofHealthandHumanServices)
- [Global Health Facts: Avian Flu](http://GlobalHealthFacts:AvianFlu)
- [OSHA: Avian Flu Guidance](http://OSHA:AvianFluGuidance)
- [UN warns of bird flu complacency](http://UNwarnsofbirdflucomplacency)
- [Idaho Statesman: Bird flu scams can make you financially ill](http://IdahoStatesman:Birdfluscamscanmakeyoufinanciallyill)

#1226 - 04/13/2006 [Global Warming](#)

Last year was the hottest on record and the earth's temperatures are expected to continue to rise. Scientists report Antarctica is losing 36 cubic miles of ice annually. Some predict sea levels will rise three feet by 2100. That could put much of America's coastlines underwater, threatening major population centers.

What is global warming doing to the world? Has the earth reached the tipping point? How will climate change affect Idaho? Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests discuss the latest scientific studies about global warming, its impact and Idaho's future.

Guests

- Russell Qualls, State Climatologist
- Mitch Plummer, Hydrogeologist, Idaho National Laboratory

More Information

- [Joint science academies' statement: Global response to climate change \(pdf\)](#)
- [Idaho Climate Services](#)
- [Western Regional Climate Center](#)
- [EPA Climate Change site](#)
- [Links to Federal Govt. sites on climate change](#)
- [Climate.org](#)
- [Global warming \(Natural Resources Defense Council\)](#)
- [Climate Change: The Discovery of Global Warming](#)
- [ScienceDaily: Earth and Climate News: Global Warming](#)

#1225 - 04/06/2006 [Preventing Child Abuse](#)

Child molesters will tell you that victimizing children is 'simple,' that adults are 'just as easy to fool.' According to child abuse forensic expert Cory Jewell-Jensen, the problem is that traditional child sex abuse prevention programs don't work. She calls for a new approach, putting the responsibility for child abuse prevention where it belongs, on adults.

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Jewell-Jensen about how we can learn to protect our children by listening to advice from convicted child molesters. She believes we must learn how sexual predators act and think before we can prevent child abuse. Jewell-Jensen also challenges the

current way we try to stop child abuse, by expecting children to report the crime. She says it is time for parents to trust adults who have access to our children a lot less and to be more proactive.

Book suggestions:

Predators: Pedophiles, Rapists, and Other Sex Offenders: Who They Are, How They Operate, and How We Can Protect Ourselves and Our Children by Anna C. Salter (Basic Books, 2003)

Identifying Child Molesters: Preventing Child Sexual Abuse by Recognizing the Patterns of the Offenders by Carla Van Dam (Haworth Press, 2001)

Guests

- Corey Jewell-Jensen M.S., Director, Family Sex Abuse Treatment Program

More Information

- [Idaho Children's Trust Fund](#)

#1224 - 03/23/2006 [State of Idaho's Politics](#)

The Idaho Legislature is winding down, and that has Idaho's editorial writers and columnists gearing up for their end-of-session reviews. What do different parts of the state see as the key issues of the legislative session? How is Governor Dirk Kempthorne's appointment as Secretary of the Interior playing out?

Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by some of the state's editorial writers and leading columnist to discuss the state of Idaho's politics.

Guests

- Jim Fisher, Lewiston Morning Tribune
- Ian Fennell, Idaho State Journal
- Dan Popkey, The Idaho Statesman

More Information

- [Idaho Reports \(IdahoPTV's coverage of the legislature\)](#)
- [Lewiston Morning Tribune](#)
- [Idaho State Journal](#)
- [Dan Popkey's columns](#)
- [Idaho Legislature](#)

#1223 - 03/16/2006 [Filmmaking in Idaho](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Idaho filmmakers Heather Rae and Russell Friedenberg. The two

produced and wrote "Trudell," a documentary about Native American poet and activist John Trudell. The documentary aired on Idaho Public Television as part of the "Independent Lens" series.

Rae and Friedenbergr discuss their film, which premiered at Sundance and has been screened around the world. They also talk about their upcoming works, the state of documentary filmmaking, and their plans to buy a building in Boise that will be a filmmaking center.

Guests

- Heather Rae, Filmmaker
- Russell Friedenbergr, Filmmaker

More Information

- [Trudell the Movie](#)

#1222 - 03/02/2006 [116th Idaho Army National Guard](#)

Brigadier General Alan C. Gayhart, Sr., the deputy commanding general of the Idaho Army National Guard, joins Marcia Franklin to discuss his troops' involvement in foreign conflicts and peacekeeping efforts. About 1,800 Idaho Guard members just returned from a deployment of 18 months, most of which was served in Iraq. Additional Guard members are in training for an upcoming mission to Afghanistan.

An Idaho native, Brigadier General Gayhart has been with the Idaho National Guard since 1970. He assumed his current duties in December 2005. As deputy commanding general, he is responsible for the strength, training, readiness and management of all Army National Guard units within Idaho.

Guests

- Brig. Gen. Alan Gayhart

More Information

- [Idaho National Guard](#)
- [National Guard website](#)
- [National Guard Association of the United States](#)
- ["On Guard," the magazine of the National Guard](#)
- [Army National Guard](#)

#1221 - 02/23/2006 [Idaho National Laboratory Director](#)

One year ago, John Grossenbacher became the new director of the Idaho National Laboratory, coming in with a new mission, a new name, and a new primary contractor. Joan Cartan-Hansen

talks with Grossenbacher about how his first year as Director has gone and what the future holds.

Grossenbacher is also the President of Battelle Energy Alliance and the chair of the Governor's Science and Technology Advisory Council. Before joining Battelle, Mr. Grossenbacher had a distinguished career with the U.S. Navy, reaching the rank of Vice Admiral and Commander of Naval Submarine Forces.

Guests

- John Grossenbacher, INL Director

#1220 - 02/16/2006 [Home Energy Prices](#)

Three representatives from Idaho utilities and a spokesperson from a non-profit consumer advocacy group join Marcia Franklin to discuss statewide energy prices.

Along with the rest of the country, Idahoans have experienced double-digit rate increases in their utility costs, particularly natural gas. According to the Department of Energy, Idaho already ranks #4 in the country in terms of "energy burden" on its households. It is also one of the few states that does not allow utility companies to add a surcharge to help low-income residents pay for their energy costs.

Franklin's guests discuss the context for increases in energy prices, tips on making homes more energy efficient, and resources for energy assistance.

Guests

- Teri Ottens, Community Action Agencies
- Christine McCabe, Avista Utilities
- Mike Huntington, Intermountain Gas
- Darlene Nemnich, Idaho Power

More Information

- [Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program \(LIHEAP\) Idaho information](#)
- [Idaho Power](#)
- [Intermountain Gas](#)
- [Avista Utilities](#)
- [Weatherization Assistance Program \(US Department of Energy\)](#)
- [Energy Assistance Information \(Idaho Power\)](#)
- [Energy Assistance \(Intermountain Gas Co.\)](#)
- [Conservation Ideas \(Intermountain Gas Co.\)](#)
- [Energy Efficiency In Your Home \(Idaho Power\)](#)
- [Annual Energy Outlook \(US Energy Information Administration\)](#)

- [Short-Term Energy Outlook \(US Energy Information Administration\)](#)
- [Federal Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency \(US Department of Energy\)](#)
- [Energy Efficient Mortgages \(Home Owner's Guide\)](#)
- [Idaho Department of Water Resources, Energy Division](#)

#1219 - 02/09/2006 [Idaho Department of Correction \(2006\)](#)

The director of one of the State of Idaho's largest agencies discusses his plans for the coming fiscal year. Tom Beauclair, director of the Idaho Department of Correction, joins Marcia Franklin to explain his agency's needs.

The department is requesting a total of nearly \$162 million, a 16% increase over last year. More than \$6 million would be allocated to pay counties and other states to house Idaho inmates. The department expects about 350 new prisoners will enter the system in the next fiscal year. Director Beauclair has also called for more community treatment facilities and higher salaries for prison guards.

Guests

- Tom Beauclair, Director, Idaho Department of Correction

More Information

- [Department of Correction website](#)
- [Western Prison Project \(Idaho\)](#)
- ["Western Prisons" \(FocusWest\)](#)

#1218 - 02/02/2006 [Women in Science](#)

In the U.S. workforce, 22 percent of scientists and engineers are female and less than 7 percent of electrical, aeronautical, and mechanical engineers are women. Why are so few young women entering the engineering and science fields? What can be done to encourage more women and minorities to enter these important careers?

Joan Cartan-Hansen discusses these issues with the Dean of the College of Engineering at Boise State University, Cheryl Schrader. Schrader was recently honored with the 2005 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring.

Guests

- Cheryl Schrader, Dean, College of Engineering, Boise State University

More Information

- [President Honors Excellence in Mentoring \(National Science Foundation\)](#)
- [Society of Women Engineers](#)
- [Boise State College of Engineering](#)

- [Cheryl B. Schrader \(BSU staff page\)](#)

#1217 - 01/26/2006 [Idaho State Parks](#)

Governor Dirk Kempthorne proposes spending \$34 million to improve Idaho's state parks. The idea includes adding a new park in eastern Idaho. But the plan is hitting some rough ground in the legislature's budget committee. Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss the plan and answer questions.

Guests

- Robert Meinen, Idaho Parks and Recreation Director
- Carl Wilgus, Idaho Dept. of Commerce
- Marty Peterson, Experience Idaho commission member
- Rep. Maxine Bell, JFAC Co-Chair

#1216 - 01/19/2006 [Idaho Troops Return from Iraq](#)

Four Idaho members of the United States military who served in Iraq talk about their experiences in that country and what it's been like to return home.

All four show photographs of their time in Iraq and talk with Marcia Franklin about their tours of duty, which included training Iraqi military police, searching for improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and insurgents, supporting active military units, and guarding election sites.

Guests

- 1st Sgt. Stan Clinton, 116th Brigade Combat Team, Idaho Army Guard
- Spc. Christopher Chesak, 116th Brigade Combat Team, Idaho Army Guard
- Staff Sergeant Nathan Spaulding, 4th Tank Battalion, Marine Reserves
- Sgt. Joseph Gutierrez, 4th Tank Battalion, Marine Reserves

More Information

- [Chris Chesak's Blog](#)

#1215 - 01/12/2006 [School Facilities Lawsuit Decision](#)

Last month, the Idaho Supreme Court upheld a lower court's view that Idaho's system of funding public school buildings is unconstitutional. So what happens now? The court left it in the hands of Idaho's legislature to find a better way to pay for school buildings. But is this legislature ready to act? What will it mean for Idaho's school children and Idaho taxpayers?

Joan Cartan-Hansen looks at legislative options with her guests, Senator Dean Cameron, co-Chair of the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee, Representative Jack Barraclough,

House Education Committee Chair, and Robert Huntley, Attorney for Idaho Schools for Equal Educational Opportunity.

Guests

- Sen. Dean Cameron, Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee
- Rep. Jack Barraclough, House Education Committee
- Robert Huntley, Attorney for Idaho Schools for Equal Educational Opportunity

#1214 - 01/05/2006 [Legislative Preview 2006](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with three political reporters about the upcoming legislative session. They discuss what legislation Governor Kempthorne may want to promote as his 'legacy' during his last legislative session, as well as other issues on the lawmakers' docket, such as property tax relief, school funding, and Medicaid reform.

Guests

- Betsy Russell, Spokane Spokesman-Review
- Corey Taule, Idaho Falls Post Register
- Greg Hahn, Idaho Statesman

More Information

- [Idaho Reports website](#)
- [Idaho Statesman government coverage](#)
- [Idaho Falls Post Register](#)
- [Spokane Spokesman-Review](#)
- [Eye on Boise \(Betsy Russell\)](#)
- [Idaho Legislature](#)
- [Idaho Governor](#)

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#1213 - 12/29/2005 [Thomas Cahill: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with the former director of religious publishing at Doubleday and author of a prospective seven-volume series entitled **The Hinges of History**.

The interview is part of **Dialogue**'s new "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2005 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. This is the first year Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there. The conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers](#) site.

Guests

- Thomas Cahill

#1212 - 12/22/2005 [Firoozeh Dumas: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with the Iranian-born humorist and author of **Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America**.

The interview is part of **Dialogue**'s new "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2005 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. This is the first year Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there. The conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers](#) site.

Guests

- Firoozeh Dumas

#1211 - 12/15/2005 [David Macaulay: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with the creator of books that explain how architectural wonders such as pyramids and cathedrals were built.

The interview is part of **Dialogue**'s new "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2005 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. This is the first year Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there. The conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers](#) site.

Guests

- David Macaulay

#1210 - 12/08/2005 [Robert MacNeil: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with the veteran journalist, author, and former co-host of the **NewsHour** on PBS.

The interview is part of **Dialogue**'s new "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2005 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. This is the first year Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there. The conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers](#) site.

Guests

- Robert MacNeil

#1209 - 12/01/2005 [Thomas Keneally: Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with the author of Schindler's Ark, the basis for the Oscar-winning movie, **Schindler's List**.

The interview is part of **Dialogue's** new "Conversations from the Sun Valley Writers' Conference" and was taped at the 2005 conference. Since 1995, the conference has been bringing together authors to discuss literature and life. This is the first year Marcia Franklin has interviewed speakers there. The conversations can be found at the [Dialogue Sun Valley Writers](#) site.

Guests

- Thomas Keneally

#1208 - 11/24/2005 [13 Ways of Looking at the Novel with Jane Smiley](#)

Faced with a feeling of hopelessness after 9/11, Pulitzer-Prize-winning author Jane Smiley decided to take a new direction with her writing. The result is a book, **Thirteen Ways of Looking at the Novel**. Joan Cartan-Hansen joins Jane Smiley for a discussion about inspired writing, bad plots and what makes a good novel.

Guests

- Jane Smiley, Author

#1207 - 11/17/2005 [Saving Stuff](#)

Museums know how to preserve important artifacts, but how do you protect family treasures? The authors of "Saving Stuff" answer viewers' questions about the best way to care for everything from valuable family heirlooms to children's artwork.

Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by Don Williams, senior conservator of the Smithsonian Institutions and his co-author Louisa Jaggard.

Guests

- Don Williams, Senior Conservator, Smithsonian Institution
- Louisa Jaggard, Author

#1206 - 11/10/2005 [The War in Iraq](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with a retired general about the lessons learned in Iraq. General William Nash is a 34-year veteran of the United States Army and former commander in Bosnia and the first Gulf War.

Nash, who currently heads up the Center for Preventive Action at the Council on Foreign Relations, believes that the U.S. should not have invaded Iraq without more international support. He also urges the government to invest more money in reconstruction efforts in failed states so that they won't become breeding grounds for terrorists. Nash supports additional peace-keeping training for both the military and a new civilian corps that would help reconstruction efforts around the world.

General Nash was a platoon leader in Vietnam and an armored brigade commander in Operation Desert Storm. He was also the commander of a multinational division of 25 thousand soldiers in Bosnia-Herzegovina and a civilian administrator for the United Nations in Kosovo.

Guests

- Major General William Nash (US Army, Ret.), Council on Foreign Relations

More Information

- [Nash bio, interviews, and publications \(Council on Foreign Relations\)](#)
- [Center for Preventive Action \(Council on Foreign Relations\)](#)
- [Improving U.S. Post-Conflict Capabilities: Report of an Independent Bipartisan Task Force](#)

#1205 - 11/03/2005 [Medicare Prescription Plan](#)

Starting November 15th, Idaho seniors will begin enrolling in the new Medicare prescription drug program. But many Idahoans are confused about which of the more than 40 options to choose. Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests look at various aspects of the new program, discuss the "coverage gap," and find out how much money this program will cost the state of Idaho.

Guests

- David Lehman, Policy Director for Governor Dirk Kempthorne
- Genii Hamilton, Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors

More Information

- [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#)
- [Medicare](#)
- [Idaho's SHIBA \(Seniors Health Insurance Benefits Advisors\)](#)
- [Social Security Administration](#)

#1204 - 10/27/2005 [Meth in Idaho](#)

Marcia Franklin and guests take a closer look at the methamphetamine situation in Idaho. State law enforcement officials and treatment providers are growing increasingly concerned about the use of meth in the Gem State. After marijuana, it is the second most common drug in possession of arrestees.

But according to prison officials, meth is the single biggest factor in prison growth in Idaho, and more than half of released inmates say meth was their primary cause of incarceration. A lack of in-patient detoxification and treatment centers contributes to the problem.

Guests include Shelley Odlum, a former meth user who ended up needing skin grafts to repair damage done when a meth lab exploded in her home, Idaho State Police Lieutenant Dan Thornton and Joe Beckett, clinical director of Powder Basin Associates, which operates five drug and alcohol treatment centers in north Idaho.

Guests

- Shelley Odlum, former meth user
- Lieutenant Dan Thornton, Idaho State Police
- Joe Beckett, Powder Basin Associates

More Information

- [Idaho State Police \(Drug info\)](#)
- [Information on Meth from PBS's Frontline](#)
- [Frontline's History of Meth](#)
- [Oregonian's 5-part Series on Meth](#)
- [Multnomah County Sheriff's "Faces of Meth"](#)
- [Find and Apply for Drug and Alcohol Rehab Programs in Idaho](#)
- [Idaho Statistical Analysis Center \(Meth labs\)](#)

#1203 - 10/20/2005 [Silver Valley](#)

From one of the richest silver producing regions to one of the nation's biggest and costliest superfund sites, Idaho's Silver Valley's history has been a real roller-coaster ride.

Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests look at where this important part of the state is headed and what obstacles and opportunities lie ahead.

Guests

- Rob Hanson, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
- Angela Chung, Bunker Hill Superfund Team Leader, EPA
- William Rust, Technical Advisory Committee for the Basin Commission

More Information

- [Silver Valley Rising \(Outdoor Idaho\)](#)

#1202 - 10/13/2005 [Scorched Earth and Other Natural Disasters](#)

The 1988 fires in Yellowstone National Park changed the way Americans look at fire suppression. The lessons learned there changed how our nation deals with natural disasters.

But the results of human efforts to control or respond to fires on the scale of those in Yellowstone or hurricanes in the Gulf have forced all of us to wonder how far we can go to counter the impact of nature.

Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by author and environmental reporter Rocky Barker and a guest from the National Interagency Fire Center to look at the historical perspective of the development of land use policy and to discuss the unintended consequences of action or inaction in relation to natural disasters.

Guests

- Rocky Barker, Author and Idaho Statesman environmental reporter
- Mike Wallace, National Fire Management Officer, National Park Service

More Information

- [Rocky Barker, author of Scorched Earth](#)
- [Statesman reporter explores history of fire in Yellowstone](#)
- [National Interagency Fire Center](#)
- [National Park Service](#)

#1201 - 10/06/2005 [Effects of AIDS on Africa](#)

Marcia Franklin and guest explore the toll that AIDS is taking on Africa. She talks with Stephen Lewis, the special United Nations envoy for AIDS in Africa.

Lewis is one of the world's experts on the social and political ramifications of the disease. He is the former Canadian ambassador to the United Nations, and is also the director of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which provides grants to groups in Africa who work with HIV/AIDS patients.

In sub-Saharan Africa, more than 25 million people are infected with AIDS. At the 2005 G8 summit of the world's richest countries, members focused on Africa and pledged an extra 25 billion dollars to the continent in the next five years, in part to fund AIDS prevention projects.

Franklin and Lewis talk about two of his main concerns: the effect of AIDS on women and orphaned children in Africa.

Guests

- Stephen Lewis, United Nations Envoy for AIDS in Africa

More Information

- [Stephen Lewis Foundation](#)

#1139 - 09/29/2005 [High School Standards Redesign](#)

Are Idaho's high school students prepared enough? The State Board of Education proposes increasing the number of required math and science credits for graduation. They are also calling for required SAT or college placement tests, a senior project and a cumulative 'C' average for middle school students.

Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by Marilyn Howard, Idaho's Superintendent of Public Instruction and other guests to discuss the plan and answer viewers' questions.

Guests

- Marilyn Howard, Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Karen McGee, State Board of Education
- Cindy Sisson, Meridian School District

More Information

- [Idaho Board of Education info on redesign](#)

#1138 - 09/22/2005 [Dalai Lama in Idaho](#)

Dialogue takes a look back at the 2005 visit by the Dalai Lama to the Gem State. The exiled leader of Tibet and Nobel Peace Prize winner was in Idaho for five days meeting with a variety of people. Marcia Franklin talks about the effect of the Dalai Lama's visit with several people who met him. She will also show clips from several of his talks.

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama Tenzin Gyatso is the head of state and spiritual leader of the Tibetan people. Born Lhamo Dhondrub in 1935 to a peasant family, His Holiness was recognized at the age of two as the reincarnation of his predecessor the 13th Dalai Lama. Dalai Lamas are considered to be the manifestations of the Bodhisattva (Buddha) of Compassion, who choose to reincarnate to serve the people.

On November 17, 1950, the Dalai Lama assumed full political power of his people after the Chinese Army invaded Tibet. In 1959 he and 80,000 Tibetan refugees fled to India. In 1989, after years of peaceful attempts to restore an independent Tibet, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, which he accepted on behalf of all oppressed peoples.

Guests

- Tashi Dondup, Boise Tibetan community
- Jackie Sandmeyer, student
- Jeff Williams, President and CEO of Glanbia Foods

More Information

- [Tenzin Gyatso, the present Dalai Lama](#)
- [Dalai Lamas since 1391](#)
- [Tibetan Government in Exile](#)

- [His Holiness The Dalai Lama](#)

#1137 - 09/15/2005 [Social Code](#)

Research confirms that a child's healthy development depends upon his or her experiences in the first years of life. The National Governors Association supports the view that states have a compelling interest to invest in services that improve care and education of infants and toddlers. Studies show such an emphasis reduces future expenditures in assistance programs and pays huge dividends for children and society.

But Idaho is far behind the curve in the resources it devotes to quality early childhood education. Why? Parents and providers who are educated about developmental stages can make a big difference in how well prepared a child is for school. So, in what programs should Idaho invest? Should our growing understanding of how children learn and develop change where we put our tax dollars.

Joan Cartan-Hansen and a panel of nationally and regionally recognized early childhood experts focus on how parent, providers and policy makers should rethink what ready to learn really means.

Guests

- Ross Thompson, University of California, Davis
- Janice Fletcher, University of Idaho
- Mary Jones, Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare

#1136 - 09/08/2005 [School Facilities Lawsuit Preview](#)

Who should fund Idaho's school buildings? Is it the sole responsibility of local property taxpayers or should the state help pay? After more than a decade of litigation, the State Supreme Court is poised to decide the issue.

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests will look back at the problems that led school superintendents to sue the state and at how legislators reacted. They will also preview the questions to be argued before the Idaho Supreme Court on September 14th.

Guests include Stan Kress, Cottonwood School District Superintendent and President of the ISEEO, the group of school districts suing the state; Betsy Russell, Boise Bureau Chief for the Spokesman-Review; and Jerry Evans, former Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Guests

- Stan Kress, Cottonwood School District
- Betsy Russell, Spokesman-Review
- Jerry Evans, former Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction

More Information

- [Some historical background \(from the ACCESS Project\)](#)
- [Notice of Hearing \(Idaho Supreme Court\)](#)
- [Idaho State Judiciary](#)

#1135 - 09/01/2005 [Property Taxes](#)

Escalating home values, increasing property taxes and static wages prompted the Idaho legislature to convene an interim legislative committee to study whether Idaho's property tax system needs to be modified.

As the committee wraps up from its twelve summer hearings, Marcia Franklin talks with two committee members and a property tax activist about possible committee recommendations to the full legislature, as well as the threat of a "Proposition 13" tax revolt in Idaho, similar to the one in California in the late 1970s.

Guests

- Sen. Brad Little (R-Emmett)
- Rep. Wendy Jaquet (D-Ketchum)
- Tom Suttmeier, Citizens for the Sensible Taxation of Property (STOP)

More Information

- [Idaho Legislature: Property Tax Interim Committee site](#)
- [Citizen Group: Idaho Property Tax Reform](#)

#1134 - 08/24/2005 [President Bush Speaks to Idaho](#)

In this special one hour DIALOGUE, Idaho Public Television airs in its entirety the talk given by President George W. Bush in Nampa earlier in the day. Analysis by local journalists Jon Hanian (KBCI-TV) and Dan Popkey (Idaho Statesman) follows.

Guests

- Jon Hanian, KBCI-TV
- Dan Popkey, Idaho Statesman

#1133 - 07/14/2005 [The Fire Next Time](#)

This special hour-long "Dialogue" is a follow-up to the POV documentary, "[The Fire Next Time](#)," which chronicled tensions in the Flathead Valley of Montana over environmental issues.

Marcia Franklin talks with four experts who have dealt with similar conflicts about how to move past the shouting and work on reconciliation. The program will also update viewers on what has happened in Montana since the filming of the documentary.

Guests

- Martin Goebel, Sustainable Northwest
- Pam Kennedy, Mayor, Kalispell, Montana
- Melinda Smith, Senior Mediator, RESOLVE, Inc.
- John McCarthy, Idaho Conservation League

More Information

- [Fire Next Time site](#)
- [White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation](#)
- [RESOLVE, Inc](#)
- [Idaho Conservation League](#)
- [Sustainable Northwest](#)

#1132 - 06/23/2005 [Genealogy](#)

Looking for a summertime project? How about tracing your family tree? Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by genealogy experts Steve Barrett of the Idaho State Historical Society and Cecelia Sachtjen with the Idaho Heartland Genealogists. They share their tips for genealogical research.

Guests

- Steve Barrett, Idaho State Historical Society
- Cecelia Sachtjen, Idaho Heartland Genealogists

More Information

- [Idaho State Historical Society](#)
- [Brigham Young University of Idaho Family History Center](#)
- [National Archives and Records Administration \(NARA\), Pacific Alaska Region \(Seattle\)](#)
- [Cyndi's List \(general, how-to information \)](#)

#1131 - 06/16/2005 [Idaho National Laboratory](#)

The Idaho National Laboratory has a new name and a new primary contractor. Joan Cartan-Hansen interviews the new Laboratory director John Grossenbacher. Grossenbacher is also the President of Battelle Energy Alliance.

Most recently, Mr. Grossenbacher has served as Battelle's Senior Vice President for Nuclear Science and Technology, focusing on delivering complex science and technology projects to build joint nuclear science and technology programs among Battelle-managed laboratories and with collaborating organizations.

Guests

- John Grossenbacher, INL Director

#1130 - 06/09/2005 [Salmon Plan Ruling](#)

This program examines a recent ruling by a federal judge regarding the Bush Administration's salmon recovery plan. Federal District Judge James Redden ruled that the National Marine Fisheries Service's 2004 biological opinion did not meet standards for recovering salmon.

One of the major flaws, according to the judge, was that the plan, for the first time, classified dams as a natural part of the landscape. Environmentalists have argued for years that dams make it more difficult for anadromous fish to migrate from rivers to the ocean and back.

Does the opinion put four controversial lower Snake River dams on the endangered species list? What's next? Marcia Franklin talks with three guests about the issues raised by the judge's ruling.

Guests

- Bert Bowler, Idaho Rivers United
- Sen. Joe Stegner (R-Lewiston)
- Rocky Barker, Idaho Statesman

More Information

- [District Court opinion: National Wildlife Federation vs. National Marine Fisheries Service \(PDF\)](#)
- [Idaho Rivers United](#)
- [Article: Judge kills Bush's plan for dams and salmon](#)
- [Article: Redden may steer future of salmon, dams](#)
- [Article: Competing interests complicate finding a way to save salmon runs](#)
- [Article: Officials rehash salmon plan](#)
- [Article: Congressmen get an earful on Snake dams and salmon](#)

#1129 - 06/02/2005 [View from Iraq](#)

Two reporters talk with Marcia Franklin about their month-long trip to Iraq. Roger Phillips, outdoor reporter for the Idaho Statesman, and Kim Hughes, the photo editor for the Idaho Statesman, share their experiences and photos.

Hughes and Phillips spent a month with the Alpha and Bravo Companies of the 116th Brigade Combat Team of the Army National Guard. About 1700 Idahoans are serving in Iraq with the 116th, stationed in northern Iraq. During their visit, the two reporters filed numerous stories and took over 7,000 photos.

Guests

- Roger Phillips, Idaho Statesman
- Kim Hughes, Idaho Statesman

#1036 - 05/26/2005 [From Idaho to Iran](#)

It's been branded part of the "Axis of Evil," but what is everyday Iran really like? Marcia Franklin takes us on a journey to one of the world's oldest civilizations.

Franklin traveled to Iran to film the small but determined environmental movement there. She talked with Vice President Massoumeh Ebtekar, the only woman in the Iranian national government and the director of Iran's Department of Environment. Vice President Ebtekar was also the spokesperson for the hostage-takers at the American Embassy in 1979.

Franklin also spoke with Shirin Ebadi, a lawyer and former judge who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003.

Guests

- Vice President Massoumeh Ebtekar
- Shirin Ebadi, Nobel Prize winner

More Information

- [Iranic Thoughts Web site](#)

#1128 - 05/19/2005 [Treating Child Abuse](#)

Childhood traumas and abuse actually reshape a child's brain, but new psychological treatments can lead the way to healing. Joan Cartan-Hansen explores the issues with leading psychologist and author Dave Ziegler.

Dr. Ziegler is the executive director of a unique treatment center that focuses on helping the traumatized and "impossible" children. In his book, **Traumatic Experience and the Brain**, Ziegler investigates the effects trauma has on the developing brain and explores new treatments to help these victims heal.

Guests

- Dave Ziegler, Psychologist and Author

More Information

- [Dr. Ziegler's website](#)

#1127 - 05/12/2005 [Idaho's Public Schools](#)

Most public schools will finish up their academic year in less than a month. Meanwhile, Idaho's school children are beginning another round of ISAT tests as required by the federal No Child Left Behind law. Faced with ever tightening budgets, school boards across the state are trying to figure out what programs to cut and what programs to keep. And Idaho's colleges and universities are mulling yet more hikes in tuition.

This program looks at the shape of Idaho's public school and higher education system. Joan Cartan-Hansen interviews Idaho's Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard. Howard's attempts to save a student tracking program failed in the last legislative session. She has been speaking out for more funding for public schools and worries about impact of fee increases on university and college students.

Guests

- Marilyn Howard, Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction

#1126 - 05/05/2005 [Senator Crapo](#)

U.S. Senator Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) talks with Joan Cartan-Hansen about the current issues in front of the U.S. Senate. One current issue is the co-called "nuclear option" of removing the filibuster provision in the Senate that Democrats want to use to stall President Bush's judicial nominees. One of those nominees, William Myers, is from Boise.

Other issues before the Senate include the war in Iraq, the federal budget, social security, bankruptcy reform and health care concerns. A cancer survivor, Crapo will speak about his recent treatment for prostate cancer and the need for increased awareness about that disease. He is also trying to get compensation for Idahoans who lived downwind of nuclear testing in Nevada and who now have cancer and other illnesses.

Mike Crapo is serving his second term as a United States Senator, having first been elected to that position in 1998. Prior to his Senate service, Crapo served three terms as the 2nd District Rep. for Idaho in the U.S. House of Representatives. He also served in the Idaho State Senate from 1984 to 1992, and spent his final four years there as Senate President Pro Tempore.

Crapo is a member of the Banking, Housing, and Urban Development Committee, the Budget Committee and the Finance Committee, which reviews significant portions of the President's annual budget.

In 2001, Sen. Crapo also became a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee. He is the Chairman on the Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization. New also this term is his appointment to the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

Sen. Crapo is involved in Senate leadership as a Deputy Whip. He is the founder and Co-chair of the Senate Nuclear Cleanup Caucus. He also serves as Co-Chairman of the Western Water Caucus and Co-Chairman of the Sportsmen's Caucus.

Guests

- Senator Mike Crapo

#1125 - 04/28/2005 [Downwinders](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Idaho "downwinders" and their advocates, who are seeking compensation for exposure to nuclear testing fallout.

More than 40 years ago, winds blew radiation from nuclear testing at the Nevada Test Site into Idaho. Several counties in Idaho, including Gem County, were hard hit. Today, residents of that area who are suffering from cancer and other diseases have asked the government to include them in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA), which compensates radiation victims \$50,000 for their exposure to testing fallout.

Guests

- Sheri Garmon, cancer survivor
- Rep. Kathy Skippen (R-Emmett)
- Preston J. Truman, Downwinders
- Tona Henderson, Emmett resident

More Information

- [Radiation Exposure Compensation Program](#)
- [The Board on Radiation Effects Research](#)
- [Downwinders](#)
- [Individual Dose and Risk Calculator for Nevada test site fallout](#)
- [Report: Assessment of the Scientific Information for the Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program](#)

#1124 - 04/21/2005 [Sustainability](#)

This week marks the 35th anniversary of "Earth Day." On this program, Marcia Franklin and guests look at what humans can learn from animals and plants about living more sustainably on the land.

Author Janine Benyus describes how scientists and product developers are trying to manufacture products that mimic the strategies of certain animals and plants, so that fewer toxic chemicals can be used. For example, scientists are developing paint that will mimic the self-cleaning properties of leaves. Developers are also trying to learn how spiders spin silk stronger than Kevlar, using just water.

Larry Selzer talks about the actions to preserve land conducted by the Conservation Fund, a private, non-profit, non-advocacy organization. The Fund, started in 1985, helps purchase and set aside tracts of land, including portions of the Lewis and Clark Trail.

Guests

- Larry Selzer, The Conservation Fund
- Janine Benyus, Author

More Information

- Biomimicry.net
- [The Conservation Fund](http://TheConservationFund.org)

#1123 - 04/14/2005 [Connecting Idaho Plan](#)

This program looks at Governor Kempthorne's "Connecting Idaho" plan, which the Idaho legislature recently approved.

Marcia Franklin talks with Idaho Transportation Board Chairman Chuck Winder and Jon Barrett of Smart Growth about the plan, which calls for \$1.6 billion in bonding to accelerate the construction and upgrading of 13 road projects around the state.

The 258 miles of roadways would be funded using a so-called Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (often referred to as a GARVEE bond) that allows states to issue bonds to build highway projects and pay off the bonds using its future federal highway payments. The concept was under much discussion at the legislature, as some lawmakers didn't like the idea of the state incurring so much debt. The GARVEE bill was one of the last passed, and its delay provoked the governor to veto eight bills in retaliation.

Franklin and her guests talk about what's next, now that the plan has been passed, and how citizens can get involved.

Guests

- Chuck Winder, Idaho Transportation Board
- Jon Barrett, Idaho Smart Growth

More Information

- [Idaho Smart Growth](http://IdahoSmartGrowth.org)
- [Idaho Transportation Board](http://IdahoTransportationBoard.org)
- [Connecting Idaho proposal \(PDF\)](#)
- [Connecting Idaho clickable map](#)
- [Road Kill Coalition](http://RoadKillCoalition.org)

#1122 - 04/07/2005 [Gene Harris/ Biography](#)

Jazz great and Grammy award winning pianist Gene Harris became a household name in Boise, Idaho. His passing in 2000 was a personal loss for many and for the century-old music traditions of jazz and rhythm and blues.

Joan Cartan-Hansen interviews Janie Harris and Bob Evancho, co-authors of “Elegant Soul, The Life and Music of Gene Harris.” Harris and Evancho took more than three years of research and travel to write the book which includes interviews with childhood friends, family, bandmates and journalists.

Learn more about the namesake of Idaho’s annual “Gene Harris Jazz Festival” and the contributions he made to music and to the lives of those he touched.

Guests

- Janie Harris, Author
- Robert Evancho, Author

More Information

- [Gene Harris.org](#)

#1121 - 03/31/2005 [Water Conflicts Update](#)

The deadline for passage of the Nez Perce Tribal Water Rights Agreement hits this week. Lawmakers are also rushing to pass legislation establishing a framework for a possible solution to the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer conflict. At the same time, the Bonneville Power Administration predicts higher energy prices this summer because of the low precipitation levels. Water issues dominate the news. But what does it all really mean for most Idahoans?

Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by experts who will answer viewer questions about the major water issues facing the state.

Guests

- Rocky Barker, Idaho Statesman
- Julie Pence, Twin Falls Times-News
- John Freemuth, Boise State University

More Information

- [Troubled Water: Exploring Solutions for the West's Water Crisis \(Andrus Center\)](#)
- [Rocky Barker](#)

#1120 - 03/24/2005 [National Public Radio](#)

Marcia Franklin speaks with Kevin Klose, the president and chief executive officer for National Public Radio (NPR). NPR has more than 770 stations nationwide and a weekly audience of more than 22 million listeners.

A former correspondent and editor with The Washington Post, Klose took over as president of NPR in 1998. He was previously the director of U.S. International Broadcasting, overseeing the U.S. government's global radio and television news services. Prior to holding that position, he was president of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty.

A former Woodrow Wilson National Fellow, Klose is also the author of five books, including "Russia and the Russians: Inside the Closed Society," winner of the Overseas Press Club's Cornelius Ryan Award.

He talks with Franklin about the state of radio broadcasting, including innovations like satellite radio, and the role of entities such as the International Broadcasting Bureau, a branch of the U.S. government which broadcasts programs such as "Voice of America" and "Radio Marti" into other countries.

Guests

- Kevin Klose, President and CEO, National Public Radio

More Information

- [National Public Radio](#)
- [International Broadcasting Bureau](#)

#1119 - 03/03/2005 [Governor Kempthorne](#)

Governor Dirk Kempthorne talks with Marcia Franklin about his current legislative agenda, including a plan to expand major highways in Idaho, provide tax incentives to businesses, and reduce the sales tax.

Guests

- Governor Dirk Kempthorne

More Information

- [Governor Kempthorne's website](#)

#1118 - 02/24/2005 [Illegal Immigration](#)

Marcia Franklin has a conversation with two Hispanic leaders about the costs and benefits of illegal immigrants. Humberto Fuentes, a board member of the Farmworker Justice Fund and former director of the Idaho Migrant Council, debates Canyon County Commissioner Robert

Vasquez, who recently declared his county a "disaster area" due to the costs of providing health care and incarceration for some illegal immigrants.

The Idaho Senate Health and Welfare Committee recently killed a bill that would have capped the amount of money counties have to spend on health care for indigent illegal immigrants. But supporters vow to come back with another proposal, saying the issue is costing counties millions of dollars. Opponents of the legislation say illegal immigrants pay taxes and take jobs that others would not do, so they should receive some benefits.

On a national level, Senators Larry Craig and Edward Kennedy recently introduced the Agricultural Job Opportunity, Benefits and Security Act of 2005, known as "AgJOBS," to address some concerns surrounding illegal farmworkers.

Guests

- Humberto Fuentes, Farmworker Justice Fund
- Robert Vasquez, Canyon County Commissioner

More Information

- [Farmworker Justice Fund](#)
- [Canyon County website](#)
- [Overview and summary of AgJOBS bill](#)

#1117 - 02/17/2005 [Congressman Butch Otter](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter. Last November, Congressman Otter was re-elected to a third term representing Idaho's 1st District. He also recently announced that he would be running to succeed Dirk Kempthorne as Idaho's next governor.

Otter talks with Franklin about issues of national security and budgeting, as well as state concerns with which he would have to contend if elected governor in 2006.

Rep. Otter is a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the subcommittees on Trade and Consumer Protection, Energy and Air Quality, and Environment and Hazardous Materials.

A native of Caldwell, ID, Otter received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the College of Idaho (now Albertson College of Idaho). He served in the Idaho Army National Guard's 116th Armored Cavalry from 1968 to 1973. He was elected lieutenant governor of Idaho four times and also served in the Idaho House of Representatives for two terms.

In his business life, Congressman Otter served in a variety of positions with the Simplot Company over a period of 30 years.

Guests

- Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter, R-Idaho

More Information

- [Rep. Otter's website](#)
- [VoteSmart info on Rep. Otter](#)
- [GovTrack info on Rep. Otter](#)

#1116 - 02/10/2005 [On a Roll](#)

Marcia Franklin interviews Greg Smith, the protagonist of the "Independent Lens" film "On a Roll." Smith has muscular dystrophy and cannot walk, but hasn't let that stop him from using his other abilities to motivate both disabled and able-bodied people. For years, he hosted a radio show called "On a Roll," which looked at disability issues. The program has evolved into "The Strength Coach," in which Smith interviews inspiring people from all walks of life.

Smith talks with Franklin about his life and aspirations, what it was like to film the documentary and disability issues that concern him.

Guests

- Greg Smith, The Strength Coach

More Information

- [On a Roll](#)
- [The Strength Coach](#)
- ["On a Roll" press release](#)

#1115 - 02/03/2005 [Nez Perce Water Agreement](#)

It's the largest water rights agreement in Idaho history, with the potential to affect large portions of the state. Marcia Franklin examines the Nez Perce water rights settlement with three guests. The agreement, which has been negotiated over more than a decade, attempts to resolve the Nez Perce Tribe's claims to much of the water in the Snake River drainage. It has been ratified by Congress, and now is before the Idaho legislature and the tribe.

In the terms of the agreement, the tribe drops all claims to instream flows on water outside its reservation in exchange for millions of dollars in an economic development and habitat restoration trust fund, new water systems, BLM land, and water from the Clearwater River for its consumptive use on the reservation. The deal also provides for minimum stream flows on various streams and rivers, and annual releases of water in the Snake River to help anadromous fish migrate to the ocean.

A video piece will discuss the pros and cons of the legislation, including comments from some of the opponents of the settlement who see it as potentially damaging their property rights.

Guests

- Anthony Johnson, Nez Perce Tribal Chairman
- Rep. Dell Raybould (R-Rexburg)
- Sen. Skip Brandt (R-Kooskia)

#1114 - 01/27/2005 [Good Winter Reading 2005](#)

Marcia Franklin interviews Idaho authors John Rember, Elise Blackwell and Barbara Herrick about their works and recommendations for viewers.

Rember teaches English at Albertson College in Caldwell, and is the author of three books, "Coyote in the Mountains," "Cheerleaders from Gomorra" and his latest work, "Traplines," a memoir of his life in the Sawtooth Valley.

Blackwell is on the writing faculty at Boise State University. "Hunger," a fictionalized account of the lives of workers at a Russian botanical institute during the siege of Leningrad, is her first novel.

Herrick is a Boise writer whose book, "The Blackberry Tea Club," is an outgrowth of conversations between women about middle age. It includes essays, poems and stories on the trials and wonders of growing older. She is also the author of numerous poems and stories.

Guests

- Elise Blackwell, Author
- Barbara Herrick, Author
- John Rember, Author

More Information

- [Winter 2005 Reading List](#)

#1113 - 01/20/2005 [Political Moderates](#)

Republican versus Democrat, red states versus blue states, conservative versus liberal. Since the last presidential election, the media has been reporting that America is a divided nation. But is that true? The founder of a grassroots organization for political moderates talks with Marcia Franklin about his views and goals for Idaho politics.

Dr. Keith Allred, a Boise State professor, believes that America is not as divided as it has been portrayed and is made up of many more independents and moderates. In that light, he has just started "The Common Interest," a lobby group that will represent people who feel

disenfranchised by the two main political parties. The group will research various topics, take positions and advocate at the legislature. Allred is a fifth generation Idahoan, and former professor at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Guests

- Dr. Keith Allred, The Common Interest
- Stephanie Bender-Kitz, The Common Interest
- Jerry Baltzell, The Common Interest

More Information

- [The Common Interest](#)

#1112 - 01/13/2005 [Personal Bankruptcy](#)

With a record 9,660 bankruptcies filed in 2003, Idaho now ranks as ninth highest state for financial defaults. According to credit experts, the average household in Idaho now carries \$10,000 in consumer debt. How does your neighbor's bankruptcy affect your life, and if you're in financial trouble, what are the best ways to climb out of debt?

Marcia Franklin interviews two legal experts on the subject, including Chief Bankruptcy Judge Jim D. Pappas, who has written and lectured extensively on bankruptcy law. Franklin is also joined by Kelly Greene McConnell, an attorney who specializes in credit recovery and bankruptcy, and is the chair of the bankruptcy section of the Idaho Bar.

Guests

- Jim D. Pappas, Bankruptcy Judge
- Kelly Greene McConnell, Attorney

More Information

- [Bankruptcy info, US District Courts, Idaho](#)
- [American Bankruptcy Institute](#)
- [Money Smart - a financial education program from the FDIC](#)
- [FRONTLINE: Secret History of the Credit Card](#)
- [Federal Reserve Board: Consumer Information](#)

#1111 - 01/06/2005 [Legislative Preview 2005](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by three statehouse reporters to discuss the issues that will dominate the upcoming legislative session. These include a potential water rights agreement with the Nez Perce tribe, a lowering of the state sales tax, and a ban on gay marriages.

Guests

- Betsy Russell, Spokesman-Review

- Greg Hahn, The Idaho Statesman
- Corey Taule, Idaho Falls Post Register

More Information

- [Idaho Legislature](#)

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#1110 - 12/23/2004 [Russell Hulse](#)

Is scientific study just like a good detective story? Do we teach science effectively in our schools? One man has decided making science education fun should be his life's work. Joan Cartan-Hansen speaks with Russell Hulse, a Nobel prize winning physicist, about his work to improve science education as part of life long learning.

Hulse and his thesis advisor, Joseph Taylor, Jr., discovered the first binary pulsar, a twin star system that is, in effect, a natural laboratory to test aspects of Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity. For this work, Hulse and Taylor were jointly awarded the Nobel prize for physics in 1993. Their discovery is considered by many as among the top scientific discoveries of the 20th century.

Hulse and Cartan-Hansen also discuss the significance of his research into pulsars, micro air vehicles and about his work to improve science education in schools and museums. Hulse was in Boise speaking at the Discovery Center of Idaho.

Guests

- Russell Hulse, Scientist

#1109 - 12/16/2004 [Merit Pay for Teachers](#)

Should teachers be paid according to how well their students learn? The Idaho State Board of Education formed a subcommittee to examine the idea of a merit-pay system for public education. Is it a good idea? How would it be implemented and how would it be funded?

Joan Cartan-Hansen discusses the pay-for-performance plan with guests.1110

Guests

- Dr. Stan Olson, Boise School District Superintendent
- Colleen Thompson, Teacher
- Reed DeMordaunt, Merit Pay Subcommittee Chairman

#1108 - 12/09/2004 [Dana Gioia](#)

Dana Gioia, chairman of the National Endowment of the Arts, talks with Marcia Franklin about the role of government in funding of the arts and the controversies that surrounded the agency in the '90s.

Gioia, an accomplished poet, also talks about his craft, which includes writing the libretto for the opera, "Nosferatu," which had its world premiere in Boise.

Guests

- Dana Gioia, National Endowment of the Arts

More Information

- [National Endowment for the Arts](#)
- [NEA Chairman's Forum](#)
- [Opera Idaho](#)
- [Nosferatu Study Guide](#)
- [Statesman review of Nosferatu](#)
- [Dana Gioia Online](#)

#1107 - 12/02/2004 [Organizing Session of the Legislature](#)

Idaho's legislators are gearing up for a new session. Joan Cartan-Hansen speaks with the leaders of Idaho's House and Senate about the major issues expected to cause controversy in the 58th Legislature. These include two major water rights questions, gay marriage, and transportation changes.

Guests

- Rep. Bruce Newcomb, Speaker of the House
- Rep. Wendy Jaquet, House Minority Leader
- Sen. Clint Stennett, Senate Minority Leader
- Sen. Robert Geddes, Senate Pro Tem

#1106 - 11/18/2004 [Islam in Idaho](#)

Idaho is home to a growing number of Muslims. On this special hour-long edition of "Dialogue," Marcia Franklin depicts the lives of two Idaho Muslims, a young Iranian woman, and a young man who is a convert from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Franklin's video piece is followed by a studio discussion with three experts on Islam.

Guests

- Professor Said Zaid, Boise State University
- Aameena Jandali, Islamic Networks Group
- Helal Omeira, Council on American-Islamic Relations

More Information

- [Council on American-Islamic Relations](#)
- [Islamic Networks Group](#)
- [Islamic Center of Boise](#)
- [Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet](#)
- [Frontline: Muslims](#)
- [Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding](#)

#1105 - 11/11/2004 [George McGovern](#)

South Dakota Senator George McGovern became one of America's most famous "liberals" when he ran for President in 1972. Now, McGovern uses his "liberal" credentials with former Senator Bob Dole to help feed children in developing countries around the world.

Joan Cartan-Hansen and George McGovern talk about the impact of his work to end hunger and about his views on what the nation really needs to do to improve national security.

Guests

- Sen. George McGovern, Former Presidential Candidate

#1104 - 11/04/2004 [Election 2004](#)

On election day, Idahoans will vote for members of Congress, the State Legislature and county officials. Joan Cartan-Hansen and political reporters from around the state will analyze the election results and explain who the winners and losers of Election 2004 really are.

Guests

- Greg Hahn, The Idaho Statesman
- Betsy Russell, The Spokesman-Review
- Corey Taule, The Idaho Falls Post Register

#1102 - 10/14/2004 [Robert Dallek](#)

Marcia Franklin interviews presidential historian Robert Dallek about the upcoming election and the qualities he believes are important in order to lead a country.

Dallek, the author of more than a half dozen books, including a two-volume biography of President Lyndon Johnson, is a professor of history at Boston University. He is a frequent commentator on radio and television, and is this year's distinguished Idaho Humanities Council lecturer.

Guests

- Robert Dallek, Presidential Historian

#1103 - 10/14/2004 [First Vote](#)

This special hour-long edition of Dialogue features thirteen young, first-time voters. They talk about the upcoming election, the issues that matter to them, and why their peers don't go to the polls. The program is part of a larger initiative called By the People.

Guests

- various

#1101 - 10/07/2004 [Dialogue's 10th Anniversary](#)

In this special hour-long program, Marcia Franklin and Joan Cartan Hansen look back at the last decade of "Dialogue". Featured are clips from conversations with Idaho's governors, famous authors, and issue-oriented debates.

Guests

- various

#1042 - 09/23/2004 [Jay Davis, Homeland Security Expert](#)

What are the gravest threats to America's security, and how can the country best protect itself? Marcia Franklin talks with Jay Davis, former director of the ANSER Institute for Homeland Security, about what is being done to protect the world from nuclear and biological weapons.

Davis, who participated in two UN inspections of Iraq in 1991, is a scientist and the former director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency of the U.S. Department of Defense. An expert in accelerator mass spectrometry, Dr. Davis spent more than 30 years at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, has authored over 80 publications, and holds patents on spectrometer technologies.

Guests

- Jay Davis

More Information

- [Homeland Security Institute](#)
- [ANSER \(Analytic Services, Inc.\)](#)
- [Jay Davis biography](#)
- [US Department of Homeland Security](#)
- [The strange career of 'Homeland Security' \(pdf\)](#)
- [Defense Threat Reduction Agency](#)

#1041 - 09/16/2004 [War on Weeds](#)

Joan Cartan Hansen hosts a discussion with experts who are on the front lines in the battle

against invasive noxious weeds. Guests give viewers insight into the damage noxious weeds cause as they encroach into Idaho's wilderness, farmlands, and backyards.

For more information on noxious weeds call: 1-866-ID-weeds.

Guests

- Roger Batt, Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign
- Bas Hargrove, Nature Conservancy
- Jeffrey Pettingill, Weed Abatement Superintendent for Bonneville County

More Information

- idahoweedawareness.org
- uidaho.edu/weeds/
- invasivespecies.gov

#1040 - 09/09/2004 [A Parent Again](#)

Thousands of Idaho grandparents are raising their grandchildren. Marcia Franklin hosts this special documentary edition of Dialogue. It looks at the lives of some of these grandparents, as well as their concerns. A special web site has links to resources available to them.

Guests

- various

More Information

- [Grandparents As Parents](#)

#1039 - 08/26/2004 [The Olympic Experience](#)

Two Olympic athletes appear on Dialogue to talk about their experiences. Marcia Franklin interviews Kristin Armstrong, a member of the women's cycling team, and Tom Jager, a three-time Olympian swimmer and coach of the University of Idaho swim team.

Armstrong, 30, finished 8th in the 73.7 mile road cycling race in Athens, out of 67 competitors. Earlier this year she won the Women's Road Cycling Championship.

Jager, 40, a member of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, is the former world record holder in the 50 meter freestyle. He participated in three Olympics (1984, 1988, 1992) and is the winner of seven Olympic medals, including five gold medals. This past February he became the coach of the University of Idaho swim team.

Guests

- Kristin Armstrong, Olympic cyclist

- Tom Jager, Olympic swimmer

More Information

- [2004 Olympics at Athens](#)
- [US Olympic team](#)
- [USA Swimming](#)
- [USA Cycling](#)
- [University of Idaho women's swimming](#)
- [Kristin Armstrong official site](#)

#1038 - 08/19/2004 [University Presidents](#)

The presidents of Idaho's three public universities join Joan Cartan-Hansen to talk about the future of higher education. A number of issues face the leadership of the state's universities, including record-breaking enrollment, overcrowding, and dwindling state funding.

In July 2003, the State Board of Education passed a policy on statewide coordination among Idaho's institutions. That policy of cooperation recently paid off when the universities jointly announced a \$16.1 million education and research grant from the National Institute of Health.

Guests

- Dr. Robert Kustra, Boise State University
- Dr. Richard Bowen, Idaho State University
- Dr. Tim White, University of Idaho

More Information

- [Boise State University](#)
- [Idaho State University](#)
- [University of Idaho](#)

#1037 - 08/05/2004 [Remembering Gov. Bob Smylie](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests remember the life and accomplishments of the late Governor Smylie. From 1955 to 1967, Robert Smylie overhauled Idaho's state government. Historians say Smylie brought the state "kicking and screaming into the 20th century."

Smylie, who passed away in 2004, created the state's Commerce and Parks departments, increased the minimum wage, set a five-day work week for state employees, oversaw a massive highway construction program, and was named as a potential candidate for Vice President.

Guests

- Judy Austin, Idaho historian
- Bill Hall, retired Lewiston Morning-Tribune journalist

#1020 - 07/29/2004 [From Idaho To Iran](#)

It's been branded part of the "Axis of Evil," but what is everyday Iran really like? Marcia Franklin takes us on a journey to one of the world's oldest civilizations.

Franklin traveled to Iran to film the small but determined environmental movement there. She talked with Vice President Massoumeh Ebtekar, the only woman in the Iranian national government and the director of Iran's Department of Environment. Vice President Ebtekar was also the spokesperson for the hostage-takers at the American Embassy in 1979.

Franklin also spoke with Shirin Ebadi, a lawyer and former judge who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003.

Guests

- Vice President Massoumeh Ebtekar
- Shirin Ebadi, Nobel Prize winner

More Information

- [Iranic Thoughts website](#)

#1035 - 07/22/2004 [Bob Edwards](#)

His sonorous voice has kept millions of National Public Radio listeners company for more than two decades. NPR senior correspondent Bob Edwards talks with Marcia Franklin about his career and his book "Edward R. Murrow and the Birth of Broadcast Journalism."

Guests

- Bob Edwards, National Public Radio

More Information

- [NPR Bob Edwards' tribute](#)

#1034 - 07/15/2004 [Project Idaho: Equine Cloning and Human Health](#)

Even the very suggestion of cloning raises ethical issues, but cloning may lead to scientific advances in understanding disease. Dialogue looks at the successful equine cloning program at the University of Idaho. Find out how cloning works and how the scientists involved deal with the moral and scientific sides of the issue.

The guests, Dr. Gordon Woods and Dr. Dirk Vanderwall, are world famous for their success in equine cloning. In May of 2003, the scientific team celebrated the birth of a mule clone named Idaho Gem. Since then, two more mule clones, Utah Pioneer and Idaho Star, sharing the same DNA with Idaho Gem have been born. All three mule clones are healthy and developing

normally. The scientists believe the breakthrough behind their success in equine cloning promises new understanding of human diseases like cancer and diabetes.

Guests

- Dr. Gordon Woods, University of Idaho
- Dr. Dirk Vanderwall. University of Idaho

More Information

- [Project Idaho](#)
- [The Clone Zone](#)
- [University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences News](#)

#1033 - 07/08/2004 [New Medicare Drug Cards](#)

They've been touted as both a saving grace and a boondoggle. With a myriad of choices, how do seniors know whether the new Medicare drug discount cards will help them, and if so, which card they should choose? Marcia Franklin and guests cut through some of the red tape to learn more about the new program.

Guests

- Clyde Dailey, Idaho AARP
- Genii Hamilton, Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors
- Roger Sherman, United Vision for Idaho

More Information

- [Medicare](#)
- [S.H.I.B.A.](#)
- [United Vision for Idaho](#)
- [AARP Idaho](#)
- [FamiliesUSA page on Medicare changes](#)
- [Kaiser Family Foundation page on Medicare](#)

#1032 - 06/24/2004 [Good Summer Reading 2004](#)

Marcia Franklin and three guests offer suggestions for good summer reading. She is joined by Idaho authors Nicholas Hershenow and Claire Davis, who discuss their works and recommend other books for viewers. Diane Broom, youth services librarian with the Boise Public Library, joins the panel to suggest books for younger readers.

Guests

- Claire Davis, Author
- Nicholas Hershenow, Author
- Diane Broom, Librarian

More Information

- [Summer Reading Book List](#)

#1031 - 06/17/2004 [Charter School Commission](#)

Governor Dirk Kempthorne appointed a seven-member panel to deal with public charter schools in Idaho. Joan Cartan-Hansen meets with three members of this new commission to talk about the future of charter schools and their impact on the traditional public school system.

Guests

- Jim Hammond, former State Board of Education member
- Kirk Miller, Anser Charter School Board
- Bill Goesling, Moscow School Board

#1030 - 06/03/2004 [Angie Leon Murder](#)

Marcia Franklin looks back a year after Nampa resident Angie Leon was allegedly murdered by her husband, Abel. Her murder galvanized a community, tired of what they saw as cracks in the police and prosecutorial system.

Franklin talks with Teri Ottens, a citizen who spearheaded an investigative report into the issue, with Angie's mother Sylvia Flores, who hopes that her daughter's death will lead to better enforcement of domestic dispute situations, and with Aleshea Lind, a former Canyon County Victim-Witness Coordinator.

Guests

- Teri Ottens, Citizens Review Group
- Sylvia Flores, Angie Leon's Mother
- Aleshea Lind, Victim's Advocate

More Information

- [Citizen Group Review of Angie Leon Murder.](#)

#1029 - 05/27/2004 [Sami Al-Hussayen Case](#)

To the federal government, Sami Al-Hussayen is a supporter of terrorism. To his friends in Moscow, Idaho, he's a valued community member. Al-Hussayen is currently on trial in federal court. Reporters covering the story talk about the importance of the case with Marcia Franklin.

Hussayen, a Saudi student studying at the University of Idaho, faces charges of providing material support to terrorists, in part by operating Web sites for certain Islamic groups. He also

faces charges of immigration fraud for allegedly working while on a student visa. Al-Hussayen says he's innocent, and was just volunteering for established Islamic religious and educational groups.

Guests

- Betsy Hiel, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
- Betsy Russell, The Spokesman-Review
- Bob Fick, Associated Press
- Patrick Orr, The Idaho Statesman

More Information

- [Betsy Hiel's reports on Al-Hussayen trial](#)
- [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review Glossary of Islamic Terms](#)
- [Betsy Russell's reports on Al-Hussayen trial:](#)
- [Betsy Russell's "blog" on the trial](#)

#1028 - 05/20/2004 [Nez Perce Water Rights](#)

After six years of negotiations, the state of Idaho, the federal government and the Nez Perce tribe have agreed to the framework of a settlement encompassing thousands of water rights claims the Nez Perce tribe had filed as part of the Snake River Basin Adjudication.

Marcia Franklin interviews representatives of several parties to the agreement, which must be approved by Congress, the Idaho legislature and the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee before March 31, 2005.

Among other elements, the agreement calls for the tribe to receive 50,000 acre feet of water a year from the Clearwater River. The United States government and the state of Idaho will also pay for a \$50 million wildlife and habitat trust fund to be administered by the tribe. The state will also identify and administer minimum stream flows on streams of importance to the tribe.

In exchange, the tribe will drop more than 1,000 water claims, as well as claims to springs on private lands. It will also waive challenges of several timber sales.

Guests

- Steve Moore, Nez Perce Tribe
- Michael Bogert, Office of Governor Kempthorne
- John Keys, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

More Information

- [Governor Kempthorne's comments on Nez Perce agreement](#)
- [Department of Interior Fact Sheets](#)

#1027 - 05/13/2004 [Owyhee Canyonlands Initiative](#)

Should we set aside 500,000 acres of the Owyhee Canyon lands as wilderness? Joan Cartan-Hansen reviews the proposed Owyhee Canyonlands Initiative with her guests.

For more than two years, the Owyhee Initiative Panel has worked to find a compromise among all users of the Owyhee Canyonlands area. The panel is taking public testimony in May and hopes to present a final bill to Senator Mike Crapo to submit to Congress. The guests will explain the proposal.

Guests

- Roger Singer, Sierra Club, Owyhee Initiative Panel
- Ted Hoffman, Veterinarian, Owyhee Initiative Panel
- Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho

More Information

- [Owyhee Initiative](#)

#1026 - 05/06/2004 [Grandparents As Parents](#)

Some 18,000 Idaho grandparents are reliving their child-raising years — this time as primary caregivers for a grandchild. Four families are the focus of this special hour-long DIALOGUE.

Marcia Franklin's guests answer questions and discuss issues concerning the legal, financial and emotional aspects of raising grandchildren.

Nationwide, more than two million grandparents are raising their grandchildren. The 18,000 figure in Idaho represents an 80 percent growth since 1990. A new law signed by Governor Dirk Kempthorne acknowledges this growth in grandparent-grandchild families by giving grandparents more legal rights over the care of their grandchildren.

Guests

- Linda Dripps, Idaho KinCare Coalition
- Bob Aldridge, Attorney
- Emily Hoyt, Agency on Aging

More Information

- [Grandparents As Parents site](#)

#1025 - 04/29/2004 [The Right To Work Law](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with guests about whether or not Idaho's Right-to-Work law should

be repealed. Organizers have only a few days to collect the needed signatures to get the issue on the November ballot.

In 1986, the Right-to-Work law was approved by the voters after the state legislature pushed through an override of the veto by then-Governor John Evans. Those behind the repeal of this law today feel it has had a negative effect on working/middle class wages and benefits. Others feel the law is responsible for increased manufacturing and affordable living here in Idaho.

Guests

- Don Holley, Boise State University
- Richard Smith, Pocatello Businessman

#1024 - 04/15/2004 [Dr. Vincent Felitti](#)

The co-principal investigator of the national Adverse Childhood Experience Study appears on DIALOGUE. Dr. Vincent Felitti talks with Joan Cartan-Hansen about the effects of adverse childhood experiences on individuals as they reach adulthood. He addresses the links between childhood trauma and adult physical health.

The medical doctor explains how employers, counselors and insurance companies deal with health problems associated with abuse, and offers suggestions to parents about how they can improve a child's life.

Books Recommended by Dr. Felitti: "Bradshaw on: The Family" by John Bradshaw and "A General Theory of Love" by Fari Amini, Richard Lannon and Thomas Lewis.

Guests

- Dr. Vincent Felitti

More Information

- [ACE Study](#)

#1023 - 04/08/2004 [Laird Noh and Ken Robison](#)

Two of Idaho's longest serving state legislators are retiring this year, but not before telling Idahoans the stories behind the law books.

Republican Senator Laird Noh of Kimberly and Democratic Representative Ken Robison of Boise join Joan Cartan-Hansen to talk about the biggest political issues of the last 20 years.

Guests

- Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly
- Rep. Ken Robison, D-Boise

#1022 - 04/01/2004 [Stephen Kinzer](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Stephen Kinzer, a New York Times correspondent and author of "All the Shah's Men: An American Coup and the Roots of Middle Eastern Terror."

In his book, Kinzer recounts the 1953 U.S-led coup against Iranian prime minister Mohammed Mossadegh, which resulted in the dictatorship of the Shah. Kinzer talks with Franklin, who just returned from Iran, about the effects the coup continues to have, and the potential future of Iran.

Guests

- Stephen Kinzer, Author

#1021 - 03/25/2004 [Legislative Wrap-up 2004](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with three political watchers about some of the main issues of the 2004 legislative session.

Guests

- Randy Stapilus, Ridenbaugh Press
- Jim Fisher, Lewiston Morning Tribune
- Dean Miller, Idaho Falls Post Register

#1019 - 03/04/2004 [Governor Kempthorne](#)

Governor Dirk Kempthorne talks with host Marcia Franklin. Kempthorne, in his second term, discusses his current legislative agenda and his new position as chairman of the National Governors Association. He will also talk about his recent trip to Iraq.

Guests

- Governor Dirk Kempthorne

#1018 - 02/26/2004 [No Child Left Behind](#)

The implementation of the sweeping federal legislation known as No Child Left Behind has dramatically changed Idaho's public education system. 217 schools across the state failed in the first year of testing.

Joan Cartan-Hansen takes a look at what this law asks of our educators, parents and students. This documentary examines the ISAT tests, the State Board of Education's adoption of a new on-line teacher certification process and the arguments pro and con over high stakes testing for high school graduation.

Guests

- none

#1017 - 02/19/2004 [Same Sex Marriage](#)

Marcia Franklin and guests discuss a proposed constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage in Idaho. That measure, HJR9, passed the Idaho House of Representatives with the necessary two thirds vote, and now heads to a Senate committee. If the committee and the Senate approve the measure, it will be on the November ballot.

Opponents of the measure say a ban on same-sex marriage is already codified in Idaho law. Proponents, however, say a recent ruling by the Massachusetts Supreme Court striking down a ban on same sex marriages indicates the need for an actual constitutional amendment, not just a statute.

Guests

- Bishop Harry Bainbridge, III, Episcopal Diocese of Idaho
- Rep. Henry Kulczyk, R-Eagle
- Professor Steve Shaw, Northwest Nazarene University

More Information

- [Text of HJR9](#)

#1016 - 02/12/2004 [Ten Commandments Monuments](#)

Marcia Franklin and guests discuss the legal ramifications of having a monument listing the Ten Commandments placed on city- or state-owned property in Idaho.

She is joined by Rev. Bryan Fischer, pastor of Community Church of the Valley in Boise, and David Adler, professor of political science at Idaho State University in Pocatello. Fischer, the former chaplain of the Idaho State Senate, is on the leadership team of the Keep the Commandments Coalition. He also is a plaintiff in a lawsuit filed against the city of Boise regarding a Ten Commandments monument. Adler, a member of the ISU faculty since 1985, teaches classes on constitutional law and civil rights and liberties, and has written extensively about the U.S. Constitution.

Guests

- Rev. Bryan Fischer, Save The Commandments Coalition
- Prof. David Adler, Idaho State University

#1015 - 02/05/2004 [Idaho State Board of Education](#)

Members of the Idaho State Board of Education appear on Dialogue to talk about decisions made at the recent board meeting. Marcia Franklin is joined by Blake Hall, Karen McGee and

Rod Lewis. The three talk about many issues, including charter school rules, higher college tuition fees, "high stakes testing," and the University Place scandal.

Guests

- Blake Hall, State Board of Education
- Karen McGee, State Board of Education
- Rod Lewis, State Board of Education

#1014 - 01/29/2004 [Michael Kirk](#)

Michael Kirk, senior producer of "Frontline," got his start at KUID-TV in Moscow. Since then, he has produced over 100 television programs, including "The Man Who Knew," "The Killer at Thurston High," and "Waco: The Inside Story." His programs have won many national awards, including the Peabody and the duPont Columbia.

Michael Kirk talks with Marcia Franklin about his filmmaking philosophy, his most challenging programs and his current projects.

Guests

- Michael Kirk

#1013 - 01/15/2004 [Yellowstone Snowmobiling](#)

A recent court ruling has once again thrown the Yellowstone snowmobiling season into confusion. Marcia Franklin tries to sort it out with guests Marv Hoyt of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition and Clyde Seely, a snowmobile and snowcoach operator in West Yellowstone, WY.

Guests

- Clyde Seely, snowmobile operator
- Marv Hoyt, Greater Yellowstone Coalition

More Information

- [Snowmobiles in Yellowstone--Legal Timeline \(PDF\)](#)
- [FocusWest - Yellowstone](#)
- [Blue Ribbon Coalition Yellowstone](#)
- [Greater Yellowstone Coalition](#)
- [Judicial ruling on snowmobiles in Yellowstone \(PDF\)](#)
- [Yellowstone National Park Winter Use page](#)

#1012 - 01/08/2004 [Legislative Preview 2004](#)

Idaho political reporters join Joan Cartan-Hansen to preview issues facing the 58th Idaho Legislature.

Guests

- Greg Hahn, The Idaho Statesman
- Betsy Russell, Spokesman-Review
- Bob Fick, Associated Press

More Information

- [General Legislative Calendar](#)
 - [Legislative Perspective \(PDF\)](#)
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#1011 - 12/18/2003 [Discovering Iran](#)

Idaho Public Television's own producer/writer Marcia Franklin shares pictures and stories from her trip to Iran. She and Azam Houle join Joan Cartan-Hansen to talk about the intriguing people and places in this distant country.

Azam Houle is a native of Iran and a recent recipient of an award from the Human Rights Education Center. She joined Marcia briefly in Iran during her first visit in 27 years.

Guests

- Azam Houle
- Marcia Franklin, Idaho Public Television

#1010 - 12/11/2003 [Grizzly Habitat](#)

At one time grizzly bears ranged the west from the Pacific coastline to the Great Plains. Today the boundaries of Yellowstone National Park provide the only viable population in the lower 48 states. Are isolated habitats enough to sustain them? Are connecting corridors to recovery zones in Idaho, Montana and Canada feasible to allow transfer between ecosystems and gene pools?

On this program, a panel discussion with a diverse group of bear experts answers questions about grizzly bear habitat.

Guests

- Various guests from panel discussion

#1009 - 12/04/2003 [Children's Books](#)

Books can be the best Christmas presents, but which ones should you give your kids? Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests pick their top children's books and give advice to would-be-authors and illustrators.

Guests

- Clay Morgan, Author
- Bethanne Anderson, Illustrator
- Stan Steiner, Boise State University

More Information

- [Dr. Steiner's Suggested Children's books](#)

#1008 - 11/27/2003 [Edmund Morris](#)

Pulitzer Prize winning historian Edmund Morris, author of "The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt" and "Theodore Rex", talks with Joan Cartan-Hansen about the life of President Theodore Roosevelt. Roosevelt toured Idaho in 1903.

Morris, the author of "Dutch", a biography of Ronald Reagan, also shares his thoughts about President Reagan and the challenges that face our Presidents today.

Guests

- Edmund Morris, Author

#1007 - 11/13/2003 [Boulder White Clouds](#)

Three decades of negotiations failed to produce results but new ground breaking concepts are being discussed in the struggle to reach compromise on the complicated issue of land use and conservation.

Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests discuss the renewed effort to resolve the conflicts over wilderness designation in the Boulder White Cloud Mountains. The guests talk about the bill proposed by Congressman Mike Simpson.

Guests

- Lindsay Slater, Chief of Staff for Rep. Mike Simpson
- Rick Johnson, Idaho Conservation League
- Jim McClure, Former U.S. Senator
- Sandra Mitchell, Idaho State Snowmobile Association

#1006 - 11/06/2003 [John Updike](#)

John Updike's writing style has become one of the most widely recognized of our time. Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with the novelist and poet about his work and influence, and about insights gleaned from a half century of literary excellence.

Guests

- John Updike, Pulitzer Prize winning author

#1005 - 10/30/2003 [Alternative Health](#)

Americans are spending 48 billion dollars a year on alternative medicines. From dietary supplements and herbal remedies to meditation and acupuncture, alternative medical practices have become increasingly popular. Twenty percent of U.S. hospitals are now offering some form of complementary or alternative therapy in conjunction with their conventional medical treatments.

More people want to take charge of their health care needs and some are choosing unconventional options. A new FRONTLINE documentary titled "Alternative Fix" examines this trend.

We'll talk to a panel of local medical professionals to see what is available to Idahoans and find out what they have to say about these treatments. Joining Joan Cartan-Hansen are guests Robin Dodson PhD., Chief Academic Officer of ISU Boise Center and Dean of Health Sciences Continuing Education for Idaho State University; Timothy Sawyer, M.D., radiation oncologist and medical director for Saint Alphonsus Cancer Care Center; Norman Zuckerman M.D., medical oncologist for St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute; and Andrew Myers, N.D., naturopath.

Guests

- Robin Dodson PhD., Idaho State University
- Timothy Sawyer, M.D., St. Alphonsus Cancer Care Center
- Norman Zuckerman, M.D., Mountain States Tumor Institute
- Andrew Myers, N.D., Naturopathic Physician

More Information

- [American Cancer Society](#)
- [National Cancer Institute](#)
- [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#)
- [National Council Against Health Fraud](#)
- [Quackwatch](#)

#1004 - 10/23/2003 [Bethine Church](#)

A reporter once asked Idaho's then Senator Frank Church, "What do you say to the accusation that you check everything you do with your wife?" Church admitted it was true, that Idaho was lucky to have an extra senator, his wife Bethine.

On this program, Joan Cartan-Hansen and Bethine Church discuss her life as the daughter of Idaho's Governor and wife of the late Senator Frank Church. They also discuss her autobiography, "A Lifelong Affair: My Passion for People and Politics."

Guests

- Bethine Church

#1003 - 10/16/2003 [Hormone Replacement Therapy](#)

For years the medical field considered hormone replacement therapy to be the fountain of youth for women. But recent studies from the National Institute of Health suggest the risks may outweigh the benefits.

Joan Cartan-Hansen will talk with guests about the confusion created by the studies and the alternatives available today. They will also discuss the seldom talked about effects of low hormone levels in aging men. Experts say male hormone replacement therapy helps prevent osteoporosis, low libido and depression.

Guests

- Michael Bledsoe, Consulting Pharmacist
- Ann Huycke, M.D., Family Practice

#1002 - 10/09/2003 [Water Rights](#)

Who should own Idaho's water? How do you balance the needs of fish and wildlife with urban growth and agriculture? Joan Cartan-Hansen will lead a discussion about water rights, the ongoing Snake River Adjudication and the future of water distribution in the state.

Guests

- Mike Creamer, Water Rights Attorney
- Dave Tuthill, Idaho Department of Water Resources

#1001 - 10/02/2003 [Walter Mondale](#)

Former Vice President Walter Mondale is the guest on Dialogue. While in the U. S. Senate, Mondale served as chair of the Intelligence Committee's Domestic Task Force and as Vice President, he backed new legislation providing for oversight of the Central Intelligence Agency. After leaving the White House, Mondale went on to serve as Ambassador to Japan, and to private practice as an attorney in his native Minnesota.

Joan Cartan-Hansen and Mr. Mondale will discuss his views on a number of issues including the U.S. Patriot Act, the situation in Iraq and the 2004 Presidential election.

Guests

- Walter Mondale, U.S. Vice President (1977-1981)

#942 - 09/11/2003 [Returning from Iraq](#)

U.S. Service members home from Iraq have lots of stories to tell. In this program, Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with some returning soldiers about their experiences. She also talks with Rand Lewis, director of the Martin Institute for Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution about the war in Iraq and American foreign policy.

Guests

- Rand Lewis, Martin Institute for Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution
- Lt. Col. Mike Webb, Air National Guard
- Sgt. William Brede, Marine Reservist

#941 - 09/04/2003 [Bruce Feiler](#)

Marcia Franklin interviews the author of "Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths" and "Walking the Bible" about his works and his views on the peace process in the Middle East.

Guests

- Bruce Feiler, Author

#940 - 08/21/2003 [American Red Cross](#)

The president and CEO of the American Red Cross joins Marcia Franklin to answer viewer questions.

Guests

- Marty Evans, President, American Red Cross

#939 - 08/07/2003 [Faith and Foreign Affairs Salons](#)

This special features the comments and discussions among Idahoans about America's religious groups and politics abroad.

Guests

- Various participants

More Information

- [National Council of Churches](#)
- [Institute on Religion and Democracy](#)
- [Faith and Foreign Affairs](#)

#938 - 07/31/2003 [Pat Mitchell](#)

Pat Mitchell, president and CEO of PBS, talks with Marcia Franklin about her goals for the nation's only non-commercial network.

Guests

- Pat Mitchell

#937 - 07/24/2003 [Judicial Reform](#)

Is justice in jeopardy? American Bar Association President Alfred P. Carlton says that, "the time has come to diversify America's courts and to inoculate them against the toxic effects of money, partisanship and narrow interests." Carlton and host Joan Cartan-Hansen will talk about the American Bar Association's recommendations for judicial campaign finance reform, and how Idaho's judicial system could be changed.

Guests

- Alfred P. Carlton, American Bar Association President

#936 - 07/17/2003 [Good Summer Reading 2003](#)

As summer heats up, what's better than to cool off and read some good books? Two Idaho authors talk with Marcia Franklin about their works and also recommend books to read.

Tony Doerr is the author of the short story collection "The Shell Collector," which recently won first place in Barnes and Noble's "Discover Great New Writers" competition. Heather Parkinson is the author of "Across Open Ground," a novel about a sheepherder in Idaho during the First World War.

Guests

- Tony Doerr, Author
- Heather Parkinson, Author

More Information

- [Summer Reading Booklist](#)

#935 - 07/10/2003 [Sen. Mike Crapo](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with the senator.

Guests

- Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho

#934 - 06/26/2003 [Standardized Testing](#)

Idaho's school children faced another year of their statewide standardized tests. What do those

tests mean for the students, the teachers, the public education system? Should these tests be required for graduation? On this program, Joan Cartan Hansen quizzes educators and policy makers about the effectiveness of the statewide standardized tests.

Guests

- Linda Clark, Meridian School District
- Janet Orndorff, Boise School District

#933 - 06/19/2003 [West Nile Virus](#)

West Nile Virus, once limited to the Middle East, is now a real threat to Idahoans and their livestock. Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests look at the disease, how it is transmitted and what you can do to protect yourself.

Guests

- Leslie Tengelsen, Deputy State Epidemiologist
- Bob Hays, Idaho Department of Agriculture

More Information

- [Center for Disease Control information on West Nile Virus](#)
- [Idaho Department of Health and Welfare](#)
- [Idaho State Department of Agriculture](#)
- [Idaho Department of Fish and Game](#)
- [Environmental Protection Agency](#)
- [Equine Vaccine Information](#)
- [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#)

#932 - 06/12/2003 [Clearwater National Forest](#)

Marcia Franklin and guests discuss issues affecting the Clearwater National Forest. The discussion accompanies the OUTDOOR IDAHO episode "Conflict in the Clearwater."

Guests

- Larry Dawson, Supervisor, Clearwater National Forest
- Ted Zmak, Sportsman
- Graig Gehrke, The Wilderness Society
- Bob Maynard, Public Lands Attorney

More Information

- [Clearwater National Forest](#)
- [The Wilderness Society's page on the Clearwater National Forest](#)

#931 - 06/05/2003 [Sandra Cisneros](#)

Author Sandra Cisneros, who wrote "Caramelo," a coming-of-age story about a Latina girl, appears on DIALOGUE. Marcia Franklin talks with Cisneros about the writer's latest project, her writing style, inspirations and future.

Cisneros, a recipient of a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Genius Fellowship, is also the author of the novel, "The House on Mango Street," and three books of poetry. Her works have been translated into 10 languages and have won numerous national awards.

Guests

- Sandra Cisneros

#930 - 05/22/2003 [Faith and Foreign Affairs](#)

Marcia Franklin moderates a discussion on the nexus between America's religious groups and politics abroad. The program also includes selections from three discussions around the state between members of different religious groups and a documentary piece on missionaries.

Guests

- Rev. Bob Edgar, National Council of Churches
- Mark Tooley, Institute of Religion and Democracy

More Information

- [National Council of Churches](#)
- [Institute on Religion and Democracy](#)
- [Faith and Foreign Affairs](#)

#929 - 05/08/2003 [Gov. Kempthorne Reacts To Legislature](#)

Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne joins Joan Cartan-Hansen on Dialogue. Gov. Kempthorne received praise and scorn for his tough stands during the past legislative session. Did he get what he wanted? Will a sales tax and cigarette tax increase be enough to solve the state's fiscal crisis?

Guests

- Governor Dirk Kempthorne

#928 - 05/01/2003 [Dr. Charles Ruch Retires](#)

After more than 10 years, Dr. Charles Ruch is stepping down as President of Boise State University. Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Dr. Ruch about his accomplishments at BSU and about the future of higher education in Idaho and around the world.

Guests

- Dr. Charles Ruch

#927 - 04/24/2003 [Zorba Paster](#)

Dr. Zorba Paster, physician, public radio host and author discusses ways to achieve a long and satisfying life. Paster and Joan Cartan-Hansen talk about his book "The Longevity Code: Your Personal Prescription for a Longer Sweeter Life."

Paster discusses better ways to communicate with your physician and the most recent nutritional research. He also discusses his radio program which airs on National Public Radio.

Guests

- Dr. Zorba Paster, Author & Public Radio Host

More Information

- [Zorba Paster on Your Health](#)
- [Boise State Radio](#)
- [North West Public Radio](#)

#926 - 04/17/2003 [Political Reporters](#)

Legislators contend this is one of the toughest sessions ever. It is certainly the longest. But when the gavel finally falls, what will Idaho's Senators and Representatives have actually accomplished?

Joan Cartan-Hansen will be joined by three Statehouse journalists who report on the exploits and adventures of the Idaho State Legislature.

Guests

- Adam Wilson, Lewiston Tribune
- Greg Hahn, The Idaho Statesman
- Corey Taule, Idaho Falls Post Register

#925 - 04/10/2003 [Legislative Leaders](#)

With the possibility of setting a record for the longest session ever, the 57th Idaho State Legislature appears to be drawing to a close. What did Legislature accomplish?

Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by the leaders of the House and Senate to discuss the session's highs and lows.

Guests

- Sen. Bob Geddes, President Pro Tem

- Sen. Clint Stennett, Senate Minority Leader
- Rep. Wendy Jaquet, House Minority Leader
- Rep. Bruce Newcomb, Speaker of the House

#924 - 04/03/2003 [War in Iraq and Home Security](#)

Dialogue looks at the war in Iraq and security at home. What is behind our conflict with Iraq? What are the long term consequences for our foreign policy? What are the risks here and abroad, and what security measures should we take at home?

Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by Rand Lewis, of the Martin Institute for Peace Studies and and Conflict Resolution. Lewis is also an expert on terrorism and has extensive military service.

Guests

- Rand Lewis, Martin Institute

#923 - 03/27/2003 [Report from the Valley of the Kings](#)

Thebes, once the ancient capitol of Egypt, is one the world's most treasured archeological zones. On Dialogue, we learn more about this ancient place and the lives of the souls who lived there thousands of years ago. Joan Cartan-Hansen speaks with Dr. Kent Weeks, Professor of Egyptology at the American University in Cairo. Weeks heads up the Theban Mapping Project, which is preparing a comprehensive archeological database of the area.

Weeks' work in the Valley of Kings lead to the discovery of some of the most important sites since Tutankhamen. His uncovering of the family tomb of Ramesses the Great is considered one of the most significant archaeological finds of the 20th century. Weeks was in Idaho as part of a special exhibition of Egyptian art at the Boise Art Museum.

Guests

- Dr. Kent Weeks, Egyptologist

More Information

- [Theban Mapping Project and KV5](#)

#922 - 03/20/2003 [Governor Dirk Kempthorne](#)

Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne joins Joan Cartan-Hansen to discuss the state's budget crisis, his proposed tax increase, and the impact on Idaho from America's potential conflict with Iraq.

Guests

- Governor Dirk Kempthorne

#921 - 03/13/2003 [Patty Duke](#)

The actress and Idaho resident talks with Joan Cartan-Hansen about her experiences starring as Helen Keller on stage and screen, starting at age 12 on Broadway. She tells of living in North Idaho, her work in Spokane regional theater, and her trepidation and excitement of heading once more to Broadway.

Guests

- Patty Duke

#920 - 02/27/2003 [Solving the State's Budget Crisis](#)

Legislators join Joan Cartan-Hansen to look at how the Legislature plans to deal with the current fiscal year's shortfall and next fiscal year's budget.

Guests

- Rep. Maxine Bell, JFAC Co-Chair
- Sen. Dean Cameron, JFAC Co-Chair
- Rep. Ken Robison, D-Boise

#919 - 02/20/2003 [Fetal Medical Coverage](#)

Should Idahoans expand the Children's Health Insurance program (CHIPS) to cover an unborn fetus or a pregnant mother? Pro-life groups want coverage for just the fetus while women's groups question whether this is just a new way to limit a woman's right to chose. They want coverage for poor women instead.

Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by guests who debate the merits of two competing bills.

Guests

- Rep. Margaret Henbest
- David Ripley, Idaho Chooses Life

#918 - 02/13/2003 [Teton Climb](#)

Jim Peck continues the discussion begun in the Outdoor Idaho program "Teton Inspiration". His guests - members of the climbing expedition and cancer specialists - talk about the importance of fund raising and increased awareness in combating the disease.

Guests

- Laurie Barrera, Expedition Inspiration
- Cara Liberatore, Mountain Guide
- Dr. John Lung, Mountain States Tumor Institute

#917 - 02/06/2003 [Foster Care](#)

Every year, 200,000 children are removed from their homes after allegations of neglect and abuse. Many of these children end up in foster care. Recent tragedies within the system have focused attention on child protection and foster care once again. In conjunction with the airing of a two-part Frontline series, "Failure to Protect," Marcia Franklin talks with four guests about foster care, in a special hour-long program.

Guests will talk about the needs for Idaho's foster care system, plans to develop a "receiving home" for foster children, and the development of a foster youth alumni network.

Guests

- Kathy James, Dept. of Health & Welfare
- Walter Reau, Foster Youth Alumni of Idaho
- Carol Shinn, Foster Mother
- eslie Drake, Child Advocate

More Information

- [Idaho Public Television foster care page](#)

#916 - 01/30/2003 [Civil Liberties](#)

What price will Americans pay for security? After the attacks of September 11th, the Bush Administration began broadening the government's investigative powers as part of its war on terrorism. Many of these new policies will be overseen by the new Homeland Security Agency.

But many civil liberties advocates question whether the administration has gone too far. Supporters argue that change is necessary to combat terrorism. Some even claim policies initiated in the 1970's tied the hands of the FBI and the CIA and hampered its abilities to uncover the 9/11 attacks.

Joan Cartan-Hansen speaks with guests about balancing the need for security and protection of civil liberties in American policy. The program also looks back at the impact on America's intelligence agencies by U.S. Senate committees chaired by the late Idaho's Senator Frank Church.

The program is funded by the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation with additional funds by the Ford Foundation.

Guests

- Patrick Shea
- Elizabeth Brandt

#915 - 01/23/2003 [Butch Otter](#)

First District Congressman Butch Otter updates Idahoans about the Republican plans in Congress since the party achieved a majority in both houses. He joins Joan Cartan-Hansen to discuss his congressional agenda.

Guests

- C.L. "Butch" Otter, R-Idaho

#914 - 01/16/2003 [2020 Blue Ribbon Task Force](#)

What should Idaho's government look like in the year 2020? Governor Dirk Kempthorne appointed a Blue Ribbon Commission in 2002 to assess the short and long term needs of the state. Legislators reviewed the task force's initial recommendations.

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Commission members about what those ideas are and how are they being received, and what long term changes are being proposed.

Guests

- Chuck Winder
- Darrell Manning
- Nancy Merrill

More Information

- [2020 Blue Ribbon Task Force Web Site](#)

#913 - 01/09/2003 [Cecil Andrus Conference](#)

This program provides highlights of the discussion among Peter Jennings (ABC News) and other national level reporters about national media's treatment of western issues.

Guests

- Panel Discussion

#912 - 01/02/2003 [Legislative Preview 2003](#)

Three Idaho political reporters join Joan Cartan-Hansen to preview issues facing the 57th Idaho Legislature.

Guests

- Bob Fick, Associated Press
- Corey Taule, Idaho Falls Post Register
- Betsy Russell, Idaho Spokesman-Review

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#911 - 12/26/2002 [Richard Paul Evans](#)

Author Richard Paul Evans speaks with Marcia Franklin about his writing, his success and his philanthropic efforts to help abused children. Evans is known for his work, "The Last Promise," and his New York Times bestseller, "The Christmas Box."

Guests

- Richard Paul Evans, Author

More Information

- [Richard Paul Evans Homepage](#)

#910 - 12/19/2002 [Jonah Edelman](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with the co-founder and executive director of Stand For Children, Jonah Edelman. He shares his ideas on how schools can improve after-school programs, reduce class size and make training more available to educators.

Guests

- Jonah Edelman, Stand For Children

More Information

- [Stand for Children](#)

#909 - 12/12/2002 [Corporate Responsibility](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Douglas Branson, a professor of law at the University of Pittsburgh and an expert on corporate governance, about the problems in corporate boards and accounting practices that led to the scandals at Enron, WorldCom and other companies.

Guests

- Douglas Branson, University of Pittsburgh

#908 - 12/05/2002 [Promise of Preschool](#)

In a state where kindergarten is not required, DIALOGUE asks if it's time Idaho looked at broadening opportunities for its youngest citizens. Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests discuss the importance of preschool and expenses a public preschool system would create.

Guests

- Tamra Van Ness, Weiser School District

- Janice Fletcher, University of Idaho
- Senator Gary Schroeder (R-Moscow)

#907 - 11/24/2002 [Michael Hoffman 2002](#)

Director Michael Hoffman and author Ethan Canin join Marcia Franklin for a conversation about Hoffman's film "The Emperor's Club." The movie is based on Canin's short story, "The Palace Thief."

Hoffman, an Idaho native, shares the reasons he wanted to direct "The Emperor's Club," his thoughts on the film's themes, and his experiences working with Canin.

Hoffman won Academy Awards for best costume design and best art direction for his 1996 film "Restoration." Canin is an author who teaches at the prestigious Iowa Writer's Workshop.

Guests

- Michael Hoffman, Director
- Ethan Canin, Author

More Information

- [The Emperor's Club \(2002 film\)](#)

#906 - 11/21/2002 [Foreign Adoptions](#)

Americans adopted more than 20,000 children from foreign countries in 2002, more than triple the number just a decade earlier. Marcia Franklin and three guests discuss the growing phenomenon of international adoptions. They discuss the procedures for adopting, some tips for making the process go more smoothly and how it feels to be an adoptee.

Guests

- Tina Kierce, CASI Foundation for Children
- Sandy Waters, Adoptive Parent
- Katy Robinson, Author and Adoptee

More Information

- [INS site on application for foreign adoption](#)
- [INS Information on Child Citizenship Act](#)
- [INS Fact Sheet on Inter-Country Adoptions](#)
- [International Adoption Consortium](#)
- [The Adoption Guide \(commercial site\)](#)
- [U.S. Dept. of State information on international adoptions](#)

#905 - 11/14/2002 [Frank McCourt](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Frank McCourt about storytelling and the power of memory. (Note: McCourt died July 19, 2009)

The two talk about the loss of the storytelling ethos in our culture, and the need to preserve history through both oral and written tradition. They also discuss the rigors of teaching; McCourt taught high school English for 30 years and wrote about the experience in his 2005 book "Teacher Man". He says it was his students who urged him to write his memoir of growing up poor in Ireland, which was eventually published as "Angela's Ashes" and garnered the Pulitzer.

Franklin and McCourt also talk about how the events of 9/11 affected McCourt, who contributed to a book honoring the efforts of firefighters during the disaster. And he gives his picks for good reading. McCourt was in Boise to speak to the Idaho Humanities Council.

Guests

- Frank McCourt, Author

#904 - 11/07/2002 [Election Follow-up](#)

Marcia Franklin and guests reflect on the 2002 state election results. Two days after Idaho voters elect a new governor, U.S. senator, U.S. representative along with other state officers, reporters share their view of the results.

Guests

- Corey Taule, Idaho Falls Post-Register
- Betsy Russell, Spokesman-Review
- Dan Popkey, The Idaho Statesman

More Information

- [Idaho Debates Website](#)

#903 - 10/31/2002 [Forrest Church](#)

How did America become what it is? What mix of politics and belief created the American identity? Reverend Forrest Church, the son of Idaho's late Senator Frank Church and author of more than 20 books, talks with Joan Cartan-Hansen about these topics. Church, the Senior Minister of All Souls Church in New York City, was in Idaho as the keynote speaker for the annual Frank Church Conference on Public Affairs at Boise State University.

Guests

- Forrest Church, Author

#902 - 10/10/2002 [Term Limits Initiative](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by four guests to discuss the history, benefits, disadvantages and impacts of term limits on local, county and state government. Last session, legislators repealed the statutes limiting the number of years an elected official could hold an office.

Guests

- Don Morgan, Citizens for Term Limits
- Larry Eastland, Boise Businessman
- Dan Chadwick, Idaho Association of Counties
- Grant Loeb, Twin Falls Co. Prosecutor

#901 - 10/03/2002 [Indian Gaming Initiative](#)

Supporters and opponents of the Indian Gaming Initiative appear with Marcia Franklin to discuss the pros and cons of gaming on the Nez Perce and Coeur d'Alene tribal reservations.

Guests

- David Robertson, National Coalition Against Gambling Expansion
- Sen. Laird Noh, (R-Kimberly)
- David Matheson, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
- Aaron Miles, Sr., Nez Perce Tribe

#837 - 09/29/2002 [Ken Burns 1997 Interview](#)

During the filmmaker's visit to a 1997 Lewis and Clark event in North Idaho, he talks about making historical documentaries and his personal fascination with explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

Guests

- Ken Burns, Filmmaker

#836 - 09/19/2002 [Stephanie Coontz](#)

Family historian and author Stephanie Coontz exploded liberal and conservative myths about family life in her book "The Way We Never Were". She argued that family diversity is here to stay in her next book "The Way We Really Are."

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Coontz about issues relating to the family, including recent reports that it may be more important for a parent to stay home with the kids when the children are older than when they are infants.

Coontz's visit to Idaho was sponsored by the Margaret Ritchie Distinguished speaker fund. She was the keynote speaker for the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Margaret Ritchie School of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Idaho.

Guests

- Stephanie Coontz, Social Historian & Author

#835 - 09/12/2002 [September 11th Remembrance](#)

One year following the tragic events of September 11th, Americans are still coming to terms with the emotional and spiritual aftermath of this disaster. How do we come to terms with such an overwhelming event? How could God allow such evil? Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with two spiritual leaders and a psychology professor who volunteered to help near Ground Zero.

Guests

- Ron Jacques, BYU Idaho
- Rev. Richard Gorman, St. Lukes Medical Center
- Rev. Kent Schauffelberger, St. Lukes Medical Center

#834 - 08/29/2002 [School Bells and Budget Woes](#)

Idaho's children are heading back to school. But what will they find when they get there? Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests discuss how school districts across the state are dealing with their financial challenges, and how things will change in the classroom.

Guests

- Kathy Phelan, Idaho Education Association
- Mike Friend, Idaho Association of School Administrators
- Candis Donicht, Moscow School District Superintendent

#833 - 08/22/2002 [Death Penalty Changes](#)

In a recent U.S. Supreme Court case, Ring V. Arizona, the justices held that a jury, rather than a judge, must decide whether a defendant meets the aggravating factors necessary for a death sentence.

The ruling could affect nearly 800 sentences in 9 states, including Idaho. The Idaho Prosecutors Association has called for a special session to deal with the issue.

As Governor Kempthorne considers that request, Dialogue looks at how the court's ruling, along with other decisions that seem to be chipping away at the death penalty, might affect both

current death row inmates and future sentences. Marcia Franklin talks about the issue with three guests.

Guests

- David Nevin, Attorney
- Roger Bourne, Ada County Prosecutor's Office
- LaMont Anderson, Deputy Attorney General

More Information

- [Synopsis of Ring v. Arizona](#)
- [Background on Ring v. Arizona](#)

#832 - 08/15/2002 [Philo T. Farnsworth](#)

Philo Farnsworth is called the father of modern television. His invention, first inspired in Rigby, Idaho, has gone on to change the world. Arizona State University Professor Donald Godfrey wrote a biography of this often overlooked Idahoan called "Philo T. Farnsworth, The Father of Television". He joins Joan Cartan-Hansen for this special conversation.

Guests

- Donald G. Godfrey, Author

#831 - 07/25/2002 [The Future of Idaho's Fish and Game Dept](#)

An initiative to change the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Commission failed to make it on the ballot this year. But have problems that spurred the public's outcry also been resolved? Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Fish and Game commissioners about the issues facing the Fish and Game department and about what the future holds for this high profile agency.

Guests

- Don Clower, Fish & Game Commissioner
- Marcus Gibbs, Fish & Game Commission Chair

#830 - 07/18/2002 [National Governor's Association](#)

Marcia Franklin moderates a panel of attendees from the annual meeting of the National Governors Association in Boise. The group addresses issues of concern in the 50 states, including homeland security and budget deficits.

Guests

- Dan Balz, The Washington Post
- Gov. Paul Patton, D-KY
- Gov. Mike Lezvitt, R-UT
- Ray Scheppach, National Governors Assn.

#829 - 06/27/2002 [Richard Florida](#)

The author of "The Rise of the Creative Class and How It's Transforming Work" talks with Marcia Franklin about what he sees are key ingredients for vibrant, economically successful cities. Richard Florida is professor of regional economic development at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Crunching numbers, combing focus groups, interviewing recruiters and those being recruited, Florida sees a high correlation between tolerance and diversity and the attraction of creative people. The creative class — visionaries, creative professionals, technicians — now total about 30 percent of the entire U.S. workforce, up from less than 20 percent in 1980. The rules of recruitment are changing, Florida says, with the increased need for people who can originate new forms, creatively problem-solve, and develop unique ways to do a job.

Guests

- Richard Florida, Carnegie Mellon University

More Information

- [Richard Florida's Creative Class webpage](#)

#828 - 06/20/2002 [Long Night's Journey into Day](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with filmmakers Frances Reid and Deborah Hoffman about the making of their Academy Award nominated documentary "Long Night's Journey into Day" filmed in South Africa.

Guests

- Frances Reid, Filmmaker
- Deborah Hoffman, Filmmaker

#827 - 06/13/2002 [Fiscal Problems](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by a group of Idaho officials who discuss the state's budget on the eve of a new fiscal year. The constitutional requirement for a balanced budget puts special constraints on the state in a year of monetary short falls. The group discusses what steps may need to be taken as this fiscal year comes to a close, and what the future may hold in the years ahead.

Guests

- Rep. Maxine Bell
- Rep. Ken Robison
- Mike Ferguson, Division of Financial Management
- Judy Brown, Idaho Center on Budget and Tax Policy

#826 - 06/06/2002 [Anthony D. Romero](#)

The Executive Director of the national ACLU discusses issues of national security and personal privacy. Anthony D. Romero joins Marcia Franklin during his first visit to Idaho since becoming executive director for the organization last year. He talks about how he views many of the national laws and regulations approved after 9/11, many of which he sees as encroaching on civil liberties. He also discusses his goals for his tenure at ACLU, which include working on reproductive rights issues, privacy concerns and welfare reform.

Guests

- Anthony D. Romero, ACLU

#825 - 05/30/2002 [Election Recap](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests assess the results of the 2002 primary election by looking at who the winners and losers are and what it means to Idaho in November's general election.

Guests

- Bill Hall, Lewiston Morning Tribune
- Kevin Richert, Idaho Statesman
- Graham Garner, Idaho State Journal

#824 - 05/02/2002 [Steve Huffaker](#)

Steve Huffaker, the new director of Idaho Department of Fish and Game, joins host Marcia Franklin to discuss the challenges of his new post. Recently appointed by the Fish and Game Commission, he takes over the reins of a department often mired in controversy and budget woes. Huffaker is an 18-year veteran of the department.

Guests

- Steve Huffaker, Idaho Department of Fish and Game

More Information

- [Idaho Fish And Game](#)

#823 - 04/18/2002 [Genocide](#)

In her recently published book, **A Problem from Hell: America and the Age of Genocide**, Samantha Power decries U.S. complacency about mass murder and ethnic cleansing in other countries.

Guests

- Samantha Power, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy

More Information

- [Biography for Samantha Power](#)
- [Carr Center for Human Rights Policy](#)

#822 - 04/04/2002 [Idaho Department of Correction](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and Thomas Beauclair discuss the finances, challenges and future of the Idaho Department of Correction.

Guests

- Tom Beauclair, Director, Idaho Department of Correction

#821 - 03/27/2002 [Misunderstood Minds](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with guests about the program "Misunderstood Minds." It was produced by former Idahoan Michael Kirk, and seeks to dispel the mystery surrounding learning disabilities. For three years, Kirk tracked five families struggling with children who have learning problems.

Guests

- Deb Glaser, Lee Pesky Center
- Chris Burns, Student
- Amy Walters, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist

More Information

- [Misunderstood Minds](#)

#820 - 03/21/2002 [Legislative Wrap-Up 2002](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with three Statehouse reporters about this year's legislative session.

Guests

- Betsy Russell, Spokesman Review
- Bob Fick, Associated Press
- Graham Garner, Idaho State Journal

#819 - 03/07/2002 [Term Limits](#)

Idaho's lawmakers were the first in the nation to repeal term limits, overriding a Republican governor's veto to do so. Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with guests about the issue.

Guests

- Don Morgan, Citizens for Term Limits
- Steve Shaw, Northwest Nazarene University

More Information

- [The Idaho Historic Preservation Council](#)

#818 - 02/27/2002 [Historic Preservation](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests discuss marketplace costs and the value of saving historic places in Idaho.

Guests

- Wendy McClure, Idaho State Historic Sights Review Board
- Sheri Freemuth, National Trust for Historic Preservation Board of Advisors
- Bob Wallace, Pocatello City Historic Preservation Commission

More Information

- [The Idaho Historic Preservation Council](#)

#817 - 02/21/2002 [Grazing, Public Land Discussion](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen mediates a panel discussion on grazing issues on public lands. The program intersperses panel members' comments on grazing controversies with questions from a studio audience. It also includes material from a program called "Western Divide".

Guests

- Cecil D. Andrus, former U.S. Secretary of the Interior and Idaho governor
- Jack Ward Thomas, former chief of the U.S. Forest Service
- Helen Chenoweth-Hage, former U.S. Representative
- R. McGreggor (Gregg) Cawley, University of Wyoming

More Information

- [Outdoor Idaho Public Lands](#)
- [Headwater News](#)
- [Focus West - Public Lands](#)

#816 - 02/14/2002 [Fish And Game Initiative](#)

The resignation by Idaho Department of Fish and Game director Rod Sando sparked outrage by a number of Idaho's hunters, anglers and wildlife groups. The Idaho Wildlife Federation is proposing an initiative to change the way the Department of Fish and Game is overseen. Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests discuss the initiative.

Guests

- Jack Fisher, Idaho Wildlife Federation
- Roger Phillips, Idaho Statesman

#815 - 02/07/2002 [Rural Economic Development](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests look at efforts to bring jobs to rural Idaho, how to create jobs, how technology plays a role and how existing Idaho businesses can be involved.

Guests

- Greg Seibert, Idaho Department of Commerce
- Chris Hertz, INEEL
- Charlotte Reid, Rancher

More Information

- [Resources concerning rural economies, particularly in the dot.com age](#)
- [Post-Cowboy Economics](#)

#814 - 01/31/2002 [Red Cross Volunteers](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Red Cross volunteers who helped out in New York after 9/11. They discuss what they did to help people and how they handled the emotion in New York City.

Guests

- Lynn Farnworth, Mass Care Volunteer
- Linda McGuire, Disaster Mental Health Volunteer
- Sean Farrell, Family Service Volunteer
- Ed Kinghorn, Disaster Mental Health Volunteer

#813 - 01/24/2002 [Election Reform](#)

After the debacle in Florida in 2000, officials in Idaho reviewed the state's current election policies. Idaho had more spoiled ballots than Florida did, so what went wrong? Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by three guests to discuss election reform.

Guests

- Dan English, Kootenai County
- Penny Ysursa, Secretary of State's Election Office
- Dr. Jim Weatherby, Boise State University

#812 - 01/10/2002 [Statehouse Security](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by four people involved in the ongoing discussion of how much security is needed at the Statehouse and how much is too much. One street is still closed by the Statehouse and many other security measures have been in place since 9/11.

Guests

- Major General John Kane, Adjutant General, State of Idaho

- Colonel Ed Strickfaden, Idaho State Police
- Rep. Dave Bieter (D-Boise)
- Robert Huntley, Lawyer

#811 - 01/03/2002 [Legislative Preview 2002](#)

Marcia Franklin and three veteran statehouse reporters preview upcoming issues at the Capitol, where this year's legislative session faces more demands than the predicted dollars can cover.

Guests

- Dan Popkey, The Idaho Statesman
- Betsy Russell, Spokesman Review
- Bob Fick, Associated Press

2001

#810 - 12/27/2001 [Theodore Roosevelt IV](#)

The great grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt describes his efforts to convince Republicans to make the environment a key issue. He talks with Joan Cartan-Hansen about his work as chairman of the League of Conservation Voters.

Guests

- Theodore Roosevelt IV

More Information

- [League of Conservation Voters](#)

#809 - 12/20/2001 [Leon Panetta](#)

Veteran Congressman and former White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta shares his views of federal fiscal matters. He and Joan Cartan-Hansen discuss Panetta's efforts to balance the federal budget and his concerns that the country is headed for more red ink.

Guests

- Leon Panetta

#808 - 11/29/2001 [Student Body Presidents](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with three Idaho university student leaders about economic issues facing university students in Idaho.

Guests

- Nate Peterson, Boise State University
- Leah Clark-Thomas, University of Idaho
- Rob Spencer, Idaho State University

#807 - 11/15/2001 [Yellowstone Bison](#)

Marcia Franklin and guests examine the controversy concerning the fate of buffalo who roam outside the boundaries of Yellowstone National Park into the surrounding states.

Guests

- Dr. Bob Hillman, Idaho Department of Agriculture
- Hope Sieck, Greater Yellowstone Coalition
- Rosalie Little Thunder, Lakota Sioux
- Matt Testa, Filmmaker

More Information

- [The Buffalo War website](#)
- [National Park Service Final Bison Management Plan](#)

#806 - 11/08/2001 [Rural Idaho: Challenged to Change](#)

As part of a collaborative journalism project sponsored by the Pew Center for Civic Journalism, DIALOGUE takes a special hour-long look at the state of rural Idaho. Marcia Franklin is joined by five guests to discuss how communities are using money from a legislative package approved last session. They also look at other ideas to attract and keep diverse economic interests in rural areas.

Guests

- Martin Goebel, Sustainable Northwest
- Karl Tueller, Idaho Department of Commerce
- John Thompson, Idaho Farm Bureau
- Priscilla Salant, University of Idaho

More Information

- [Rural Idaho: Challenged to Change](#)
- [Idaho Farm Bureau Opinion Pieces on Rural Idaho Series: Fair Portrayal or Snapshot of a Down Economy?](#)
- [Sustainable Northwest](#)
- [Environmental Working Group](#)

#805 - 11/01/2001 [Reapportionment](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and three guests discuss Idaho's reapportionment plan under consideration by the Idaho State Supreme Court, and why it was taken to the court.

Guests

- Tom Stuart, Reapportionment Commission
- Raul Labrador, Idaho Republican Party
- Jim Weatherby, Boise State University.

#804 - 10/25/2001 [Islam](#)

Shaikh (S.M.) Ghazanfar, is one of 17 scholar-advisors for the PBS miniseries ISLAM: EMPIRE OF FAITH. The University of Idaho professor of economics and expert on Arab-Islamic influences on Renaissance Europe appears on DIALOGUE.

Guests

- Shaikh (S.M.) Ghazanfar, University of Idaho

#803 - 10/18/2001 [Congressional Leaders](#)

The entire Idaho congressional delegation talks with Joan Cartan-Hansen about America's military response to terrorism. The four Idaho Republicans also discuss legislative initiatives in Congress in the wake of the September 11 attack during the special one-hour show.

Guests

- Senator Larry Craig
- Senator Mike Crapo
- Representative Mike Simpson
- Representative Butch Otter

More Information

- [Senator Mike Crapo](#)
- [Representative Mike Simpson](#)

#802 - 10/11/2001 [9/11 Update](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests talk about the effects of 9/11 and what the President is planning to do in retaliation. They discuss the possible problems that may arise through the government's actions and how people in the state are handling the situation.

Guests

- Dr. Sean Anderson, Idaho State University
- Dr. Rand Lewis, Martin Institute

#801 - 10/04/2001 [David Halberstam](#)

Journalist and author David Halberstam won the Pulitzer Prize for his reporting from Vietnam and has witnessed and researched many of the major events of the last half of the 20th century. He brings his insight, experience and wit to this discussion with Marcia Franklin.

Guests

- David Halberstam, Pulitzer Prize winner, journalist and author

More Information

- [New York Times archives of reviews about David Halberstam's works](#)

#742 - 09/27/2001 [Can God and Science Co-exist?](#)

This program looks at the issues raised by evolutionary theory in Charles Darwin's book "The Origin of Species", published in 1859.

Guests

- Nicholas Gier, University of Idaho
- Denny Clark, Albertson College of Idaho
- Trent Stephens, Idaho State University
- Mark Harris, Boise Bible College

#741 - 09/20/2001 [Who is the Enemy?](#)

International affairs experts share their thoughts on America's foreign relations policies and some possibilities for America's response to the 9/11 attacks. Also, a Muslim representative shares his religious philosophies.

Guests

- Governor Dirk Kempthorne, R-Idaho
- Richard Stallings, former US Congressman
- Alwyn Rouyer, University of Idaho
- Richard Slaughter, International Economic Consultant, Member of Council of Foreign Relations
- Col. Ralph Getchell, U.S. Air Force, Retired

More Information

- [President George Bush's Address to the Nation, September 20, 2001](#)

#740 - 09/13/2001 [Idaho Responds to Terrorism](#)

In response to Tuesday's terrorism attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., DIALOGUE airs a special one-hour program. Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by guests who include experts on psychology and terrorism.

Guests

- Rand Lewis, The Martin Institute
- Tim Rhodes, Provizio, former chair Ada County Terrorism Task Force
- David DeAwyer, Psychologist
- Steve Silberman, Idaho Statesman
- Teresa Hampton, Attorney
- Dr. Sean Anderson, Author, Political Science Professor

More Information

- [America Responds](#)
- [Talking With Children When Disaster Strikes](#)
- [Talking With Children About Disasters](#)

#739 - 09/06/2001 [Coeur d'Alene Tribe](#)

Coeur d'Alene Tribal Chairman Ernie Stensgar joins Marcia Franklin to talk about the proposed settlement over mining pollution in the Coeur d'Alene basin, a proposed ballot initiative on Indian gaming and field burning. They also discuss a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that the North Idaho tribe is entitled to ownership of one-third of Lake Coeur d'Alene.

Guests

- Ernie Stensgar, Coeur d'Alene tribe

More Information

- [Coeur d'Alene Tribe](#)
- [Tribal Gaming Initiative](#)

#738 - 08/30/2001 [Achievement Standards](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss achievement standards.

Guests

- Karen McGee, State Board of Education
- Phil Kelly, Boise State University
- Cindy Bechinski, Moscow School District

#737 - 08/23/2001 [Stem Cell Research](#)

Marcia Franklin and guests discuss the scientific and ethical considerations involved in embryonic stem cell research. For some, the research is the key to helping save lives. For others, it represents the taking of life.

Guests

- Dr. Ted Walters, Mountain States Tumor Institute
- David Ripley, Idaho Chooses Life

More Information

- [The NewsHour page on stem cell research](#)
- [Yahoo News page on stem cell research](#)
- [National Institutes of Health stem cell page](#)
- [CNN coverage of stem cell debate](#)
- ["Do No Harm" \(opposed to embryonic stem cell research\)](#)

#736 - 08/16/2001 [Disability Rights](#)

While the Americans with Disabilities Act is working well, a federal commissioner of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission says there are still major civil rights issues in the workplace.

Guests

- Paul Steven Miller, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

More Information

- [EEOC - U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission](#)
- [Paul Steven Miller](#)

#735 - 07/26/2001 [Sexual Abstinence and Teens](#)

The subject of sexual abstinence can be a tough sell to young people but some teens are advocates for the idea as a way of life before marriage. Joan Cartan-Hansen discusses the issue with three teens who are members of coalitions to prevent teenage pregnancy and promote abstinence.

Guests

- Carly Wantulok
- Nalin Ratnayake
- Stephane Sobtzak

#734 - 07/19/2001 [Rainbow Gathering](#)

Marcia Franklin and guests talk about the impact of the Rainbow Family gathering on central Idaho's Bear Valley area. More than 10,000 of the group's members gathered in a mountain meadow and called Idaho home for a few weeks.

Guests

- Walt Rogers, District Ranger, Boise National Forest

- Tom Woodbury, Rainbow Family Member
- "Just Tom," Rainbow Family Member

More Information

- [Rainbow Family's unofficial site](#)
- [Boise National Forest page on Rainbow gathering](#)

#733 - 07/12/2001 [Water Quality](#)

As Idahoans head to rivers and lakes for summer living, work and recreation, Joan Cartan-Hansen and four guests look at ways individuals and groups can become involved to protect their waterways.

Guests

- Peter Johnson, Big Payette Lake Water Quality Council
- Glen Rothrock, Department of Environmental Quality
- Charlie Sperry, Henry's Fork Watershed Council
- Dale Swensen, Henry's Fork Watershed Council

#732 - 06/28/2001 [Redistricting Commission](#)

The co-chairmen of the Citizen's Commission responsible for a legislative district mapping plan join Joan Cartan-Hansen to talk about the round of public comment meetings currently underway. They also discuss the commission's responsibility to create a state district map reflecting population shifts determined by the 2000 census.

Guests

- Kristi Sellers, Redistricting Commission Co-Chair
- Tom Stuart, Redistricting Commission Co-Chair

#731 - 06/21/2001 [Overcoming Hate](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Rev. Peter Southwell-Sander and Rev. Nancy Taylor about diversity workshops being conducted around the state under the auspices of the Interfaith Alliance.

Guests

- Rev. Peter Southwell-Sander
- Rev. Nancy Taylor, UCC

#730 - 06/14/2001 [First Lady Patricia Kempthorne](#)

First Lady Patricia Kempthorne, co-chair of the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children, has made child welfare a priority. She works on issues such as increasing the state's

immunization rate, decreasing underage drinking and promoting literacy. The First Lady speaks out about the need for the treatment of mental illness, using her own experience with depression as an example.

Guests

- First Lady Patricia Kempthorne

More Information

- [Patricia Kempthorne Idaho's First Lady](#)

#729 - 06/07/2001 [Greg Carr](#)

The new owner of the former Aryan Nations compound near Hayden talks about his decision to raze the property. Marcia Franklin talks with Greg Carr, who bought the compound from two plaintiffs who received it as part of a settlement against the Aryan Nations. He plans to turn the property into a retreat for human rights advocates.

Guests

- Greg Carr, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy

More Information

- [Press release announcing the opening of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy](#)
- [Carr Center for Human Rights Policy](#)
- [Witness.org](#)

#728 - 05/31/2001 [Rep. Mike Simpson](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and 2nd District Congressman Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) talk about political change and the effects the Democratic lead in the United States Senate will have on Idaho. They also discuss President Bush's tax cut bill and Simpson's efforts on behalf of INEEL.

Guests

- Rep. Mike Simpson

#727 - 05/24/2001 [Minidoka Relocation Center](#)

Marcia Franklin interviews Roger Shimomura and Dr. Robert Sims, who share their knowledge on the psychology and politics behind the development of Japanese internment camps in Idaho during World War II. Shimomura lived in Camp Minidoka as a child and has incorporated his story into his artwork.

Guests

- Roger Shimomura, artist
- Dr. Robert Sims, Boise State University

More Information

- [Gallery representing Mr. Shimomura](#)

#726 - 05/17/2001 [Industrial Hemp](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests debate the effect of industrial hemp on the Idaho economy. They discuss the ban in the United States to eliminate industrial hemp and how it has affected farmers in Idaho.

Guests

- Rep. Tom Trail, R-Moscow
- Rep. Kent Higgins, R-Idaho Falls

#725 - 05/10/2001 [Morris Dees 2001](#)

Long-time civil rights activist and Southern Poverty Law Center founder Morris Dees discusses the successful civil suit against the Aryan Nations in Hayden Lake with Marcia Franklin.

Find video for this episode at the [IdahoPTV online video player](#).

Guests

- Morris Dees, Southern Poverty Law Center

More Information

- [Southern Poverty Law Center](#)
- tolerance.org

#724 - 05/03/2001 [Open Spaces](#)

Preserving open space in and around Idaho communities is part of an ongoing debate throughout the state. Joan Cartan-Hansen discusses the issue with her guests.

Guests

- Michael Whitfield, Teton Valley Trust
- Elaine Clegg, Idaho Smart Growth
- Hal Simmons, City of Boise

#723 - 04/26/2001 [Drop Out Rates](#)

Del Burke, Principal of Mountain Cove High School and Hector de Leon from the Council of Hispanic Education debate if drop out rates are due to bad schools. They talk about how it affects students' abilities to find decent jobs and to make a living.

Guests

- Hector de Leon, Council on Hispanic Education
- Del Burke, high school Principal

#722 - 04/12/2001 [Power Rates](#)

All over the country, power rates are increasing. Idaho is no exception. Idaho Power is requesting a 34 percent rate increase and other companies may follow suit. The overall increase for all customers is 45.6 percent. Marcia Franklin speaks with power company spokesmen about the future of power rates.

Guests

- Ric Gale, Idaho Power
- Tom Dukich, Avista Corporation
- Glen Pond, Utah Power

More Information

- [Idaho Power](#)
- [Avista Utilities](#)
- [Idaho Public Utilities Commission](#)
- [Bonneville Power Administration](#)

#721 - 04/05/2001 [Legislative Wrap-Up 2001](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and Idaho reporters Bob Fick, Betsey Russell, and Greg Hahn discuss the legislative year, and the debates among the Senate and the House. They debate the effectiveness of the term and how it affects the people of Idaho economically and socially.

Guests

- Betsy Russell, Spokesman-Review
- Bob Fick, Associated Press
- Greg Hahn, Idaho Statesman

#720 - 03/29/2001 [Lieutenant Governor Jack Riggs](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Idaho's 38th lieutenant governor, Jack Riggs, about the issues he hopes to promote in his new position. Riggs, a Republican from Coeur d'Alene, served in the state Senate from 1996 until he was appointed lieutenant governor in January by Gov. Kempthorne. He replaced Lt. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, who won a seat in the U.S. Congress.

Guests

- Lieutenant Governor Jack Riggs

More Information

- [Lt. Governor's web site](#)

#719 - 03/15/2001 [Idaho's Continental Divide Trail](#)

Brother-sister team, Leland and Lynna Howard, share their experience hiking nearly 1,000 miles along the Idaho portion of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail with Marcia Franklin. The Howards, from Shelley, Idaho, wrote two books: an official guide and a photographic journal describing their adventure and suggesting tips for others who follow in their footsteps.

Guests

- Lynna Howard
- Leland Howard

More Information

- [Leland and Lynna Howard's web site](#)

#718 - 03/01/2001 [Drug Courts](#)

Marcia Franklin and guests discuss Idaho's interest in establishing a system of drug courts.

Guests

- Linda Copple Trout, Chief Justice, Idaho Supreme Court
- Rep. Celia Gould, Chair, House Judiciary and Rules Committee
- Ron Coulter, State Appellate Public Defender
- Robbie Plaster, Drug Court Participant

More Information

- [Idaho Senate Bill establishing drug courts](#)

#717 - 02/22/2001 [Jim Spalding](#)

Marcia Franklin is joined by James Spalding, Director of the Idaho Department of Correction to answer viewer questions about correctional facilities and services in Idaho.

Guests

- James Spalding, Idaho Department of Correction

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Correction](#)

#716 - 02/15/2001 [Political Pundits](#)

Halfway through Idaho's legislative session and one month into President George W. Bush's term, Marcia Franklin and guests analyze the current political state of the union.

Guests

- Dan Popkey, Idaho Statesman
- Randy Stapilus, political writer
- Thomas Clouse, Spokesman-Review

#715 - 02/08/2001 [Mental Illness](#)

Four guests who have experience with Idaho's mental health system discuss the subject with Marcia Franklin.

Guests

- C. Joseph Drayton, Office of Consumer Affairs
- Martha Tanner, parent
- Dr. Linda Hatzenbuehler, Idaho State University
- Roseanne Hardin, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

More Information

- [In Our Own Voice](#)

#714 - 02/01/2001 [Jim Caswell](#)

Jim Caswell, the new Administrator of the Governor's Office of Species Conservation, appears on DIALOGUE. Caswell and Marcia Franklin discuss the recently established office and post of Administrator.

Guests

- Jim Caswell, Office of Species Conservation

More Information

- [Governor Kempthorne's Announcement of Caswell Appointment](#)

#713 - 01/25/2001 [Religious Freedom Restoration Act](#)

A supporter and a critic of Idaho's version of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act present their views on DIALOGUE. The law, approved by the Idaho Legislature, has divided religious communities throughout the state. It seeks to replace a federal version of the law, held by the U.S. Supreme Court to be unenforceable by Congress.

Guests

- Bob Aldridge, Attorney
- Harry Bainbridge, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Idaho

More Information

- [Title 73, Chapter 4 of Idaho Code: Free Exercise of Religion Protected](#)

#712 - 01/18/2001 [Owyhee Canyonlands](#)

Two people at the center of the debate over federal protection for the Owyhee-Bruneau Canyonlands appear on DIALOGUE. Marcia Franklin talks with her guests about their concerns for the area, which has been in the spotlight during the waning weeks of the Clinton Administration.

Guests

- Pam Marcum, Committee for Idaho's High Desert
- Sandra Mitchell, People for the Owyhees

More Information

- [Committee for Idaho's High Desert](#)

#711 - 01/11/2001 [Rep. Mike Simpson](#)

U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) talks about his priorities for his second term. Simpson, re-elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in November with 70.7 percent of the vote, was sworn in as Idaho's Second District congressman January 3 in Washington, D.C. He sits on the House Agriculture, Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veteran Affairs committees.

Guests

- Rep. Mike Simpson

#710 - 01/04/2001 [Legislative Preview 2001](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests discuss the upcoming Legislative session. Before the first gavel Cartan-Hansen and the three political reporters speculate what the big Legislative issues could be this session, the possibilities of a tax break, how Legislators might spend the surplus and other issues.

Guests

- Bob Fick, Associated Press
- Greg Hahn, The Idaho Statesman
- Michael Journee, Twin Falls Times-News

2000**#709 - 12/21/2000 [Top Stories of 2000](#)**

Two Idaho journalists and two comic actors contribute their nominations for top stories of

2000, a year that began with a worldwide celebration. They offer their unique views on the months that followed the celebration.

Guests

- Randy Stapilus, Journalist
- Jennifer Swindell, Idaho Statesman
- Joe Golden, "Fools Squad"
- Tom Willmorth, "Fools Squad"

#708 - 12/14/2000 [Idaho and the Digital Divide](#)

Two communications technologies experts on DIALOGUE this week discuss how Idaho can bridge the digital divide between urban and rural parts of the state.

Rick Parker, division director for College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, talks about the need for rural Idaho, especially rural farmers, to learn more about what new technology can do for them. He is the author of seven books and is currently working on an information book on Microsoft 2002.

Guests

- Rick Parker, division director for College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls
- Gary Poon, founding principal of dtvision, a digital television strategic consulting service, in Alexandria, Virginia.

#707 - 12/07/2000 [After the Fires](#)

Two environmental policy experts debate forest health and land management. Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Robert Nelson, author of the book "A Burning Issue: A Case for Abolishing the U.S. Forest Service" and John Freemuth, professor and fellow at the Andrus Institute.

Guests

- Dr. Robert Nelson, University of Maryland
- Dr. John Freemuth, Boise State University

#706 - 11/30/2000 [Who Runs for the Legislature?](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and Gary Moncrief investigate what it takes to run for the state legislature. State Legislative races have been called "the Rodney Dangerfield of politics" because so often little attention is paid to them. Moncrief explains the process of running for the State Legislature with a behind-the-scenes look in his new book.

Guests

- Gary Moncrief, Boise State University

#705 - 11/16/2000 [Idaho's Technology Future](#)

Bill Shipp, Idaho's Science and Technology Advisor, discusses with Joan Cartan-Hansen the work force and the new "high-tech" economy. He talks about science and technology driving the economy by increasing jobs in companies, such as Simplot.

Guests

- Dr. Bill Shipp, Science and Technology Advisory Council

#704 - 11/09/2000 [Election 2000](#)

Two days after Idaho voters elect a new president, U.S. senator and U.S. representative, guests share their view of the results with Marcia Franklin.

Guests

- Trent Clark, Idaho Republican Party
- Carolyn Boyce, Idaho Democratic Party
- Randy Stapilus, political analyst

More Information

- [Secretary of State's Election Results Page](#)
- [Idaho State Democratic Party Web Page](#)
- [Idaho Republican Party Web Site](#)
- [Project Vote Smart](#)

#703 - 11/02/2000 [David McCullough](#)

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David McCullough talks about biography, history and the difference between education and information in an interview with Joan Cartan-Hansen. McCullough, the long-time host of AMERICAN EXPERIENCE, was in Idaho to speak at the Idaho Humanities Council annual dinner.

Guests

- David McCullough, Historian/Author

#702 - 10/26/2000 [Farm Worker Minimum Wage](#)

Two Idaho legislators discuss the recommendations of a legislative interim committee that considered minimum wage for farm workers. They talk about the committee's work during the

summer and the recommendation to include agriculture in the state's minimum wage laws but that employees paid for piecework remain exempt.

Guests

- Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer
- Rep. Ken Robison, D-Boise

#701 - 10/12/2000 [At Risk Kids](#)

The head of Idaho's Task Force on School Safety lists some of the things Idahoans can do to make their schools safer. Boise State University professor Bob Barr, who headed up the task force, joins Joan Cartan-Hansen to outline the task force findings on what types of programs work best.

Guests

- Bob Barr, Boise State University

#647 - 09/28/2000 [Ted Sorensen](#)

Author, lawyer and former presidential assistant Ted Sorensen discusses his study of the American presidency and his observations on the current national campaign. Sorensen, special counsel to President John F. Kennedy, is in Idaho this week to be the keynote speaker for the Frank Church Conference on Public Affairs. He also is the author of numerous books and articles, and is senior counsel with an international law firm in New York City.

Guests

- Ted Sorensen, Special Counsel to President John F. Kennedy

#646 - 09/21/2000 [Craig Williams, Candidate for U.S. Rep., 2nd Dist.](#)

Craig Williams, a Democrat running for Congress in Idaho's 2nd District, discusses his campaign issues and strategy with Marcia Franklin. The self-described Boise businessman and retired fighter pilot is pioneering a new strategy for Idaho candidates by conducting his campaign primarily through the Internet.

Guests

- Craig Williams, Candidate

#645 - 09/14/2000 [Death and Dying](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with three Idaho experts on end-of-life issues. They discuss the philosophy and availability of hospice care, pain management and the legal issues surrounding living wills and assisted suicide.

Guests

- Gretchen Hagen, St. Luke's Hospice
- Dr. Paul Montgomery, Mountain States Tumor Institute
- Cathy Hart, Idaho Commission on Aging

More Information

- [On Our Own Terms: Moyers on Dying](#)

#644 - 09/07/2000 [Wildfire](#)

Temperatures are down and humidity up but wildfires continue to rage across Idaho. Two directors from the National Interagency Fire Center provide updates on fire season 2000, one of the worst in nearly a century.

Guests

- Larry Hamilton, Bureau of Land Management
- Dennis Pendleton, U.S. Forest Service

#643 - 08/31/2000 [Rep. Mike Simpson](#)

U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, talks with Marcia Franklin about agricultural policies, public lands and other Idaho-related issues. Simpson, in his first term as 2nd District Congressman, sits on the Agriculture, Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veteran Affairs committees. He also is co-chair of the WTO Trade Caucus, a bipartisan group of 60 Congress members who advocate the needs and interests of U.S. farmers and ranchers in the area of world trade.

Guests

- Rep. Mike Simpson

More Information

- [Rep. Mike Simpson's home page](#)

#642 - 08/24/2000 [Affordable Housing](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and three housing experts discuss efforts underway in Idaho to help citizens and government officials find ways to build or locate affordable dwellings. According to a 1997 report, half of all Idahoans cannot afford to buy an average priced house in the state and 20 percent cannot afford the average rent.

Guests

- Gerald Hunter, Idaho Housing and Finance Association
- Alex LaBeau, Idaho Association of Realtors
- Richard Stallings, Pocatello Neighborhood Housing Services

More Information

- [The Freedom Forum](#)

#641 - 08/10/2000 [Al Neuharth](#)

Marcia Franklin interviews USA Today founder Al Neuharth. Neuharth is also founder of the Freedom Forum, a non-partisan international foundation promoting the ideals of free speech and free press. The Freedom Forum operates the Newseum, the world's only museum dedicated to the history of media.

Guests

- Al Neuharth

More Information

- [The Freedom Forum](#)

#640 - 07/27/2000 [Economics 101](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests answer viewer questions while explaining America's economy and the way it works in an "Economics 101" style.

Guests

- Kali Kurdy, NASDAQ Teacher of the Year
- Jody Hoff, Idaho Council on Economic Education

#639 - 07/20/2000 [Denali for Dreams](#)

Two members of Denali for Dreams discuss their successful climb to the highest peak in the United States, which raised \$250,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. They tell Joan Cartan-Hansen about the climb and why they chose this method to help young people.

Guests

- Rob Hilvers
- Susan Bernatas

#638 - 07/13/2000 [U.S. Forest Service Roadless Proposal](#)

With the comment period coming to a close for the U.S. Forest Service roadless proposal, Marcia Franklin talks with a forest supervisor about the initiative.

Guests

- Dave Rittenhouse, U.S. Forest Service

More Information

- [U.S. Forest Service Roadless Proposal](#)
- [Idaho Panhandle National Forests](#)
- [Boise National Forest](#)

#637 - 07/06/2000 [The First Sex](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with author Helen Fisher about the changing role of women in the new century. Fisher is the author of "The First Sex: The Natural Talents and How They Are Changing."

Guests

- Dr. Helen Fisher, Author

#636 - 06/29/2000 [Cities And Human Rights](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with three Idaho mayors who appear from Coeur d'Alene where they are attending the Association of Idaho Cities conference. The annual meeting is highlighting strategies to combat Idaho's reputation as a haven for racists.

Guests

- Linda Milam, Mayor, Idaho Falls
- Paul Graves, Mayor, Sandpoint
- Brent Coles, Mayor, Boise

#635 - 06/22/2000 [Idaho Photographers](#)

Three of Idaho's famed photographers share their work, secrets and inspirations with Marcia Franklin. Each specialize in outdoor photography. Their work can be seen in books, commercials, calendars and postcards around the world. They share their photos, as well as tips to taking great landscape, wildlife and human interest photographs.

Guests

- Jay Krajic, Photographer
- Mark Lisk, Photographer
- Glenn Oakley, Photographer

More Information

- [Mark Lisk's photos](#)
- [Glenn Oakley's photos](#)

- [Jay Krajic's email](#)

#624 - 06/15/2000 [Greg Carr](#)

Idaho Falls native Greg Carr, a high-tech industry success story, appears to avoid what psychologists identify as "sudden wealth syndrome," describing people who feel anxious, guilty, even paranoid, about new riches. Carr, 39, devotes his life to giving away generous portions of his wealth. He talks with Marcia Franklin about his success, his goals and his advice for others who find themselves in a similar fortunate position.

Guests

- Greg Carr, philanthropist

More Information

- [Press release announcing the opening of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy](#)
- [Home page for the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy](#)
- [Witness.org](#)

#634 - 06/08/2000 [Shakespeare](#)

William Shakespeare's plays and sonnets still evoke passion and controversy in audiences worldwide 400 years after they were written. Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests look at the life and work of Shakespeare.

Guests

- Eric Spencer, Albertson College
- Mark Hofflund, Idaho Shakespeare Festival.

More Information

- [Idaho Shakespeare Festival](#)

#633 - 06/01/2000 [Superintendent of Public Instruction](#)

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard discusses Idaho's reading initiative report and the status of high school exiting standards. Howard joins Joan Cartan-Hansen to consider the reading initiative report, to look at reading abilities among Idaho children, and to discuss what statewide tests show. They also will look at the prospects for exiting standards following legislative action this spring. And, Howard will share some of her plans for the fiscal year 2001 state education budget.

Guests

- Dr. Marilyn Howard, Supt. of Public Instruction

#632 - 05/25/2000 [Election Reaction](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests look at Tuesday's primary election results, what it means for Idaho.

Guests

- Jim Weatherby, Boise State University
- Randy Stapilius, Journalist

#631 - 05/19/2000 [Idaho Congressional Race Special](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with congressional candidates whose campaigns fell short of meeting criteria for participation in the IDAHO DEBATES 2000.

Guests

- Harley D. Brown, (R) Candidate, 1st Dist.
- A. "Big Jim" Pratt, (R) Candidate, 1st Dist.
- Craig Williams, (D) Candidate, 2nd Dist.

#630 - 05/18/2000 [Idaho Department of Fish & Game](#)

Marcia Franklin interviews Rodney Sando, the new director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Guests

- Rodney Sando, Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Fish and Game](#)

#629 - 05/11/2000 [Caring for the Dead](#)

The author of "Caring for the Dead" will discuss laws and procedures relating to funeral and burial arrangements. She and Joan Cartan-Hansen look at the options available in this state. They will discuss cost, which can be as much as \$5,000 to \$15,000, how to research the options before death occurs and how to make decisions based on a family's desires and need.

Guests

- Lisa Carlson, Author "Caring for the Dead"

More Information

- [Funeral Consumers Alliance](#)

#628 - 05/04/2000 [Privacy](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and Brett DeLange, head of Idaho's Consumer Protection Division, will look at the protection and vulnerability of personal financial, medical and other records in the electronic age. They will consider how or whether privacy can be protected when only a few keyboard strokes are required to transfer someone's personal information.

Guests

- Brett DeLange, Deputy Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division

#627 - 04/27/2000 [Gun Control](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests will discuss the pros and cons of gun control.

Guests

- Rex McCoy, Gun Control Legislation supporter
- Jerry Sweet, Gun Control Legislation opponent

#626 - 04/20/2000 [Class of 2000](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and four Idaho high school students discuss how life has changed for Idaho's teens in light of the shooting tragedy at the Colorado high school last year and other recent incidences of school violence. They share their views on gun control and student hazing and how members of the class of 2000 views the world.

Guests

- Michael Thomas, Student Body President
- Jamie Wazenkewitz, student and author
- Chris Haro, student
- Lindsey Johansen, student

#625 - 04/06/2000 [Legislative Issues](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests discuss the best and worst of the legislative session. They talk about the funding of the schools that was passed and the tax cuts given to the people of Idaho.

Guests

- Rep. Bruce Newcomb, Speaker of the House
- Rep. Wendy Jaquet, House Minority Leader
- Sen. Jim Risch, Senate Majority Leader
- Sen. Betsy Dunklin, Senate Minority Caucus Chair

#623 - 03/23/2000 [Grizzly Bear](#)

For 50 years, there have been no verified sightings of grizzly bears in the center of Idaho. But now, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says the Bitterroot ecosystem of Idaho and Montana, one of the largest contiguous blocks of federal land left in the lower 48 states, is an excellent place to re-establish grizzly populations. Marcia Franklin and her guests look at a proposed re-introduction plan.

Guests

- Bob Ruesink, US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Scott Farr, Wilderness Outfitters in Challis
- Don Smith, Alliance for the Wild Rockies
- Bill Mulligan; Three Rivers Timber in Orofino

More Information

- [Alliance for the Wild Rockies](#)
- [Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association](#)

#622 - 03/16/2000 [Idaho Public Television](#)

Idaho Public Television General Manager Peter Morrill and Marcia Franklin discuss recent actions in the Idaho Legislature regarding funding of IdahoPTV's conversion to digital technology. The Federal Communications Commission is requiring all television stations to change their broadcast facilities from analog to digital technology within the next three years. The total estimated cost to Idaho Public Television for the conversion of five transmitters statewide, as well as control room recording and editing facilities is about \$12 million.

Guests

- Peter Morrill, General Manager of Idaho Public Television

#621 - 03/02/2000 [Medicaid](#)

Marcia Franklin and three guests look at the state Medicaid debate.

Guests

- Joe Brunson, Dept. of Health and Welfare
- Margaret Hansen, Community Partnerships
- Jim Baugh, Co-Ad

More Information

- [Department of Health and Welfare - Medicaid](#)

#620 - 02/24/2000 [Kim Barnes and Robert Wrigley](#)

These two Idaho writers, who are married to each other, talk about and read from their works and recommend some of their favorite books.

Guests

- Kim Barnes, writer
- Robert Wrigley, writer

More Information

- [Kim Barnes' "In the Wilderness"](#)
- [Kim Barnes' "In the Wilderness"](#)
- [Kingsley-Tufts Poetry Prize](#)

#619 - 02/17/2000 [Contractor Licensing](#)

Marcia Franklin is joined by Bob Corbell of the Idaho Construction Coalition and Laird Maxwell of Idahoans for Tax Reform to discuss the issue.

Idaho is one of only 15 states that does not license its general building contractors. Industry groups and consumer advocates say that can lead to fraudulent situations for consumers and dangerous situations for workers if a contractor isn't carrying workman compensation insurance.

Guests

- Bob Corbell, Idaho Mechanical Contractors Association
- Sen. Stan Hawkins (R-Ucon)

#618 - 02/10/2000 [Exiting Standards](#)

The Idaho legislature will soon vote on the adoption of high school exiting standards. The graduating classes of 2005 will be the first to be affected by the new standards. These standards, developed over the past two years by a special commission, identify what Idaho students should know before they will be able to graduate from a public high school.

Proponents say the standards are needed to guarantee consistency, quality and accountability for both Idaho students and teachers. Guests discuss whether the standards are potentially too difficult and if all subjects have been included.

Guests

- Tom Luna, Exiting Standards Commissioner
- Rinda Olson, Math teacher
- Sam Byrd, DiversityWorks

#617 - 02/03/2000 [Parental Consent For Abortion](#)

The program looks at SB1299, which would require that a girl under 18 obtain the consent of her parents before receiving an abortion. Marcia Franklin talks with the sponsor of the legislation, Rep. Bill Sali (R Meridian) and an opponent, Sen. Judi Danielson (R-Council.

Guests

- Rep. Bill Sali (R-Meridian)
- Sen. Judi Danielson (R-Council)

#616 - 01/27/2000 [Governor Phil Batt](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with former Governor Phil Batt.

Guests

- Gov. Phil Batt

#615 - 01/20/2000 [Wolf Management](#)

Marcia Franklin and guests discuss the Federal Court of Appeals decision which upheld the wolf reintroduction rules, the first five years of the Gray Wolf Recovery Program and the future of the wolf in Idaho.

Guests

- Roy Heberger, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Jaime Pinkham, Nez Perce Tribe
- Sen. Laird Noh (R-Kimberly)

#614 - 01/13/2000 [Digital Divide](#)

Marcia Franklin and guests examine whether Idaho's adults and children are prepared for the digital age.

Guests

- David Bolt, Producer
- Kristi Rennebohm Franz, Teacher

More Information

- [The Digital Divide](#)
- [Sunnyside School Primary Class](#)
- [Youth Making A Difference In The World Through Telecommunications](#)
- [Closing the Digital Divide](#)

#613 - 01/06/2000 [Legislative Preview 2000](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by four of Idaho's Statehouse reporters.

Guests

- Betsy Russell, Spokesman Review
 - Bob Fick, Associated Press
 - Mike Wickline, Lewiston Morning Tribune
 - Gene Fadnes, Idaho Falls Post Register
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#612 - 12/23/1999 [Hemingway](#)

Ernest Hemingway, who would have been 100 this year, spent the last years of his life in Ketchum, where he died in 1961. To commemorate his life and writing, the Idaho Humanities Council invited several noted Hemingway scholars to Sun Valley to work with Idaho teachers. Marcia Franklin talks with four scholars about Hemingway; the discussion includes his style, his personal life and the influence of Idaho on his work.

Guests

- Michael Reynolds, author of a five-volume series on the life of Hemingway
- Susan Beegel, the editor of the Hemingway Review
- J. Gerald Kennedy, an expert on Hemingway's life abroad
- Nancy Comley, a scholar specializing in the role of women in Hemingway's work

#611 - 12/16/1999 [Most Influential](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by three historians who provide their choices of the most influential people. Their picks are augmented by the public's selections.

Guests

- Carlos Schwantes, Author
- Marty Peterson, Idaho Centennial Commission
- Judy Austin, Editor of Idaho Yesterdays

More Information

- [Congressman Simpson's home page](#)

#610 - 12/09/1999 [Rep. Mike Simpson](#)

Representative Simpson is one of the chairmen of a bipartisan congressional caucus, whose members were advocates for farmers and ranchers during the trade meetings in Seattle. The

freshman congressman talks with Marcia Franklin about the year's successes and failures. Simpson sits on the House Agriculture, Veterans' Affairs, Transportation and Resources committees. Prior to being elected to Congress, he was a state representative from Blackfoot and Speaker of the Idaho House.

Guests

- Representative Mike Simpson

More Information

- [Congressman Simpson's home page](#)

#609 - 12/02/1999 [Paying For Safe Schools](#)

The recently released report sets the repair total significantly lower than a previous study did. Supporters of the new figure say the state should not be responsible for every aspect of school facilities. Others argue the new figure is too low because of the way the study was done.

Guests

- Dr. Tom Morley, Education policy advisor
- Senator Darrel Deide, R-Dist. 10
- Milford Terrell, Statewide School Facilities Needs

#608 - 11/25/1999 [Rev. C. Welton Gaddy](#)

Rev. D. Welton talks about the importance of bringing religious people together to encourage civility in political campaigns while maintaining the separation of laws and specific religious practices. He says that people of all religions can become a united voice to make it known they do not want candidates who isolate people by race or faith.

Guests

- Rev. D. Welton Gaddy, National Executive Director of Interfaith Alliance

#607 - 11/18/1999 [U.S. Foreign Policy](#)

Every few months, it seems a new global "hotspot" surfaces in the news. Recent conflicts in Rwanda, Bosnia and East Timor have forced decisions about potential American involvement in other countries' affairs. Guest Phyllis Oakley, a career Foreign Service Officer, was the first woman to be the spokesman for the State Department. She is a graduate of Northwestern University and holds a Master's Degree from the Fletcher School of International Law.

Guests

- Phyllis Oakley, former Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research

#606 - 11/11/1999 [Veteran's Issues](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests discuss the state of veteran's affairs in Idaho and if the people of Idaho are doing all they can to help veterans. They talk about why veterans need to be leaving a legacy.

Guests

- Terry Niles, Adjutant for the American Legion
- Gary Bermeosolo, Idaho division of Veteran Services

#605 - 11/04/1999 [Idaho's Roadless Areas](#)

On October 13, President Clinton announced a sweeping policy that will affect more than 40 million acres of land across the country, 8 million acres in Idaho alone. Marcia Franklin and guests will talk about the potential effects of such a policy on Idaho, which contains 20% of the roadless area in the lower 48 states. Conservationists are applauding the decision, while forest industry groups say it will create a forest health hazard. Recreation groups are also concerned about access issues.

Guests

- Jim McClure, former U.S. Senator
- Jane Gorsuch, Intermountain Forest Association
- John McCarthy, Idaho Conservation League
- John Freemuth, Andrus Center for Public Policy
- Clark Collins, Blue Ribbon Coalition

More Information

- [Idaho Conservation League response to roadless policy](#)
- [Blue Ribbon Coalition](#)

#604 - 10/28/1999 [Y2K](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests give some practical advice on getting over the Y2K bug.

Guests

- John Cline, Bureau of Disaster Services
- Miles Browne, Idaho Y2K Coordinator
- Diane Griffitt, TechHelp

#603 - 10/21/1999 [Doris Kearns Goodwin](#)

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Doris Kearns Goodwin discusses her presidential biographies, and applies a sense of history to today's events during her interview with Marcia Franklin. The interview with the Boston-based Goodwin also centers on her love of baseball, her recently

published memoir of the game and how she learned to tell a story by relating a play-by-play account to her father as a child.

Guests

- Doris Kearns Goodwin, Historian

More Information

- [NewsHour with Jim Lehrer](#)
- [Goodwin essay on Franklin Roosevelt](#)
- [Interview with Goodwin about baseball](#)

#602 - 10/14/1999 [Early Childhood Education](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and guests discuss brain research results, which indicates that pre-schoolers who miss out on certain educational opportunities before their brains' "hardwiring" is fully developed may never completely acquire some skills.

Guests

- Larry Schweinhart, High/Scope Educational Research Foundation
- Baji Rankin, University of New Mexico
- Jim Greenman, Bright Horizons Family Solutions

#601 - 10/07/1999 [Gas Pricing](#)

Marcia Franklin discusses Idaho's high gas prices with Jim Jones, Dave Carlson and Dennis Baird. They debate what can be done and why the prices are so much higher than the rest of the nation.

Guests

- Jim Jones, Committee on Gas Pricing
- Dave Carlson, AAA Oregon/Idaho
- Dennis Baird, Baird Oil

#552 - 09/30/1999 [New Idaho Fish & Game Commissioners](#)

The new commissioners were appointed July 16 by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. They serve with three other people on the seven-member panel that oversees the operations of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Issues facing the group include: the choice of a new director, salmon recovery, license fee increases and the potential introduction of grizzly bear in Idaho.

Guests

- Alex Irby, Orofino, Region 2 commissioner
- Don Clower, Meridian, Region 3 commissioner
- Marcus Gibbs, Grace, Region 5 commissioner
- Roy Moulton, Driggs, Region 6 commissioner

More Information

- [Idaho Department of Fish and Game](#)

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More Information

- [Idaho Department of Fish and Game](#)

#551 - 09/23/1999 [Charter Schools](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guests Katie McCamment, Mary Lang, Darrel Burbank and Marjana Hulet discuss charter schools. They talk about their successes, the impact on communities and on public schools, and the kind of education they provide to their students.

Guests

- Katie McCamment, student at Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy
- Mary Lang, founder, Moscow Charter School
- Marjana Hulet, founder, Pocatello Community Charter School

More Information

- [National Charter School Resource Center](#)
- [National Conference of State Legislatures: School Choice and Charters](#)

#550 - 09/16/1999 [Medical Insurance Battles](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen is joined by Dr. A.C. Jones, a physician and immediate past president of Idaho Medical Association, and Dr. John Ruschi, senior vice president and chief medical officer for Regence BlueShield of Idaho.

Guests

- Dr. A.C. Jones, a physician and immediate past President of Idaho Medical Association
- Dr. John Ruschi, Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for Regence BlueShield of Idaho

#549 - 09/09/1999 [It's Elementary](#)

In an hour-long DIALOGUE special, host Marcia Franklin talks with several guests about whether gay issues should be brought up in the classroom and if so, how and when.

Guests

- Ed Vitigliano, American Family Association
- Travis Riggs, Idaho Youth Network
- Ryan Kerby, New Plymouth School District
- Connie Collins, Idaho Counseling Association

#548 - 09/02/1999 [School Safety](#)

Two members of the Governor's Safe Schools Task Force will discuss safety in Idaho schools.

Guests

- Bob Barr, Safe School Task Force Chair
- Matt Oppenheimer, Task Force member

#547 - 08/26/1999 [The Timber Economy](#)

This week's DIALOGUE looks at the recent judicial decision allowing four Idaho counties to intervene in a lawsuit brought by conservationists against the U.S. Forest Service.

Guests

- John Foard, Boise County commissioner
- Don Smith, Alliance for the Wild Rockies

#546 - 08/19/1999 [Economic Impact of Breaching Dams](#)

Frank Carroll discusses the possible effects of breaching the dams. He talks about the prospect of more jobs in Idaho in the form of tourism or construction if the dams were breached.

Guests

- Frank Carroll, Port of Lewiston

#545 - 08/12/1999 [Minimum Wage for Farm Workers](#)

Two legislators and two organization spokesmen — one representing farmers and one speaking for farm workers — appear on DIALOGUE this week to discuss the issue of minimum wage for agricultural workers in Idaho.

Guests

- Rep. Tom Trail (R-Moscow)

- Rep. John A. “Bert” Stevenson (R-Rupert)
- Humberto Fuentes, Exec. Dir. Idaho Migrant Council
- Dennis Tanikuni of the Idaho Farm Bureau

#544 - 08/05/1999 [Air Force Training Range](#)

Two participants in the negotiated agreement over expansion of the U.S. Air Force training range in Idaho will discuss the resolution.

Guests

- Colonel "Billy" Richey, U.S. Air Force
- Craig Gehrke, Wilderness Society

More Information

- [Mountain Home Air Force Base](#)
- [Wilderness Society](#)

#543 - 07/29/1999 [Idaho Photographers](#)

Three Idaho photography professionals discuss their art and livelihood on Dialogue.

Guests

- Stan Sinclair, Sinclair Studio
- Deborah Hardee, Hardee Photography
- Gerry Melendez, Idaho Statesman

More Information

- [Sinclair Studio](#)

#542 - 07/22/1999 [Dr. Joycelyn Elders](#)

Dr. Joycelyn Elders, the U.S. surgeon general whose outspoken views led to her forced resignation, will be the guest on Dialogue.

Guests

- Dr. Joycelyn Elders, former U.S. Surgeon General

More Information

- [Confirmation Statement of Dr. Joycelyn Elders](#)
- [Office of the U.S. Surgeon General](#)

#541 - 07/15/1999 [INEEL Manager](#)

The future role and the environmental challenges facing the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) will be discussed.

Guests

- Beverly Cook, D.O.E./Idaho Manager

#540 - 07/08/1999 [Mike Simpson](#)

Freshman U.S. Congressman Mike Simpson is the guest on this week's Dialogue. The Blackfoot Republican, who represents Idaho's 2nd Congressional District, will talk about his first six months in office.

Guests

- U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson

More Information

- [U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson](#)

#539 - 07/01/1999 [Welfare Reform](#)

Dialogue considers the results of welfare reform two years since the revised rules went into place and just as some families must deal with the two-year limitation on cash benefits.

Guests

- Judy Brown, Economist
- Scott Cunningham, Division of Welfare for Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Idaho State Sen. Gordon Crow (R Hayden)

#538 - 06/24/1999 [Genetic Engineering And Seeds](#)

Two seed industry professionals discuss genetically engineered crops as seen from different perspectives, philosophies and economies of scale.

Guests

- John Sorenson, President, Novartis Seeds, Inc.
- Bill McDorman, Owner, High Altitude Gardens

More Information

- [High Altitude Gardens](#)
- [Agencies involved in oversight of biotechnology](#)
- [Biotech-related WWW sites compiled by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture](#)
- [Mothers for Natural Law](#)
- [Greenpeace](#)

#537 - 06/10/1999 [School Violence](#)

The guests discuss how the school districts are handling the school shootings and sexual

harrassment issues. They talk about tending to the needs of the students and screening to prevent these kinds of incidents.

Guests

- Dr. Marilyn Howard, Supt. of Public Instruction
- Dr. Steve Lowder, Meridian School District
- Taylor Gudmundsen, Borah High School

#536 - 06/03/1999 [U.S. Senator Mike Crapo](#)

First-term U.S. Senator Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) talks with Marcia Franklin about his new job.

Guests

- U.S. Senator Mike Crapo

More Information

- [U.S. Senator Mike Crapo's Web Site](#)

#535 - 05/27/1999 [Yevgeny Yevtushenko](#)

World-renowned Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko talks with Marcia Franklin about his life and work.

Guests

- Yevgeny Yevtushenko, poet

More Information

- [Yevgeny Yevtushenko Poem of the Week Site](#)

#534 - 05/20/1999 [Division of Environmental Quality](#)

Idaho's top environmental law enforcer will be the guest. C. Stephen Allred, the new administrator of the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality, talks about the recent reorganization of his agency and its future.

Guests

- Steven Allred, Director, DEQ

More Information

- [Division of Environmental Quality](#)

#533 - 05/13/1999 [The Science of Saving the Salmon](#)

As disparate groups continue to argue over the best way to save the fish, its numbers continue

to decline. Its migration routes between inland streams and ocean spark heated debates. Scientists say they have an answer.

Guests

- Ed Bowles, Idaho Fish and Game Department
- Ted Koch, endangered species biologist

#532 - 05/04/1999 [Apollo Astronaut Talks With Students](#)

Joan Caran-Hansen talks with astronaut and moon-landing veteran Edgar D. Mitchell.

Guests

- Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Apollo 14 Astronaut

More Information

- [Apollo Missions](#)
- [APOLLO XIV Mission](#)

#531 - 04/29/1999 [Kosovo](#)

Two Idaho professors look at America's role in the Kosovo conflict, placing today's news into context and discussing possible options. Joan Cartan Hansen and her guests will consider: Is NATO's bombing campaign heading toward war in Kosovo? Why are NATO members involved there? What are America's options?

Guests

- Nick Miller, Professor, Boise State University
- Dr. Rand Lewis, Martin Institute, University of Idaho

More Information

- [Kosovo Updates](#)

#530 - 04/22/1999 [Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations](#)

The guests discuss concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) and what that means to the livestock business. They debate the regulations placed on farmers, mainly dairy and hog operations.

Guests

- State Senator Laird Noh (R-Kimberly)
- Greg Ledbetter, Idaho Dairywomen's Association
- Patrick Florence, Independent Meat Co.
- John Hoadley, Idaho Rural Council
- Denise Cooley, Jefferson Area Coalition for Clean Air and Water.

More Information

- [NCSL Tracking report on State CAFO Legislation](#)

#529 - 04/15/1999 [State Grazing Land Leases](#)

An environmental activist and a cattle industry representative deliberate the effect of recent court victories regarding public lands grazing. Marvel of the Idaho Watersheds Project, and Ted Hoffman of the Idaho Cattle Association, discuss the potential ramifications of several court rulings regarding the leasing of state endowment lands.

Guests

- Jon Marvel, Idaho Watersheds Project
- Ted Hoffman, Idaho Cattle Association

More Information

- [Docket No. 24367](#)
- [Docket No. 24239](#)
- [Idaho Watersheds Project](#)

#528 - 04/08/1999 [Fair Pay](#)

The guests discuss the wage gap in women's wages versus men's wages. They address the discrepancies in the genders when comparing experience, and the need to take time off to raise children and how that affects wages.

Guests

- Linda Osborn, President Elect of the Idaho Federation of Business and Professional Women
- Lee Flinn, Idaho Women's Network

#527 - 04/01/1999 [U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service](#)

Idahoans can expect a final decision by the end of the year on whether grizzlies will be reintroduced into the central part of the state, according to Jamie Rappaport Clark, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Clark, appointed director in 1997 of the 7,500 person agency, speaks about grizzly reintroduction, grey wolf recovery and other issues with host Marcia Franklin.

Guests

- Jamie Rappaport Clark, Director

#526 - 03/25/1999 [U.S. Forest Service](#)

Chief of the United States Forest Service Michael Dombeck discusses the agency's roads moratorium and other forest issues this week on Dialogue. Dombeck, a biologist, was named the 14th chief of the Forest Service in January. Prior to the appointment, he had been acting director for the Bureau of Land Management. The two agencies manage the majority of Idaho's federal lands.

Guests

- Michael Dombeck, Chief, U.S. Forest Service

#525 - 03/18/1999 [Road Closures in the Targhee National Forest](#)

The guests debate the closing of roads in the Targhee National Forest for conservation reasons. They discuss the use of the forests for timber reasons and recreation.

Guests

- Jerry Reese, Supervisor, Targhee National Forest
- Jim Gerber, Citizens for a User-Friendly Forest
- Marv Hoyt, Greater Yellowstone Coalition

More Information

- [Targhee National Forest](#)

#524 - 03/11/1999 [Michael Hoffman 1999](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Idaho filmmaker Michael Hoffman about the inspiration for his movies, including **Promised Land**, **One Fine Day**, **A Midsummer's Night Dream**, and **Restoration**, which won two Academy Awards. The two also discuss his work with the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, which he co-founded, and how growing up in Idaho and going to Boise State University influenced his work.

Guests

- Michael Hoffman, film director

More Information

- [A Midsummer Night's Dream \(1999 film\)](#)

#523 - 02/25/1999 [Pesticides and Food](#)

The guests discuss the hazards of pesticide use. They debate the validity of studies done against the use of pesticides.

Guests

- Dr. Charles Benbrook, Pesticide Policy Expert
- Dr. Berna Magnuson, University of Idaho
- Steve Johnson, EPA, Washington, D.C.

#522 - 02/18/1999 [Minimum Wage for Farm Workers](#)

Idaho House Bill 79 would amend the state's minimum wage law to include farm workers, a group which is currently exempt from wage restrictions. Marcia Franklin talks with farmworker advocate Maria Gonzalez-Mabbutt and Farm Bureau representative Dennis Tanikuni about the proposed bill and its potential impact on the state's agricultural industry.

Guests

- Maria Gonzales Mabbutt, Idahoans for Farm Worker Minimum Wage
- Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau

#521 - 02/11/1999 [Marilyn Howard, Superintendent of Public Instruction](#)

Marcia Franklin speaks with newly-elected Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Marilyn Howard about the transition from schoolteacher to the state's top education post, and her vision for the future of public education in Idaho.

Guests

- Marilyn Howard, Superintendent of Public Instruction

#520 - 02/04/1999 [Idaho Fish & Game Dept. Director Steve Mealey](#)

Marcia Franklin and Idaho Fish and Game Director Steve Mealey discuss budget problems facing his department and three bills currently before the Idaho legislature that, if passed, would provide additional funding to the agency through fee increases and the state general fund.

Guests

- Steve Mealey, Idaho Fish and Game Department

More Information

- [Idaho Fish and Game Department](#)

#519 - 01/28/1999 [Idaho's Universities](#)

The presidents of Idaho's three universities talk with Marcia Franklin about their mutual request for additional funding for higher education and future goals for their institutions.

Guests

- Dr. Charles Ruch, President, Boise State University
- Dr. Bob Hoover, President, University of Idaho

- Dr. Richard Bowen, President, Idaho State University

#518 - 01/21/1999 [Parental Consent For Minor's Abortion](#)

During the last legislative session Governor Phil Batt vetoed a bill that would have required a minor to get parental consent before having an abortion. With the start of a new session, lawmakers are once again trying to draft legislation that would modify Idaho's existing law, which requires parent notification but not consent. Marcia Franklin discusses the issue with her guests, Nancy Bloomer and Nicole Prehoda.

Guests

- Nancy Bloomer, Idaho Christian Coalition
- Nicole Prehoda, Planned Parenthood of Idaho

#517 - 01/14/1999 [Good Winter Reading 1999](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with three Idaho authors about their works and takes their recommendations for good winter reading.

Guests

- Mitch Wieland, Boise State University
- Pat Peek, author
- Julie Fanselow, author

More Information

- [Cormac McCarthy](#)
- [Rick Bass](#)
- [Lorrie Moore](#)
- [Traveling the Lewis & Clark Trail](#)

#516 - 01/07/1999 [Legislative Preview 1999](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen asks political reporters to predict what issues will be debated during this legislative session.

Guests

- Bob Fick, Associated Press
- Gene Fadness, Post Register
- Mike Wickline, Lewiston Morning Tribune

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#515 - 12/24/1998 [J. Carter Brown](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with the Chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts J. Carter Brown about his work overseeing the design and construction of the Vietnam Memorial. Carter served as chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts under six Presidents and was recently awarded the National Medal of the Arts. The interview was conducted in Sun Valley, Idaho. Note: Mr. Brown passed away on June 17, 2002.

Guests

- J. Carter Brown, chair, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts

More Information

- [Ovation TV](#)

#514 - 12/17/1998 [A Conversation With Gov. Robert Smylie](#)

Three-term Governor Robert Smylie relives highlights from his political career with Marcia Franklin, and talks about his newly released book "Governor Smylie Remembers." Note: Governor Smylie died on July 17, 2004.

Guests

- Former Idaho Governor Robert Smylie

#513 - 12/10/1998 [A Conversation With Gov. Phil Batt](#)

Former Governor Phil Batt discusses his impending retirement with Marcia Franklin, and shares memories from his more than 20 years of public service.

Guests

- Gov. Phil Batt

#512 - 12/03/1998 [A Conversation With Gov. Cecil Andrus](#)

Former Idaho Governor Cecil Andrus talks with Joan Cartan-Hansen about his newly released book, "Politics Western Style." Andrus served a record four terms as governor of Idaho.

Guests

- Former Idaho Governor Cecil Andrus

#511 - 11/26/1998 [Anne Frank Remembered](#)

The Diary of Anne Frank has been translated into 67 languages and is considered one of the most widely read books in the world. Marcia Franklin sits down with two friends of the Frank family, Hannah Pick-Goslar and Cor Suijik, to talk about life during the Holocaust and additional pages of Anne's diary discovered since the book was first published.

Guests

- Cor Suijk, Anne Frank Center USA
- Hannah Goslar, friend of Anne Frank

#510 - 11/19/1998 [10th Anniversary of the Yellowstone Fire](#)

In 1988 approximately 250 fires combined to burn more than one million acres in and around Yellowstone National Park in what was the largest fire in the park's history. On this 10-year anniversary of the fire, Joan Cartan-Hansen speaks with guests Rocky Barber, Steve Botti, and Phil Perkins about fire management strategies and the regeneration of the charred landscape.

Guests

- Rocky Barber, Journalist
- Steve Botti, National Park Service
- Phil Perkins, Yellowstone National Park

#509 - 11/12/1998 [Ivan Doig](#)

Author Ivan Doig talks with Joan Cartan-Hansen about his latest book and how his own life and his love for history have served as inspiration for his writing.

Guests

- Ivan Doig, author

#508 - 11/05/1998 [Election Follow-Up](#)

Marcia Franklin and guests Dan Popkey, Stephen Hartgen, and Jim Fisher discuss the recent election results, including the wins by Dirk Kempthorne for governor, Helen Chenoweth and Mike Simpson for the U.S. House of Representatives and Marilyn Howard for superintendent of public instruction.

Guests

- Dan Popkey, Idaho Statesman
- Jim Fisher, Lewiston Tribune
- Steve Hartgen, Twin Falls Times-News

#507 - 10/29/1998 [Molly Ivins](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with acclaimed columnist and author Molly Ivins about her career covering the Texas legislature. Note: Molly Ivins died on January 31, 2007.

Guests

- Molly Ivins, columnist and author

#506 - 10/08/1998 [The Race For Idaho State Treasurer](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests Latham Williams and Dr. Jim Weatherby discuss the obstacles facing third party candidates and what impact they have on the outcome of elections.

Guests

- Latham Williams, Reform Party
- Dr. Jim Weatherby, Boise State University

#505 - 10/01/1998 [Endowment Fund Changes](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guests Scott Brown, Doug Dorn, and Lydia Justice-Edwards discuss two House Joint Resolutions currently in the state legislature that would modify Idaho's constitution to create a land bank and allow funds in the state endowment to be invested in the stock market.

Guests

- Scott Brown, Idaho Conservation League
- Doug Dorn, Governor's Commission on Endowment Fund Investment Reform
- Lydia Justice-Edwards, State Treasurer

More Information

- [Idaho Secretary of State](#)

#504 - 09/24/1998 [Idaho Agriculture](#)

As a follow-up to the PBS documentary, "The Farmer's Wife," Marcia Franklin speaks with Pat Takasugi, Rick Waitley, Dick Rush and Vickie Parker-Clark about declining wholesale prices and other struggles facing local farmers.

Guests

- Pat Takasugi, Idaho Department of Agriculture
- Dick Rush, Director, Farm Services Agency
- Rick Waitley, Food Producers of Idaho
- Vickie Parker-Clark, University of Idaho Extension

More Information

- [FRONTLINE: The Farmer's Wife](#)

#503 - 09/17/1998 [Hispanic Issues](#)

Recent data suggests more than 6.5% of Idaho's population is Hispanic. Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Humberto Fuentes and Daniel Ramirez about the unique issues facing the Hispanic

population of Idaho, including the possible expansion of the guest worker program and a bill that would require minimum wage for farm workers.

Guests

- Hunberto Fuentes, Idaho Migrant Council
- Daniel Ramirez, Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs

#502 - 09/10/1998 [Bonneville Power Administration](#)

Bonneville Power's new CEO, Judith Johansen, talks with Marcia Franklin about the responsibilities of her position and her plan to increase efficiency and cut costs within the corporation.

Guests

- Judith A. Johansen, Bonneville Power Administration

More Information

- [Bonneville Power Administration](#)

#501 - 09/03/1998 [Technology in the Classroom](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen asks two elementary school teachers about the importance of bringing technology into the classroom and the impact it will have on traditional teaching methods.

Guests

- Theda Torgerson, teacher
- Heidi Fry, teacher

#445 - 08/27/1998 [Lake Coeur d'Alene and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe](#)

Ernie Stensgar discusses the importance of the St. Joe river and Coeur d'Alene Lake to his tribe and the rights of Native Americans.

Guests

- Ernie Stensgar, Coeur d'Alene Tribe

#444 - 08/20/1998 [State of Education](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss topics relating to the state of Idaho's educational system including: school funding, teacher training, technology in the classroom, parental involvement in education and teacher salaries.

Guests

- Robin Nettinga, Idaho Education Association

- Terry Anderson, PTA
- David Hawk, Idaho School Board Association

#443 - 08/13/1998 [Exiting Standards](#)

Idaho is one of only eight states in the country that does not have a set of exit standards in place for high school seniors. Marcia Franklin talks with members of the Exiting Standards Commission about their goals and the recently released first draft of standards.

Guests

- Tom Luna, Exiting Standards Commissioner
- Larry Andrews, Exiting Standards Commissioner
- Kristin King, Exiting Standards Commissioner

#442 - 08/06/1998 [Good Summer Reading 1998](#)

Three Idaho writers discuss their recent works and offer viewers their recommendations for good summer reading.

Guests

- Professor William Johnson, Idaho's Writer-in-Residence
- Rick Ardinger, Idaho Humanities Council
- Laura Harm, Writer

#441 - 07/30/1998 [State Management of Federal Lands](#)

Approximately 60% of Idaho's land is owned and managed by the federal government. In 1996 the Federal Lands Task Force was assembled to look into whether it would be beneficial for the state to take over control of those lands. After two years of interviews and research the Task Force recently released a report containing its findings. Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with her guests about the Task Force's findings and if Idaho should manage federal lands.

Guests

- Rick Johnson, Idaho Conservation League
- Sen. Judi Danielson, Federal Lands Task Force

#440 - 07/23/1998 [Future of Idaho Fish & Game Dept.](#)

Facing a 10% cut in federal funds and a drop in the sale of hunting licenses, Ken Norrie from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game talks with Joan Cartan-Hansen about potential program cuts within the department.

Guests

- Ken Norrie, Idaho Fish & Game Dept.

#439 - 07/16/1998 [Aryan Nations March](#)

Marcia Franklin speaks with human rights activists and the Mayor of Coeur d'Alene about the upcoming Aryan Nations march through the city of Coeur d'Alene on July 18th.

Guests

- Norm Gissel, Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations
- Steve Judy, Mayor of Coeur d'Alene
- Skip Kuck, Bonner County Human Rights Task Force

#438 - 07/09/1998 [Welfare Reform](#)

Since 1996 the number of Idahoans receiving welfare assistance fell 77%. One year after the passing of welfare reform, Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss whether the reform has been a success.

Guests

- Bill Walker, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Krista Ziebarth, Garden City
- Mikey Kraczer, Idaho Hunger Action Council

#437 - 07/02/1998 [Gary Stroutsos](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Gary Stroutsos about his transition from jazz musician to a Native American flutist. Stroutsos' music was featured in the Ken Burns documentary "Lewis and Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery" and he plays a song from the documentary in the show.

Guests

- Gary Stroutsos, Composer/Flute Player

#436 - 06/25/1998 [Political Debates](#)

In 1992 an Arkansas public television station excluded congressional candidate Ralph Forbes from a televised debate on the grounds that he was from a 3rd party and not a viable candidate. Forbes sued the station, saying third party candidates deserve to be heard. The case eventually went to the Supreme Court and earlier this year the court ruled that public television stations can exclude candidates as long as they set "reasonable viewpoint neutral criteria." Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss the ruling's impact on the debates broadcast on Idaho Public Television, which up until this point have included 3rd party and Independent candidates.

Guests

- Bill Hall, Lewiston Tribune

- Gary Allen, Reform Party of Idaho

#435 - 06/18/1998 [Tourism and Economic Development](#)

Tourism is the 3rd largest industry in Idaho, bringing close to two billion dollars annually and employing more than 33,000 people. Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss the importance of tourism and new rules governing auditorium districts.

Guests

- Bobbie Patterson, Boise Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Ira Koplow, Snake River Valley Events Center

#434 - 06/11/1998 [Barbara Morgan](#)

Thirteen years after the first teacher-in-space, Christa McAuliffe, died in the tragic Challenger explosion, her alternate, McCall teacher Barbara Morgan, is preparing for her first venture into space. Morgan talks with Joan Cartan-Hansen about Morgan's upcoming move to Houston and the two years of training she will have to go through before her mission.

Guests

- Barbara Morgan, NASA Teacher in Space

#433 - 06/04/1998 [Creationism in the Schools](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss the recent decision in the U.S. House of Representatives to reject a constitutional amendment that would have allowed prayer in public schools.

Guests

- Dirk Wageman, Meridian Middle School
- Ralph Peterson, North Gem High School
- Becky Ford, Post Falls School District

More Information

- [NewsHour forum: An Evolving Debate](#)
- [NAS Report: Teaching About Evolution and the Nature of Science](#)
- [Seven Court Decisions Regarding the Teaching of Evolution](#)
- [Institute for Creation Research](#)

#432 - 05/28/1998 [English as Official Language](#)

Currently 23 states have passed legislation declaring English as their official language. Kootenai County Commissioner Ron Rankin believes Idaho should make a similar declaration and has

drafted a proposition, which he has presented to the Peublican party of Idaho, with the hopes they will present it during the next legislative session. Mr. Rankin and Sam Byrd from the Idaho Hispanic Caucus debate the legal and moral issues surrounding the proposition.

Guests

- Ron Rankin, Kootenai County Commissioner
- Sam Byrd, Idaho Hispanic Caucus

More Information

- [NewsHour forum on bilingual education](#)

#431 - 05/24/1998 [Foreign Affairs](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with former U.S. Ambassador Robert Oakley about America's involvement in global issues and specifically what criteria should be used when deciding whether or not to provide aid or military assistance to another country.

Guests

- Ambassador Robert Oakley, National Defense University

More Information

- [US State Department](#)
- ["Somalia: A Case Study" by Robert Oakley](#)
- ["Common Ground" interview with Amb. Oakley](#)

#430 - 05/14/1998 [The Death Penalty](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Sister Helen Prejean about the movie "Dead Man Walking" based on Prejean's book by the same name. Sister Prejean also discusses her views against the death penalty.

Guests

- Sister Helen Prejean C.S.J., author, Dead Man Walking

More Information

- [Sister Helen Prejean's website](#)
- [Bureau of Justice Statistics page on capital punishment](#)
- [Legal Information Institute page on the death penalty](#)
- [Death Penalty Information Center](#)
- [Amnesty International page on death penalty](#)

#429 - 05/07/1998 [Removing the Dams](#)

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has decided to support the removal of four dams to

help increase the salmon population. Guests debate the economic and environmental impact of breaching the dams and whether there are other viable alternatives.

Guests

- Bruce Lovelin, Columbia River Alliance
- Scott Bosse, Idaho Rivers United

#428 - 04/23/1998 [Idaho Primary Election Races](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss the upcoming primary election and answer viewers' questions about the fundamental differences between Republicans and Democrats.

Guests

- Tony Park, chairman, Idaho Democratic Party
- Ron McMurray, chairman, Idaho Republican Party

More Information

- [Idaho Secretary of State](#)
- [Idaho Republican Party](#)
- [Idaho Democratic Party](#)
- [Project Vote Smart](#)

#427 - 04/16/1998 [Safe Schools](#)

In Pocatello, a student walked onto a junior high school campus, fired a gun and held students hostage, before surrendering to police. While no one was injured in the Pocatello incident, in the prior five months 11 people were killed in school shootings in the United States. Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss what can be done to keep our schools safe and what warning signs to look for in student behavior.

Guests

- Judge Bryan Murray, 6th District Magistrate
- Claudia Hasselquist, Safe/Drug Free Schools
- John Rauker, Pocatello School District

#426 - 04/09/1998 [U.S. House Minority Leader Rep. Richard Gephardt](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen asks U.S. House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt about issues of local interest, including: electric deregulation, tax reform, and the recently passed moratorium on building roads on public lands.

Guests

- Rep. Richard Gephardt

#425 - 04/02/1998 [Substance Abuse Programs in Idaho](#)

In response to the recently aired Bill Moyers series "Addiction", Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss what programs are available in Idaho for people suffering from drug and alcohol addiction.

Guests

- Trish Getty, Idaho Health and Welfare Dept
- Charlie Gerke, Moscow School District
- Gail Mason, Family Preservation Institute

#424 - 03/26/1998 [Legislative Wrap-Up 1998](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss the hot button topics from the 1998 legislative session, including: parental consent for abortion, property taxes, and transportation funding.

Guests

- Rep. Michael Simpson, Idaho's Speaker of the House
- Rep. Roger Chase, House Minority Caucus Chair

#423 - 03/19/1998 [Arctic Adventurer Will Steger](#)

Adventurer Will Steger talks to Joan Cartan-Hansen about the environmental changes he has seen during his ten years exploring the Arctic Ocean, changes which he believes are due to global warming and climate change.

Guests

- Will Steger, Arctic Adventurer

#422 - 03/05/1998 [Poverty Study](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests take a look at the demographics of who makes up the working poor in Idaho, and discuss what can be done to help them out of poverty.

Guests

- Judy Brown, Policy Analyst
- Mikey Krajczar, Idaho Hunger Action Council
- Sen. Gordon Crow, R - Hayden

#421 - 02/26/1998 [Electricity Deregulation](#)

With other states such as Montana deregulating their electric utility systems, Joan-Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss whether deregulation would work in Idaho.

Guests

- Jim McClure, Governor's Council on Hydroelectric & River Resources
- Mark Lipscomb, Idaho United

#420 - 02/12/1998 [Mike Dombeck, Chief of the U.S. Forest Service](#)

Marcia Franklin asks U.S. Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck about President Clinton's recent moratorium on building roads on public lands, a proposal that would decrease traffic going down the Salmon River, and possible rent increases for those leasing cabins on public lands.

Guests

- Michael Dombeck

More Information

- [U.S. Forest Service Home Page](#)
- [Forestry Links](#)

#419 - 02/05/1998 [Wolf Recovery Update](#)

In 1995, 29 Rocky Mountain Grey Wolves were reintroduced in Idaho and Yellowstone National Park as part of the Fish and Game's recovery plan. The terms surrounding the reintroduction of wolves in Idaho prompted the Idaho Farm Bureau to sue claiming the plan violated the Endangered Species Act. In a recent decision a judge ruled in favor of the Farm Bureau and ordered the removal of wolves from Idaho. Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests talk about the lawsuit and subsequent decision and what the next steps will be in the ongoing wolf debate.

Guests

- Ted Koch, Wolf Education and Research Center
- Greg Nelson, Idaho Farm Bureau

#418 - 01/29/1998 [Restricting Abortion](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss two proposed bills featuring abortion legislation. The bills would require parental consent for minors seeking abortions and would ban "partial birth abortions."

Guests

- Jen Ray, Idaho Women's Network
- John Slack, Right to Life Idaho

#417 - 01/22/1998 [Idaho Fish & Game Department](#)

With the Fish and Game Department facing a possible \$3 million budget shortfall, a new elk hunting program and possible fee increases, Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with her guests about

the future of Idaho's Fish and Game Department and what changes Idaho sportsman can expect to see in the coming year.

Guests

- Don Clower, Idaho Wildlife Council
- George Dovel, Idaho Shooting Alliance
- John Burns, Fish & Game Commissioner

#416 - 01/09/1998 [Special: Foster Care](#)

Nationwide the number of children in foster care is up 69%, while the number of adults becoming foster parents has only increased by 30%. While experts say the situation in Idaho is not quite that dire, the state is experiencing a shortage of foster families. On this Dialogue, Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss the state of the foster care system in Idaho and dispel myths surrounding the foster care program.

Guests

- Elaine Ellison, Department of Health and Welfare
- Dr. Hap Myers III, Child Psychiatrist
- Jay Hildebrandt, foster parent

#415 - 01/08/1998 [Legislative Preview 1998](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with statehouse reporters about what they think will be the main issues debated by lawmakers during the 1998 legislative session.

Guests

- Betsy Russell, Spokesman-Review
- Gene Fadness, Post-Register
- Bob Fick, Associated Press

#414 - 01/01/1998 [Review of Idaho's TV Feature Stories](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen takes a look back at some of the best feature stories of 1997, including a seven year old vacuum enthusiast, hollering contests, a man trying to officially change the spelling of caribou, and skydiving.

Guests

- No Guests

1997

#413 - 12/25/1997 [The Boston Pops](#)

In 1995 at the age of 35 Keith Lockhart became the conductor of the famous Boston Pops. Joan Cartan-Hansen spoke with Lockhart while the Pops were in Boise for a concert. They discuss the role of a conductor in an orchestra and what strategies the Pops uses to appeal to a younger audience.

Guests

- Keith Lockhart, Boston Pops Conductor

#412 - 12/18/1997 [Financial Changes](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss the recently passed Taxpayers Relief Bill of 1997 and the impacts it will have on Idahoans, including changes to the estate tax, new rules on home sales and the creation of Roth IRA's.

Guests

- Ted Armstrong, Financial Planner
- Chris Anderson, C.P.A.

#411 - 12/11/1997 [BLM State Director Martha Hahn](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Idaho BLM Director Martha Hahn about the BLM's role in the proposal for an expanded Air Force Training range and the developing Owyhee Wilderness plan.

Guests

- Martha Hahn

More Information

- [BLM Idaho Home Page](#)

#410 - 12/04/1997 [Good Winter Reading with Idaho Authors 1997](#)

Idaho authors discuss their recent works and offer viewers suggestions for good winter reading.

Guests

- Horace Axtell, Idaho Author
- Margo Aragon, Idaho Author
- William Studebaker, Idaho Author

More Information

- [Alan Watts Web Page](#)
- [Watts' The Wisdom of Insecurity](#)
- [About Children Just Like Me](#)
- [About Gary Paulsen](#)

#409 - 11/27/1997 [Education Reform, Its Issues and Questions](#)

The Albertsons Foundation recently awarded a grant to the Boise School District to implement the educational theories of author Willard Daggett. Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Mr. Daggett about his theories, which include heightening standards and real world application of classroom knowledge.

Guests

- Willard Daggett, International Center for Leadership in Education

#408 - 11/20/1997 [The News Business](#)

Recently four Idaho newspapers and two television stations, including Idaho Public Television, teamed up to discuss funding for prisons and higher education through the series, "Collision Course: Prisons vs. Higher Education." In this Dialogue, Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss the series and whether community journalism has a place in today's society.

Guests

- Karen Baker, The Idaho Statesman
- Jim Fisher, Lewiston Morning Tribune
- Dean Miller, Post Register
- Mark Trahant, Moscow-Pullman Daily News

More Information

- [Poynter Institute "On the Media" Series](#)
- [The Pew Center for Civic Journalism](#)

#407 - 11/13/1997 [Exploring Idaho Race and Diversity Issues](#)

In this hour long Dialogue special, Joan Cartan-Hansen and Marcia Franklin tackle the question, does racism exist in Idaho? In the first half of the program Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss Idaho's racist reputation and the current problems facing the state. The second half of the program is all about solutions. Franklin and her guests talk about the different groups around the state fighting racism and what can be done to reduce racism in schools and the workplace.

Guests

- Marilyn Shuler, Idaho Human Rights Commission
- A. J. Lewis, Idaho Chapter, NAACP
- Josh Buehner, North Idaho College Human Quality Club
- Jan Salisbury, diversity consultant
- Rudy Pena, school counselor
- Jeff Guillory, diversity consultant

#406 - 11/06/1997 [Management of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area](#)

Created in 1972, the Sawtooth National Recreation Area plays host to more than 1.5 million visitors a year. Up until 1997, visitors were able to visit the recreation area for free; however, due to a lack of funding the Forest Service recently instituted recreation fees. Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss the challenges facing the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and what steps are being taken to preserve the area for future generations.

Guests

- Paul Ries, District Ranger, SNRA
- Bethine Church, The Sawtooth Society
- Leilani Jones, United Stanley

More Information

- [Sawtooth National Forest](#)

#405 - 10/30/1997 [Lewis and Clark](#)

In conjunction with the airing of the new Ken Burns documentary Lewis and Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery, Joan Cartan-Hansen speaks with Burns about why he felt compelled to tell the story of Lewis and Clark and the process involved in making a documentary. Cartan-Hansen also talks with local Lewis and Clark experts about the significance of Lewis and Clark's journey.

Guests

- Carol MacGregor, author/historian
- Wilmer Rigby, former Lewis & Clark Trail coordinator
- James Fazio, past president Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation
- Ken Burns, film maker

More Information

- [Lewis and Clark Homepage](#)

#404 - 10/23/1997 [Immunizations](#)

Idaho ranks 49th in the United States for the number of children getting vaccinated. Earlier this year there were two outbreaks of whooping cough in northern Idaho and five cases reported in Boise. A recent CDC study that evaluated the outbreaks found that close to 90% of those infected had received the vaccine as children. Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss the CDC's findings and debate whether or not children should be vaccinated.

Guests

- Pam Gehrke, RN, Immunize by Two Coalition
- Dr. Brent Mathieu, N.D., Naturopath

More Information

- [Immunization Action Coalition](#)
- [Concerned Parents for Vaccine Safety](#)
- [National Vaccine Information Center](#)
- [Vaccine Information & Awareness Site](#)

#403 - 10/16/1997 [Welfare Reform](#)

Before the recently passed welfare reform law, 6,800 Idaho families were receiving assistance; one year later only 2,300 families are participating in the program. Some would call that decrease a sign of success, but this week's guest disagrees. Peter Edelman resigned from his post as Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation in the Clinton administration after the President signed welfare reform legislation in 1996 saying that, "the legislation increased poverty, lowered income for single mothers, put people from welfare into homeless shelters, and left states free to eliminate welfare entirely." Edelman and host Marcia Franklin discuss the changes to welfare law both nationally and in Idaho.

Guests

- Peter Edelman, Georgetown University Law Center

More Information

- [Welfare Dialogue in "Slate" Magazine](#)

#402 - 10/09/1997 [Justice Charles McDevitt](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen speaks with Judge Charles McDevitt about his decision to step down from his position on the Idaho Supreme Court. McDevitt says when he was appointed in 1989 he had a set list of things he wanted to accomplish during his time on the bench, including: modernizing the court, increasing court security, and advocating for a more open court system. Since he feels those goals have been accomplished, it is time to pass the torch to someone who can "take the court into the next century."

Guests

- Charles McDevitt, Retired Idaho Supreme Court Justice

#401 - 10/02/1997 [Juvenile Corrections](#)

In 1995 the Idaho Legislature passed the Juvenile Corrections Act creating the Department of Juvenile Corrections. Soon after its inception there were rumors of mismanagement and corruption within the department. In this Dialogue, Joan Cartan-Hansen speaks with the new director of the Department of Juvenile Corrections, about his two and five-year plans for the department and the differing roles of the county and state when it comes to prosecuting and punishing juveniles.

Guests

- Brent Reinke, Juvenile Corrections Dept. Director

#347 - 09/18/1997 [Gov. Phil Batt](#)

Idaho Governor Phil Batt announced that he will not seek a second term of office. Instead the 70 year old lawmaker says he wants to spend more time with his family. Marcia Franklin talks with Gov. Batt about his decision and what he hopes to accomplish during the last 15 months of his term in office.

Guests

- Gov. Phil Batt, Governor of Idaho

More Information

- [Gov. Phil Batt's Home Page](#)

#346 - 09/11/1997 [Stephen Ambrose](#)

Author Stephen Ambrose discusses writing, history, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark with Joan Cartan-Hansen. Ambrose, in Idaho for an Idaho Humanities Council event, says for most Americans, the name of the historic expedition is all one word - "LewisandClark." He calls the 1803-1806 cross-country journey "the greatest camping trip of all time."

His own fascination with the journey, its discoveries and the two expedition leaders led to his best-selling book, "Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson and the Opening of the American West." He also is one of the featured historians in the miniseries by filmmaker Ken Burns "Lewis & Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery."

Guests

- Stephen Ambrose, Author

#345 - 09/04/1997 [Ira Glasser](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with ACLU Executive Director, Ira Glasser about the history and current mission of his organization. Mr. Glasser also talks about the ACLU's definition of the right to privacy and its interpretation of the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the right to bear arms.

Guests

- Ira Glasser, Executive Director, ACLU

More Information

- [ACLU](#)

#344 - 08/28/1997 [Open Spaces](#)

Cities and counties across Idaho have started to set aside land for "open space." Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with her guests about what defines open space and who has jurisdiction over how it can be used.

Guests

- Brent Coles, Boise Mayor
- Roy Prescott, Jerome County Commissioner
- John Freemuth, Boise State University

#343 - 08/14/1997 [Grizzly Bears](#)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is currently in a public comment period for a proposal to re-introduce grizzly bears to Idaho and Montana. The plan would introduce 3-5 bears a year for five years with a goal of increasing the bear population to 280. Guests debate the merits of the proposal and discuss other alternatives.

Guests

- Dr. Chris Servheen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- John Burns, Idaho Fish and Game Commission
- Bill Mulligan, ROOTS

#342 - 08/07/1997 [Non-profit Hospitals](#)

Ada County Commissioners recently voted to strip St. Luke's hospital of its non-profit status stating that the hospital has too much extra revenue and does not contribute enough to the community. If that decision is upheld by the State Board of Tax Appeal, the hospital would have to pay taxes of approximately \$2-4 million a year. Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss that controversial decision and what it could mean for other hospitals in the state such as St. Alphonsus hospital in Boise.

Guests

- Steve Millard, Idaho Hospital Association
- Frank Walker, Ada County Commissioner

More Information

- [Rand Journal of Economics Study](#)
- [National Council of Non-profit Associations](#)
- [Philanthropy Journal](#)

#341 - 07/31/1997 [Good Summer Reading 1997](#)

Idaho authors Brady Udall and Chris Dempsey discuss their latest work and talk about what

inspires them to write. Guests and viewers also offer book recommendations for good summer reading.

Guests

- Brady Udall, author
- Chris Dempsey, poet

More Information

- [Reading Recommendations](#)
- [Philip Levine](#)
- [Robert Olen Butler](#)

#340 - 07/24/1997 [Funding for the Arts](#)

Funding for the National Endowment for the Arts is in jeopardy with both of Idaho's senators voting to defund the agency. Despite the votes from Idaho's delegation a senate committee voted to both save the agency and increase its budget. But the debate has raised the question, should the federal government fund the arts?

Guests

- Margot Knight, Idaho Commission on the Arts

#339 - 07/17/1997 [Drinking Water](#)

In 1996, 300 out of the state's 2,090 water systems had 416 violations involving bacterial contamination. Marcia Franklin asks her guests about the safety of Idaho's drinking water and what residents can do to ensure the water coming out of their taps is safe to drink.

Guests

- Steve Tanner, Division of Environmental Quality
- Tom Turco, Central District Health
- Fred Ostler, Pocatello Water Superintendent

More Information

- [Is Your Drinking Water Safe?](#)
- [Text of Safe Drinking Water Act](#)

#338 - 07/10/1997 [Water in Idaho](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guest talk about Idaho's water rights system and offer the viewers a breakdown of how the water in Idaho is split amongst different industries. Guests also debate whether the current water system is fair and why the agricultural industry receives a majority of the water allocation.

Guests

- Wendy Wilson, Executive Director, Idaho Rivers United
- Sherl Chapman, Executive Director, Idaho Water Users Association
- Steve Herndon, Idaho Power

#337 - 06/26/1997 [Higher Education in Idaho](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen speaks with top officials at Idaho's three universities about the challenges they are facing having to update to new technologies with a decreased budget.

Guests

- Robert Hoover, President, University of Idaho
- Richard Bowen, President, Idaho State University
- Daryl Jones, Provost, Boise State University

#336 - 06/19/1997 [Air Force Training Range](#)

The United States Air Force is currently in a public comment period for its fourth request to expand its training range in southern Idaho. The plan includes adding 12,000 acres for target training and 700 additional square miles for flight space. Guests discuss their concerns about the proposal and respond to a taped interview with Brig. Gen. Ken Peck who supports the expansion.

Guests

- Murray Feldman, Greater Owyhee Legal Defense
- Terry Gibson, Shoshone Paiute Tribe
- Robbi King, R- Glenns Ferry

#335 - 06/12/1997 [Flooding in Eastern Idaho](#)

Due to flooding in Eastern Idaho, several counties have been declared disaster areas. Residents are being asked to voluntarily evacuate due to flash flood warnings. Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests talk about the situation in the eastern part of the state and give valuable information to residents as to where they can go for help and what the state is doing to help mitigate the damage.

Guests

- Darren Blagburn, Bureau of Disaster Services
- Dick Larsen, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
- Jim Fodrea, Bureau of Reclamation

#334 - 05/29/1997 [Bull Trout](#)

The Idaho bull trout was recently listed on the Endangered Species list. Joan Cartan-Hansen

talks with her guests about what can be done to help bull trout recovery in Idaho and whether the state has the proper resources to manage the recovery plan.

Guests

- Don Smith, Alliance for the Wild Rockies
- Steve Mealy, Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game

#333 - 05/22/1997 [Kids Count](#)

According to the latest Idaho Kids Count report card 11% of 16-19 year olds in Idaho drop out of school, 22% higher than the national average. Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with the Dean of the College of Education at Boise State University about how educators can identify and help at risk students.

Guests

- Robert Barr, College of Education, Boise State University

#332 - 05/15/1997 [Michael Simpson](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Michael Simpson, Idaho's Speaker of the House, about current political issues in the state including: using surplus money to give money to state workers to offset health care costs, the recently passed initiative on term limits, and school vs. prison funding.

Guests

- Michael Simpson, Speaker of the Idaho House of Representatives

#331 - 05/08/1997 [Tax Credits for Private Schools](#)

A bill proposed during the 1997 legislative session would have given a tax credit to families whose kids attended private school or were homeschooled. The bill died before making it to the floor for a vote, but proponents plan to re-introduce the bill next year. Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss the bill and what it would mean for Idaho's schools.

Guests

- Henry Kulczyk, Idaho Family Forum Lobbyist
- Monica Beaudoin, Idaho Education Association President

#330 - 05/01/1997 [Welfare Reform](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss recently changes to Idaho's welfare system that will go into effect on July 1, 1997. Some of the changes that will be implemented include: cash assistance will be limited to \$278 a month, parents receiving aid must be working or attending

job training classes, all children under 18 must be enrolled in school even if they are a teen parent and paternity must be established within a year or assistance will be reduced by half.

Guests

- Gary Payne, Idaho State Department of Health and Welfare
- Linda Kirk Fox, University of Idaho
- Judy Brown, Economist

#329 - 04/24/1997 [Gender Equity](#)

Due to budgetary reasons, Idaho had to eliminate a statewide position that worked to ensure gender equity in the state's public schools. Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests define gender equity and talk about why it is important to have it as part of the curriculum in public schools.

Guests

- Barbara Eisenbarth, Gender Equity Consultant
- John Andreason, State Senator (R-Boise)
- Dr. Rickie Miller, Asst. Professor, Boise State University

#328 - 04/17/1997 [Patricia Nelson Limerick](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with author Patricia Nelson Limerick about her books about the American West. Limerick shares her views that the West has been overly romanticized and that history has ignored the contributions of women and people of color in settling the West.

Guests

- Patricia Nelson Limerick, Author

#327 - 04/10/1997 [Educators](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with some of Idaho's top educators about the challenges facing teachers and what qualities make a good educator.

Guests

- James Francis, 1997 Teacher of the Year
- Bob Haley, 1997 Superintendent of the Year

#326 - 04/03/1997 [Gangs in Idaho](#)

Gang related crimes in the United States have increased by 1,000% since the start of the decade. Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss the growing gang problem and what preventative measures can be taken to stop kids from getting involved in gangs.

Guests

- Jeff Basterrechoa, Boise Police Department
- Pete Ritter, Boise Police Department
- John Raukar, School District 25

#325 - 03/27/1997 [Changing Careers](#)

Career specialists discuss strategies to improve your chances of getting and keeping a job. Joan Cartan-Hansen also asks her guests about a recent Brown University study that found that 70% of Americans feel companies are less loyal to employees than they were 10 years ago.

Guests

- Pam Leavitt-Fonshill, Leavitt and Associates
- Rose Anne Harry, Career Resource Center, Administrator

#324 - 03/20/1997 [First Amendment](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests have an in depth discussion about modern challenges to the 1st Amendment to the United States Constitution including censorship of tobacco advertising and a case before the Supreme Court concerning indecency on the internet.

Guests

- Cam DeVore, Attorney
- Ron Bush, Attorney

#323 - 03/06/1997 [Burn Policy](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss a new burn policy introduced by Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt that includes prescribed burns to help reduce fuels and therefore prevent forest fires.

Guests

- Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior
- Jay O'Laughlin, University of Idaho
- John Freemuth, Boise State University

#322 - 02/27/1997 [Paying A Debt of Honor](#)

Join Joan Cartan-Hansen for this special edition of Dialogue in Washington, D.C. for the Medal of Honor ceremony honoring Idaho resident Vernon Baker and six other African-American soldiers who fought in World War Two. In addition to covering the ceremony, Cartan-Hansen also talks with Baker about the event that earned him the Medal of Honor and gets perspective from a military historian on why it took so long for the medals to be awarded.

Guests

- none

#321 - 02/20/1997 [Jon Marvel](#)

This episode of Dialogue is the first in a series that will explore both sides of a lawsuit over leases on school endowment lands. Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Jon Marvel from the Idaho Watersheds Project, the group behind the lawsuit. Marvel talks about why the group filed the lawsuit and why they feel the Idaho Land Board is violating the Idaho's Constitution.

Guests

- Jon Marvel, Idaho Watersheds Project

#320 - 02/13/1997 [Disasters in Idaho](#)

In 1996, rain storms, blizzards and mudslides caused millions of dollars in damage in Idaho. It is estimated that it will cost \$40 million to fix roads alone. Guests answer viewer questions about where they can go to get help in case of another emergency. They also speculate on whether or not there will be more flooding in 1997 and how the state will pay for the damage caused in 1996.

Guests

- Bob Frietay, FEMA
- Chuck Winder, Chair, Department of Transportation
- Darren Blackburn, Bureau of Disaster Services

#319 - 02/06/1997 [Sex Education](#)

Guests discuss Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Anne Fox's plan to use federal money to teach an abstinence only sex education curriculum in Idaho's public schools. Joan Cartan-Hansen asks the guests to explain the difference between the new curriculum and the current abstinence based program.

Guests

- Dr. Anne Fox, Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Mary Kelly McColl, Planned Parenthood
- Dr. Carole McWilliam, School District 25

#318 - 01/30/1997 [Fish & Game Director](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Stephen Mealey, Idaho's new Fish and Game Director, about issues related to bear baiting, salmon recovery and the reintroduction of grizzlies to the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness area.

Guests

- Stephen Mealey, Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game

#317 - 01/23/1997 [Year 2000](#)

Technology experts answer viewer questions about the anticipated worldwide computer crash expected to happen on New Year's Day 2000. Guests discuss what the state has done to prepare for a technological emergency.

Guests

- Jerry Ransom, Idaho Power
- Rob Spofford, Y2000 Sub-Committee Chair
- Pam Ahrens, Department of Administration

#316 - 01/16/1997 [School To Work](#)

Idaho has received \$11 million to implement the federal School to Work program in 100 of the state's 112 school districts in the next five years. Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss the details of the program, which is designed to prepare students for the workplace, and what it means for Idaho's schools.

Guests

- Karen Fraley, Idaho School to Work
- Skip Bennett, School to Work Collaborative Team
- Nancy Boling, School to Work Collaborative Team

#315 - 01/09/1997 [Steve Appleton](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with the CEO of Micron Technology, the state's largest private employer, about what the company is doing to ensure they remain a major player in the technology market. Appleton also addresses viewer concerns over the environmental impact of manufacturing computer chips.

Appleton died on February 3, 2012 while trying to land his experimental fixed wing single engine Lancair airplane at the Boise airport.

Guests

- Steve Appleton, CEO, Micron Technology

#314 - 01/02/1997 [Legislative Preview 1997](#)

Joan and her guests speculate on what will be the hot button topics in the upcoming session of the Idaho Legislature. Topics include: school funding, property tax relief, the new Department of Juvenile Corrections and the tight budget.

Guests

- Chuck Oxley, Idaho State Journal
 - Mike Wickline, Lewiston Morning Tribune
 - Michelle Cole, Idaho Statesman
 - Marcia Franklin, Host of Idaho Reports
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#313 - 12/26/1996 [Year End Review](#)

Print reporters from around the state list what they think were the top stories of 1996. Some of the stories discussed include: AIDS education, spring floods, budget problems, higher education tuition hikes and the election.

Guests

- Jim Fisher, Lewiston Tribune
- Marty Trillhaase, Idaho Falls Post Register
- Dan Popkey, Idaho Statesman
- Mike Prater, Idaho Statesman

#312 - 12/19/1996 [Racism in Idaho](#)

In light of the PBS documentaries Not in Our Town and Not in Our Town Two, Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests talk about hate crimes in Idaho and how to combat the state's reputation for having racist tendencies.

Guests

- Dr. Richard Baker, Boise State University
- Mary Daley, Idaho Network Against Bigotry
- Alfreda Doster, Former Idaho Human Rights Commissioner

#311 - 12/12/1996 [Good Winter Reading 1996](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with three Idaho authors about their recent and upcoming work and gets book recommendations for good winter reading.

Guests

- Kim Barnes, author
- Judith Freeman, author
- Mitchell Wieland, author

#310 - 12/05/1996 [Cecil Andrus](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with former Idaho Governor Cecil Andrus about the recently opened Andrus Center for Public Policy at Boise State University. Cartan-Hansen also asked Andrus about the state of the Democratic Party in Idaho following the most recent election and what his views were on Social Security and Medicare reform.

Guests

- Cecil Andrus, Former Idaho Governor

#309 - 11/28/1996 [Miep Gies](#)

During World War II Miep Gies was one of the people helping to hide Anne Frank and seven others from the German Army. After their hiding place was betrayed and the eight residents of the secret annex were taken by the Germans, it was Gies who discovered and preserved Anne Frank's famous diary, a book that has been translated into more than 30 languages and has been translated to both the stage and screen.

Gies was in Boise for the dedication of the Anne Frank Human Rights Center and Memorial give you a front row seat to hear Gies' speech during the dedication ceremony. Gies passed away at the age of 100 on January 11, 2010.

Guests

- Miep Gies, Discovered Anne Frank's Diary

More Information

- [Transcript](#)

#308 - 11/21/1996 [Medical Savings Accounts](#)

Guests weigh the benefits and downfalls of new Medical Savings Accounts which have been billed as a replacement for HMO's and a way to help people meet their deductibles.

Guests

- Gary Glenn, Ada County Commissioner
- Bill Foxcroft, Executive Director, Idaho Primary Care Assoc.

More Information

- [AAPS views](#)

#307 - 11/14/1996 [Debt of Honor](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Vernon Baker about his time serving in the Army during World War II. Baker discusses his feelings on receiving the Medal of Honor more than 40 years after the war. Baker was one of seven African American soldiers to receive the belated honor.

Guests

- Vernon Baker, Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient

#306 - 11/07/1996 [Dan O'Brien](#)

What is it like to see your face on the front of a Wheaties box? That is one of the questions host Marcia Franklin asks Idahoan and Olympic Gold Medalist Dan O'Brien in this episode of Dialogue. O'Brien also talks about his training schedule, picking endorsements and whether professional athletes should be competing in the Olympics.

Guests

- Dan O'Brien, Olympic Gold Medalist

#305 - 10/31/1996 [Genesis](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss the characters and stories contained in the book of Genesis. Guests also talk about four newly released books that offer insight and different interpretations of the text. This show aired in conjunction with a 10 part PBS special hosted by Bill Moyers on the book of Genesis.

Guests

- Dr. Lamont Lyons, BSU
- Laura Gamble, Valley Christian High School
- Dr. Bruce Wollenberg, University of Idaho
- Dr. Carl Levenson, Idaho State University

#304 - 10/24/1996 [Black Bear Hunting](#)

In this hour long Dialogue Election 1996 special, guests debate Proposition 2. If passed the proposition would regulate black bear hunting in Idaho by outlawing the use of bait and dogs in bear hunting and limiting bear season.

Guests

- Lynn Fritchman, supports Proposition 2
- Keith Carlson, Fish and Game Commissioner, opposes Proposition 2
- Stew Churchwell, supports Proposition 2
- Don Clower, opposes Proposition 2

#303 - 10/17/1996 [1% Initiative](#)

In this hour long Dialogue Election 1996 special, guests discuss Proposition 1: The 1% Initiative. The 1% initiative has appeared on the ballot in 1978, 1992 and in 1994 proponents tried to get in on the ballot but failed to get the necessary signatures. If passed it would limit property tax

to no more than 1% of taxable value and shift school funding from property tax revenue to the general fund.

Guests

- Gary Glenn, Ada County Commissioner
- Ron Rankin, supports Proposition 1
- Steve Ahrens, opposes Proposition 1
- Sen. Hal Bundersen, opposes Proposition 1

#302 - 10/10/1996 [Term Limits Initiative](#)

In this hour long Dialogue Election 1996 special, guests debate Proposition 4 which would call for a change in the U.S. Constitution to create term limits for U.S. Senators and members of the U.S. House of Representatives. This is the second time this measure has appeared on the ballot; it passed in 1992 but was later struck down by the United States Supreme Court.

Guests

- Donna Weaver, Citizens for Federal Term Limits
- Sandy Clark, Citizens for Federal Term Limits
- Kitty Gurnsey, R- District 19
- George Detweiler, Save the Constitution

#301 - 10/03/1996 [Nuclear Waste Initiative](#)

In this hour long Dialogue Election 1996 special guests take an in depth look at Proposition 3 which if passed would nullify a recent agreement made by Gov. Phil Batt with the federal government regarding nuclear waste shipments to the INEL.

Guests

- John Bebe, Stop the Shipments
- Beatrice Brailsford, Snake River Alliance
- Peter Johnson, Get the Waste Out
- Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General

#248 - 09/26/1996 [Dr. Robert Hoover](#)

After only a few months on the job as President of the University of Idaho, Dr. Robert Hoover sits down with Joan Cartan-Hansen to talk about budget cuts, new transfer requirements issued by the state and expanding the universities extension sites.

Guests

- Dr. Robert Hoover, University of Idaho President

#247 - 09/25/1996 [Author N. Scott Momaday](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Pulitzer Prize winning author N. Scott Momaday about his role in commentating on Native American culture in the recently released Ken Burns documentary 'The West.' Momaday also talks about how to find your voice as an author and the relationship between Native Americans and American society.

Guests

- N. Scott Momaday, Author

#246 - 09/12/1996 [Medicaid Reform](#)

Due to rising Medicaid costs, Governor Phil Batt formed an advisory council to review the program and propose changes. In this episode of Dialogue, host Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with two members of the advisory council and a pediatrician about the council's more than 100 proposed changes to the program.

Guests

- Sen. Gordon Crow, Advisory Council, Vice Chair
- Blake Hall, Advisory Council Member
- Dr. Jerry Hirschfield, Pediatrician

#245 - 09/05/1996 [Travel Writers](#)

Marcia Franklin gets travel tips and advice from three travel writers. Guests discuss tips for seniors, the best time to travel and what it is like to visit exotic places for a living.

Guests

- Paul Lasley, Travel Writer
- Adele Mallott, Travel Writer
- Tom Brosnahan, Travel Writer

#244 - 08/22/1996 [Old Time Politics](#)

As the 1996 election heats up, host Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests take a look back at famous politicians and races from Idaho's history.

Guests

- Marty Peterson, Political Watcher
- Perry Swisher, Political Watcher

#243 - 08/08/1996 [Land Swap](#)

The Idaho Land Board is considering a proposal to trade the state's cabin sites on Lake Payette

for timber land that could be logged to generate revenue. In this episode of Dialogue, guests debate the plan and answer viewer questions.

Guests

- Chuck Hervey, cottage leaseholder
- Ken Robison, "Stop The Swap"
- J.D. Williams, Land Board Member

#242 - 08/01/1996 [Energy Deregulation](#)

Congress is considering a bill that would result in energy deregulation. Marcia Franklin and her guests compare the bill to the Telecommunications Reform Act that deregulated the telephone industry. Guests also discuss possible impact on electric rates and whether or not this plan is good for a state like Idaho that already has low prices.

Guests

- Jan Packwood, Idaho Power
- Conley Ward, Attorney
- David Eberle, Economist
- Rep. Mike Crapo, (R) Idaho (phone)

#241 - 07/25/1996 [Insurance Reform](#)

Starting January 1, 1997 new health care laws will take effect in Idaho. In this episode of Dialogue, guests discuss all aspects of the reforms which are designed to make health care more accessible to all Idahoans.

Guests

- Rep. Millie Flandro, (D) Pocatello
- Joan Krosch, Health Insurance Coordinator
- Gary Broemeling, MSB Health Insurance

#240 - 07/18/1996 [Gene Harris and Daughter](#)

In their first ever televised interview together, jazz musician Gene Harris and his daughter Niki talk about their upcoming collaboration and how they each came to be in the music industry. The show features clips from some of Gene Harris' appearances on PBS.

Guests

- Gene Harris, jazz musician
- Niki Haris, singer

#239 - 07/11/1996 [National BLM Director](#)

The Bureau of Land Management employs more than 500 people in Idaho and manages millions of acreage in the state. In this episode of Dialogue, host Marcia Franklin talks with Mike Dombeck, the BLM's acting director. Topics include: the proposed military training range, grazing laws and recreational opportunities on BLM land.

Guests

- Mike Dombeck, BLM Acting Director

#238 - 07/03/1996 [Mark Russell](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with political humorist Mark Russell about how he got his start in comedy and the difference between audiences on PBS and CNN. Russell also offers his unique view on Presidents Eisenhower through Clinton.

Guests

- Mark Russell, political humorist

#237 - 06/27/1996 [Good Summer Reading 1996](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with a poet, a sci-fi writer and an author of short stories about why they write in their specific genres and asks them about the process of getting published. Guests and viewers also give recommendations for summer reading.

Guests

- William Studebaker, Author
- Lance Olsen, Author
- Leslie Leek, Author

#236 - 06/20/1996 [Law Enforcement on Public Lands](#)

A 1995 dispute between U.S. Forest Service officials and a rancher regarding a dead wolf prompted Senator Larry Craig to say agents working on public lands need to be armed. In this episode of Dialogue, host Marcia Franklin talks with agents with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management about why they feel agents should be armed while working on public lands. Guests also discuss their everyday duties and the specific laws their agencies are tasked with enforcing.

Guests

- Agent Tom Riley, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Management
- Agent Dan Hughes, Bureau of Land Management
- Agent Russ Newcomb, U.S. Forest Service

#235 - 06/13/1996 [Anne Fox](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Idaho School Superintendent Dr. Anne Fox about her efforts to standardize curriculum throughout the state. Dr. Fox talks in detail about her skills based curriculum for K-6th grades and answers viewer questions about the plan.

Guests

- Anne Fox, Supt. of Public Instruction

#234 - 06/06/1996 [Bunker Hill](#)

In 1983 a 21-square mile area of Shoshone County was named a super fund site due to metal contamination in the water and ground from years of silver mining. Since 1989 the government, along with the mining companies, has been cleaning up the area and officials believe they are about 60% finished with the project. In this episode of Dialogue, host Marcia Franklin talks with her guests about the progress being made at the site and a recent lawsuit claiming the mining companies should have to clean up contamination in Lake Coeur d'Alene.

Guests

- Chuck Moss, Bunker Hill Project Team
- Holly Houston, Mining Information Office
- Bob Bostwick, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
- Earl Liverman, EPA

#233 - 05/30/1996 [William Eberle](#)

In this episode of Dialogue, Marcia Franklin talks with former U.S. Trade Representative William Eberle about America's role in an increasingly international economy. This program was produced as part of the Citizens 96 project in cooperation with the Idaho Statesman.

Guests

- William Eberle, Former U.S. Trade Representative

#232 - 05/23/1996 [Money in Politics](#)

In 1995, President Clinton and Newt Gingrich called for a non-partisan commission to reform the role of money in politics. In this episode of Dialogue, host Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guest Ellen Miller take a look at campaign contributions to Senator Mike Crapo and Rep. Chenoweth in the 1994 election.

Guests

- Ellen Miller, Center for Responsive Politics

#231 - 05/16/1996 [One Percent Initiative](#)

Guests discuss the revised 1% initiative which will appear on the ballot this November. The

initiative failed when placed before voters four years ago. It would limit property taxes to 1% of the value after exemptions. Opponents to the initiative claim lowering property taxes would force the government to raise other taxes.

Guests

- Sen. Hal Bunderson, R-Meridian
- Dr. James Weatherby, BSU
- Ron Rankin, Idaho State Property Owners Association

#230 - 05/09/1996 [Primary Election](#)

In this episode of Dialogue, host Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests review the state district by district looking at the candidates running for state legislative office. Guests also offer their insight on specific races and candidates.

Guests

- Gary Moncrief, BSU
- Ralph Maughan, ISU
- Florence Heffron, U of I

#229 - 05/02/1996 [Health Care](#)

Recent statistics show that 40% of Americans do not have health insurance and those that do are facing rising premiums. Currently Congress is debating health care reform, specifically changes to the Medicaid and Medicare programs. Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss the changing face of health care in America and try to answer the question: Is health care a right or a privilege?

Guests

- Erwin Teuber, Terry Reilly Health Service
- Steve Millard, Idaho Hospital Association
- Tracy Andrus, Blue Cross of Idaho
- Tom Katsilometes, Bannock County Commissioner

#228 - 04/25/1996 [Victim's Rights](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with women who have suffered abuse. The women share their experiences and offer advice to those in similar situations.

Guests

- Carlene Cogdill, domestic abuse survivor
- Megan Sparks, abuse survivor
- Janet Lawler, Victim-Witness Coordinator

#227 - 04/18/1996 [Salmon Advocates](#)

The salmon population has been on the decline in Idaho. In this episode of Dialogue guests share their ideas about what can be done to recover the species. Some of the ideas discussed include removing four Snake River dams and creating a bypass channel that salmon can use to avoid the dams. This program was produced as part of the Citizen 96 project along with the Idaho Statesman.

Guests

- Reed Burkholder, Salmon Advocate
- Dick Woodworth, Fish Passage, Inc.
- Steve Huffaker, Idaho Department of Fish & Game

#226 - 04/11/1996 [Outdoor Recreation Funding](#)

Governor Phil Batt recently vetoed a bill that would have given lottery funds to help pay for outdoor recreation programs and maintenance. On a federal level the U.S. Forest Service's trail budget has been cut by \$20 million. The lack of funds available for recreational programs has local communities wondering how they are going to maintain their ballparks and trails without charging user fees.

Guests

- Steve Stuebner, Idaho Trails Council
- Yvonne Ferrell, Department Parks & Recreation
- Phil Shinn, Modie Park Conservancy
- Craig Sherman, Victor City Clerk

#225 - 04/04/1996 [School Funding](#)

Guests discuss a recent lawsuit brought against the State of Idaho contending that the state government does not give enough money to schools therefore, making it impossible for districts to meet their constitutional obligation to provide a free education. The Idaho legislature responded to the lawsuit by changing the school funding formula and moving \$40 million off the property tax to the general fund for schools.

Guests

- Robert Huntley, Attorney
- Mike Simpson, Speaker of the House

#224 - 03/28/1996 [North Idaho Flood](#)

Two months after floods devastated northern Idaho, Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss the damage and what it will cost to rebuild infrastructure. Historian Susan Stacy also offers a historical perspective on past flooding in the state.

Guests

- Pete Bakersky, FEMA
- Darren Blagburn, Bureau of Disaster Services
- Susan Stacy, Historian
- Mayor Henry Clay, Orofino

#223 - 03/21/1996 [Legislative Wrap-Up 1996](#)

Host Marcia Franklin talks with statehouse reporters from around the state about the big stories emerging from the recently adjourned session of the Idaho Legislature. Topics include:welfare reform, health care, fuel tax increases, workers compensation for farmworkers and speed limit changes.

Guests

- Betsy Russell, The Spokesman Review
- Marty Trillhaase, The Idaho Statesman
- Stephen Stuebner, Idaho Falls Post Register

#222 - 03/14/1996 [Astronomy](#)

In this episode of Dialogue, Marcia Franklin talks with her guests about recent discoveries in astronomy, including the Gallileo probe that recently reached Jupiter and the latest pictures from the Hubbel telescope. Guests also talk about the effort to build an observatory and science center in the Brueano Sand Dunes.

Guests

- Dr. David Atkinson, University of Idaho
- Rick Greenawald, Faulkner Planetarium
- Art Martini, Boise Astronomical Society

#221 - 02/29/1996 [Sustainable Agriculture](#)

Agriculture is the number one industry in Idaho. In this episode of Dialogue, Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss the emerging trends of organic farming and sustainable agriculture. Guests explain why people should care about sustainable agriculture, and talk about the benefits of purchasing food grown inside the United States.

Guests

- Rev. John Pitney, Western Small Church Rural Life Center
- Mike Heath, Idaho Rural Council
- Pat Takasugi, Idaho Farm Bureau

#220 - 02/22/1996 [Senator Dirk Kempthorne](#)

The Endangered Species Act expired in 1993. Even though the act is still being enforced, all future listings have been suspended. In this episode of Dialogue, Marcia Franklin talks with Idaho Senator Dirk Kempthorne about a bill he authored to reauthorize the Endangered Species Act. Some of the provisions of Sen. Kempthorne's proposal include: defining an endangered species as being on course to be extinct in two human generations, requiring critical habitats be occupied by listed species, and establishing an endangered species commission.

Guests

- Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, R-Idaho

#219 - 02/15/1996 [Nuclear Waste Agreement](#)

In this episode of Dialogue, guests debate the merits of a nuclear waste agreement made between Governor Phil Batt and the federal government. The agreement allows nuclear waste to be stored at the Idaho National Laboratory on the condition it is removed by the year 2035. The deal will also prevent any commercial nuclear waste from being stored in Idaho.

Guests

- Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum
- Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General

#218 - 02/08/1996 [Flat Tax](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss the pros and cons of having a flat tax. The idea of a flat tax has gained popularity in recent months with one proposal before Congress and millionaire presidential candidate Steve Forbes campaigning on the idea.

Guests

- Harry White, Boise State University
- John Medlin, Boise State University

#217 - 02/01/1996 [Death Penalty](#)

Earlier this year a man was executed in Utah by firing squad. In this episode of Dialogue guests debate the issue of capital punishment and discuss a recent poll that found 70% of people surveyed approved of the death penalty.

Guests

- Rt. Rev. John Thornton, Episcopal Diocese of Idaho
- Dennis Mansfield, Idaho Family Forum

#216 - 01/25/1996 [Child Protection](#)

Idaho's State Department of Health and Welfare is planning a major overhaul of their programs for children. Two representatives from the department appear on this episode of Dialogue in an effort to solicit public comments on what reforms should be made.

Guests

- Linda Caballero, Department of Health and Welfare
- Roseanne Hardin, Department of Health and Welfare

#215 - 01/18/1996 [BNCT \(Boron Neutron Capture Therapy\)](#)

This episode of Dialogue focuses on work being done at the Idaho National Laboratory to fight a rare form of brain cancer. Researchers are using the old reactor at the Power Burst facility to study Boron Neutron Cancer Therapy. If research stays on schedule, treatment will be able to begin in two years.

Guests

- Bill Sewell, Idaho Brain Tumor Center
- John Brasier, Idaho Brain Tumor Center

#214 - 01/11/1996 [Gas Tax](#)

A 1995 review found that unless something is done to generate revenue by the year 2000, Idaho will have a \$6 billion backlog of road improvement projects. In light of the review, a special committee was formed to address the potential backlog. Some of the committee's recommendations included raising vehicle registration fees and raising the gas tax by four cents.

Guests

- Sen. Evan Frasure, Interim Committee on Transportation
- Rep. JoAn Wood, Interim Committee on Transportation

#213 - 01/04/1996 [Representative Mike Simpson](#)

With the 1996 Idaho legislative session about to start, Marcia Franklin sits down with Mike Simpson, Idaho's Speaker of the House, to preview the major issues that will be debated in the upcoming months. Topics include: school funding, tax relief, watershed restoration and the ongoing debate about state and federal lands.

Guests

- Mike Simpson, Speaker of the House

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#212 - 12/28/1995 [Peter Harkness](#)

In a recent survey, the number of Americans who say that they trust the government is the lowest it has been in decades. Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Peter Harkness, a journalist for Governing Magazine, about what he believes has led to America's distrust of government. Topics include: the economy, job security and the transition from an industrial society to an "info-media" knowledge based economy.

Guests

- Peter Harkness, Governing Magazine

#211 - 12/21/1995 [Hate Crimes](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen previews the PBS documentary "Not in Our Town" and talks with her guests about Idaho's current policies regarding hate crimes.

Guests

- Chris Worth, Ada County Human Rights
- Wes Deist, Idaho Falls Mayor's Human Relations Committee
- Joann Muneta, Latah County Human Rights

#210 - 12/14/1995 [Good Winter Reading 1995](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with three Idaho authors about their upcoming work, and the varying themes showcased in their writing. Guests and viewers also offer their recommendations for good winter reading.

Guests

- Mary Clearman Blew, Author
- Ridley Pearson, Author
- Clay Morgan, Author

#209 - 11/30/1995 [Snake River](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with former Governor Cecil Andrus about a recent conference held at the Andrus Center for Public Policy regarding the Snake River. The conference focused on recent clashes over the multiple uses of the Snake River and what can be done to ensure all of the river's users can work together in peace and still keep the river clean.

Guests

- Cecil Andrus, Andrus Center for Public Policy

#208 - 11/23/1995 [Father Robert Drinan](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Father Robert Drinan, the first priest to be a voting member of Congress, about the \$900 billion spent annually on global arms sales. Marcia also asks Father Drinan about domestic issues including: poverty and race issues in light of the O.J. Simpson trial, education and the country's morality.

Guests

- Father Robert Drinan, Georgetown University

#207 - 11/16/1995 [Welfare Reform](#)

In anticipation of the passing of a new welfare reform law in Congress that would give states block grants and more power over their welfare systems, Idaho has formed a Welfare Reform Committee. Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with members of the Welfare Reform Committee about their progress and what specific reforms they would propose if the bill passes in Congress.

Guests

- Denise Baird, Welfare Reform Committee
- Steve Ahrens, Welfare Reform Committee

#206 - 11/09/1995 [Sports Ethics](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss a new policy being considered in Idaho that would prohibit college and university students from participating in sports if they have a felony on their record or are convicted of a felony during their time at school.

Guests

- Sharon Stoll, Director, Director, Center for ETHICS
- Art Lawler, Idaho Statesman, Sports Editor

#205 - 11/02/1995 [Nuclear Waste](#)

After a long series of negotiations Idaho Governor Phil Batt has made an agreement with the Department of the Navy concerning nuclear waste storage. Some of the terms of the agreement include: Idaho will allow 110 metric tons of waste (approximately 20 shipments a year), in return the Department of Energy will remove all transuranic waste and spent fuel. The Department of Energy also agreed to build a mixed waste treatment facility in Idaho and to ask Congress for \$262 million dollars for the Idaho National Laboratory. Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss the agreement and what it means for Idaho's future.

Guests

- Richard Stallings, Former U.S. Waste Negotiator
- Bob Ferguson, Administrator, INEL Oversight Program

- Mary Washakie, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

#204 - 10/26/1995 [Peer Mediation](#)

Peer mediation is a program currently being employed in a number of Idaho schools to help students resolve conflicts without the intervention of an adult. Marcia Franklin talks with two peer mediators and their advisor about the effectiveness of the program in preventing violence on campus. This program also contains a mock mediation session performed by students at Fairmont Junior High School.

Guests

- Sara Colson, Peer Mediator
- Ryan Pritchett, Peer Mediator
- Teresa Arana Wood, Mediation Trainer

#203 - 10/19/1995 [Federal Aviation Administration](#)

The Federal Aviation Administration claims it needs an increase to its budget to deal with the projected 35% increase in air travel in the next seven years. Marcia Franklin sits down with David Hinson, the head of the FAA, to talk about several proposals currently in Congress aimed at revamping the agency. Hinson also discusses ways to improve airline safety.

Guests

- David Hinson, FAA Administrator

#202 - 10/12/1995 [Exotic Animals](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss a recent event in Eastern Idaho where 19 lions were killed by law enforcement officers after escaping from Ligertown Farms where they were held in small cages. Guests discuss current Fish and Game regulations and whether or not citizens should be able to own exotic animals.

Guests

- Debbie Hansen, exotic animal owner
- Lloyd Oldenburg, Idaho Fish & Game
- Dr. Bill Rogers, Veterinarian
- Maj. Lorin Nielsen, Bannock County Undersheriff

#201 - 10/05/1995 [Governor Phil Batt](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Idaho Governor Phil Batt about the policies and decisions that have defined his first year in office. Batt discusses his ongoing debate with the federal government over storing nuclear waste, how he hopes to help communities struggling with rapid growth, the 2% cutback he imposed on the state budget and salmon recovery.

Guests

- Governor Phil Batt

#145 - 09/28/1995 [Federal Lands](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss two bills currently before Congress that would give states the option of taking control of all of federal lands within their borders. Guests also talk about a comprehensive study of the impact such a decision would have on Idaho's economics released by Idaho State Controller J.D. Williams.

Guests

- J.D. Williams, Idaho State Controller
- Michael Duff, Western Partners
- Karl Brooks, Idaho Conservation League

#144 - 09/21/1995 [Teen Pregnancy](#)

In 1993 roughly five percent of teen girls in Idaho gave birth. Even though Idaho's teen birth rate is one of the lowest in the country Governor's Cecil Andrus and Phil Batt have both taken up the cause and formed councils to try and make the rate even lower. Marcia Franklin talks with a member of Governor Batt's Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Council and two teen parents about the challenges facing teen parents and the specific goals of the council.

Guests

- Jaimie Ragan, Teen Mother
- Chris Edwards, Teen Father
- Shannon Page, Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention

#143 - 09/14/1995 [Ruby Ridge](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss the Senate Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Government Information hearings regarding the shootout at Ruby Ridge in northern Idaho. Guests offer their opinions on Randy Weaver's testimony and what impact the hearing will have on Idaho's reputation.

Guests

- David Nevin, Attorney for Kevin Harris
- Dean Miller, Journalist

#142 - 09/07/1995 [Commerce](#)

Due to a slowdown of Idaho's economy Governor Phil Batt has called for a \$26 million dollar holdback across state government. Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss the governor's decision and try to answer the question: "Has Idaho's economy grown too much?"

Guests

- Jim Hawkins, Idaho Department of Commerce
- Carl Wilgus, Idaho Department of Commerce

#141 - 08/24/1995 [Water Quality](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss a recent order by a federal judge requiring the state to provide records showing how they plan to clean up 92 streams, lakes and rivers.

Guests

- Dr. Walton Poole, Division of Environmental Quality
- Joe Hinson, Intermountain Forest Industry Association
- Mark Solomon, Idaho Conservation League

#140 - 08/17/1995 [Larry Johnston/The Bomb](#)

1995 marks the 50th anniversary of the dropping of the bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II. Marcia Franklin talks with physicist Dr. Larry Johnston, who was part of the team who developed the bomb in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Guests

- Dr. Larry Johnston, Physicist

#139 - 08/10/1995 [Minimum Wage](#)

The last time the national minimum wage was raised was in 1991. Recently President Clinton proposed raising it from \$4.25 to \$5.15/hour. In Idaho the AFL-CIO has started circulating a petition to get an initiative on the ballot that would raise Idaho's minimum wage to \$6.25/hour and require employers to pay overtime if their employee works more than 40 hours in a week. Guests debate whether or not raising the minimum wage would hurt businesses and if the current minimum wage is enough to keep a family above the poverty line.

Guests

- Randy Ambuehl, Idaho State AFL-CIO
- Dave Hand, Idaho Hosp. & Travel Association

#138 - 08/03/1995 [Grazing Reform](#)

Weeks before new public land regulations are set to go into effect, members of Congress have introduced the Public Rangeland Management Act which is designed to supersede the existing regulations. At the center of the controversy is what rights and control ranchers have over the public lands they use to graze their livestock. Guests debate the regulations set forth by the Department of the Interior versus the Public Rangeland Management Act.

Guests

- Linn Kincannon, Idaho Conservation League
- Bob Sears, Idaho Cattle Association
- Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho

#137 - 07/27/1995 [Juvenile Corrections](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Michael Johnson the director of Idaho's newest state agency, the Department of Juvenile Corrections. Johnson gives an update on the department and its progress working with counties.

Guests

- Michael Johnson, Juvenile Corrections Director

#136 - 07/20/1995 [Good Books](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guests offer book recommendations for readers of all ages. The show also highlights the work of authors from the Northwest.

Guests

- Nina Hawkins, Ada Community Library
- Dr. Ron McFarland, University of Idaho
- Will Peterson, Walrus & Carpenter Bookstore

#135 - 07/13/1995 [Higher Education](#) In an attempt to save money an interim education committee is considering moving Idaho to a one university or one Chancellor system. In this episode of Dialogue, host Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests debate the merits of the proposal and discuss the effectiveness of Idaho's current higher education program.

Guests

- Jerry Evans, former Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Rep. Ron Black, Co-Chair, Single University System Committee
- Dr. James Hottois, Lewis Clark State College President

#134 - 07/06/1995 [Breast Cancer](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Laura Evans, one of the founders of Expedition Inspiration, about her battle with breast cancer and what inspired her to form the organization that takes breast cancer survivors mountain climbing.

Guests

- Laura Evans, Breast Cancer Survivor

#133 - 06/29/1995 [Idaho Property Tax](#)

Idaho collects approximately \$652 million annually from property taxes. During the 1995 legislative session the legislature passed property tax reform that moved some of the burden of school funding off property tax and onto sales tax. Guests discuss the reforms and what they mean for the average Idahoan.

Guests

- Alan Dornfest, Idaho State Tax Commission
- Steve Fiscus, Latah County Assessor
- Ron Rankin, Idaho Property Owners Association

#132 - 06/22/1995 [Welfare Reform](#)

The federal government is considering a move that would shift control of welfare programs to individual states. In anticipation of the shift Governor Phil Batt has appointed a bi-partisan Welfare Council to hear public testimony and then draw up a plan to modify Idaho's existing welfare system. In this episode of Dialogue, host Marcia Franklin talks with two members of the council and a representative from Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare about Idaho's current welfare system and what council members are hearing as they travel around the state.

Guests

- Karen McGee, Governor's Welfare Council
- Jill Van Sant, Governor's Welfare Council
- Judy Brooks, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

#131 - 06/15/1995 [1995 Farm Bill](#)

Approximately \$10 billion in tax subsidies go to agriculture annually. In Washington, Congress is in the process of drafting a new five year farm bill that would result in cuts to those subsidies. In this episode of Dialogue, host Marcia Franklin talks with two Idaho farmers about crop prices, the role of subsidies in their businesses and debate the ethics of using tax dollars to subsidize agribusiness.

Guests

- Bob Branson, wheat grower
- Maurice Clements, farmer

#130 - 06/08/1995 [Viruses](#)

Movies, such as the recently released 'Outbreak', have sparked a fear of viruses in many Americans. In this episode of Dialogue, host Marcia Franklin asks the State Epidemiologist: "How worried should Idahoans be about viruses such as Ebola?" Marcia also talks with Myra an Idaho resident who was recently infected with Strep Type A about her symptoms and recovery.

Guests

- Dr. Jesse Greenblatt, state epidemiologist
- Myra, "Group A" strep survivor

#129 - 06/01/1995 [Endangered Species](#)

The Endangered Species Act is up for reauthorization and some organizations and politicians are proposing radical changes. In this episode of Dialogue, guests debate the proposed changes and what impact the current law has had on Idaho's landscape.

Guests

- Peter Berle, National Audobon Society
- Mark Pollot, Constitutional Law Center

#128 - 05/25/1995 [Idaho National Engineering Laboratory](#)

With Congress considering shutting down Yucca Mountain and an injunction preventing additional spent nuclear fuel from entering Idaho, guests talk about the future of nuclear waste storage. Guests also discuss what is on the horizon for the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

Guests

- Kerry Cooke, Snake River Alliance
- Don MacDonald, Department of Energy

#127 - 05/18/1995 [Veteran Services](#)

May 1995 marks the 100th anniversary of the first veteran's home opening in Idaho. To honor that anniversary, Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Gary Bermeosolo from the Veteran Services office about what programs are available for veterans and what proposed budget cuts would mean for local veterans.

Guests

- Gary Bermeosolo, Veterans Services Administration

#126 - 05/11/1995 [Militia](#)

Since the bombing in Oklahoma City militia groups have been the focus of a great deal of public attention. Marcia Franklin talks with a member of the U.S. Militia Association and a local sheriff about militia groups in Idaho. Guests debate the necessity of militias and the ideas they promote.

Guests

- M. Samuel Sherwood, U.S. Militia Association

- Vaughn Killeen, Ada County Sheriff

#125 - 05/04/1995 [Bear Hunting Regulations](#)

Guests debate a current effort to collect enough signatures to put a bill on the ballot that would eliminate the use of dogs and bait in bear hunting. Opponents of the proposal say if the bill passes it will eventually lead to measures that would ban all forms of hunting.

Guests

- Don Clower, Sportsmen's Heritage Defense
- Greg Brown, Idaho Coalition United for Bears

#124 - 04/27/1995 [Oklahoma City Bombing](#)

On April 19, 1995, 168 people were killed when a bomb went off at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss proposed changes to public policy following the attack and talk about known militia groups in Idaho.

Guests

- Marilyn Shuler, Human Rights Commission Director
- Myron Schreck, American Civil Liberty Union

#123 - 04/20/1995 [Representative Helen Chenoweth](#)

Marcia Franklin asks Representative Helen Chenoweth about her first 100 days in Washington. Topics include: the Endangered Species Act, salmon, pell grants for higher education, social security and her high staff turnover.

Guests

- Rep. Helen Chenoweth, 1st District, Idaho

#122 - 04/13/1995 [Representative Mike Crapo](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Idaho Congressman Mike Crapo about the Republican Contract with America, tax reforms, agricultural subsidies, welfare cuts and timber sales.

Guests

- Representative Mike Crapo, 2nd Congressional District

#121 - 04/06/1995 [Salvage Logging](#)

In 1994 an estimated four million acres of forest land was affected by wildfires. Now that the fires are put out the debate has begun on what to do with the leftover timber. Guests debate

whether the forest should be allowed to heal itself over time or if the trees should be cut down and sold.

Guests

- Ken Kohli, Intermountain Forest Industry Association
- John McCarthy, Idaho Conservation League

#120 - 03/30/1995 [Governor Phil Batt](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Governor Phil Batt about his first 100 days as Idaho's chief executive. Topics include: a recent nuclear waste agreement with the federal government, conflicts with the Department of Fish and Game and Micron relocating to Utah due to a lack of an educated workforce.

Guests

- Governor Phil Batt

#119 - 03/23/1995 [Legislative Wrap-Up 1995](#)

With the 1995 legislative session over, host Marcia Franklin talks with leaders from both parties about the pieces of legislation that defined the session. Topics include: property tax relief, federal money for education, creating the Department of Juvenile Justice and killing a bill that would have mandated workers compensation for farmworkers.

Guests

- Representative Mike Simpson, Speaker of the House
- Mary Lou Reed, Asst. Democratic Leader

#118 - 03/09/1995 [Grandparents Rights](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with her guests about a grass roots movement called Grandparents as Parents designed to support grandparents who find themselves caring for their grandchildren. Guests talk about what rights grandparents have when it comes to custody situations and how recently passed legislation will give grandparents more power.

Guests

- Carolyn Bell, Grandparents as Parents
- Vern Bisterfeldt, Grandparents as Parents

#117 - 03/02/1995 [Federal Funding for the CPB](#)

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich has named the Corporation for Public Broadcasting as his number one target for elimination. Guests debate whether it is the government's duty to fund television and radio programs.

Guests

- Ralph Smeed, Caldwell businessman
- Jerry Garber, Idaho Public Television General Manager

#116 - 02/23/1995 [Cornelis Suijk](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with Cornelis Suijk, the Director of the Anne Frank Center in New York. Marcia asks Suijk about his experience hiding Jews during the holocaust and his current work with the Anne Frank Center.

Guests

- Cornelis Suijk, Anne Frank Center, USA

#115 - 02/16/1995 [Hell's Canyon Recreation Issue](#)

Guests debate a proposal to balance the needs of jet boaters and rafters along the Snake River in Hell's Canyon.

Guests

- Ric Bailey, Hells Canyon Preservation Council President
- Sandra Mitchell, Hells Canyon Alliance

#114 - 02/09/1995 [Idaho's Economy](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests discuss the state of Idaho's economy and try to speculate on the state's fiscal future. Topics include: population growth, raising the minimum wage, the housing and construction boom, Idaho's timber industry and property taxes.

Guests

- John Miller, University of Idaho
- Randy Ambuehl, State AFL-CIO President
- Bob Foster, Pocatello Chamber of Commerce

#113 - 02/02/1995 [Supporting the Arts](#)

The National Endowment for the Arts has been targeted by Congress for elimination. Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guests talk about the importance of the arts and try to answer the question: is it the government's role to fund the arts?

Guests

- Margot Knight, Idaho Commission on the Arts
- Charles Fee, Idaho Shakespeare Festival Artistic Director

#112 - 01/26/1995 [Dr. Anne Fox](#)

Idaho's new Superintendent of Public Instruction sits down with Marcia Franklin to talk about her first few months in office and to respond to allegations of frivolous spending on furniture and cars, accusations she checked the phone records of her employees to keep them from talking to the press and controversial personnel changes within her department. Other topics include: school vouchers, charter schools and school curriculum.

Guests

- Anne Fox, Superintendent of Public Instruction

#111 - 01/19/1995 [Wolves in Idaho](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss the wolf re-introduction plan taking place in Idaho. Earlier this week 12 wolves were released in the state as part of the plan that will eventually see 200 grey wolves reintroduced.

Guests

- Ted Koch, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Greg Nelson, Idaho Farm Bureau

#110 - 01/12/1995 [Juvenile Justice](#)

Marcia Franklin and her guests discuss a proposal by a special legislative committee on juvenile justice to create a new Department of Juvenile Corrections. The proposal would not only create a new department but also transfer more responsibility and funds from the Department of Health and Welfare to individual counties.

Guests

- Jeff Noland, Committee on Juvenile Justice
- Eric Jensen, University of Idaho

#109 - 01/05/1995 [Representative Mike Simpson](#)

Marcia Franklin and Speaker of the House Mike Simpson preview the upcoming legislative session. Topics include: education funding, property tax relief and the Republican agenda which includes slowing down the growth of government.

Guests

- Representative Mike Simpson, Speaker of the House

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#108 - 12/29/1994 [Pat McShane On Education Reform](#)

In this Dialogue special, Joan Cartan-Hansen interviews Pat McShane, the founder of the PCS school system, an enrichment program that started in Idaho and has spread to several states. McShane chronicles his own school experience and talks about the importance of teaching technology.

Guests

- Patrick McShane

#107 - 12/22/1994 [Chunnel Project](#)

Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with Jack Lemely, an Idahoan who was selected to oversee the construction of the Channel Tunnel connecting England and France.

Guests

- Jack Lemley, Lemley and Associates

#106 - 12/15/1994 [Prayer In School](#)

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich is calling for his colleagues in the House of Representatives to vote for a Constitutional amendment that would allow prayer in schools. Guests discuss a recent Idaho lawsuit concerning prayer at graduation and debate whether prayer should be allowed in public schools.

Guests

- Beverly Harris, school prayer opponent
- Angie Cole, school prayer supporter
- Stephen Shaw, Northwest Nazarene College

#105 - 12/08/1994 [Idaho Governor Cecil Andrus](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with four term Idaho governor Cecil Andrus. Topics include: nuclear waste, water rights on the Snake River, the NAFTA trade agreement, school funding and his plan to set-up a public policy center to work on natural resource issues.

Guests

- Governor Cecil Andrus

#104 - 12/01/1994 [Internet](#)

Guests answer questions about the internet. Guests inform viewers on how to access "the net" and explain the most common uses, such as email.

Guests

- Gary Richardson, internet user
- Jake Hoffmann, Idaho Department of Administration

#103 - 11/24/1994 [Hedrick Smith](#)

Marcia Franklin talks with journalist and documentary filmmaker Hedrick Smith about his latest documentary, "Challenge to America," about school systems in Japan and Germany.

Guests

- Hedrick Smith, journalist

#102 - 11/17/1994 [Idaho Water Policy](#)

Guests talk about the ongoing water rights debate between ground and surface water users. Topics include: impact of ground water pumping on spring water, water conservation, water rights along the Snake River, protecting fish and wildlife, using water for recreation and who exactly owns the water in Idaho's reservoirs.

Guests

- Laird Lucas, Land & Water Fund
- Ray Rigby, water law attorney

#101 - 11/10/1994 [Idaho Politics 1994](#)

In this premier edition of **Dialogue**, host Marcia Franklin discusses general election results with Bill Mauk, chairman of the Idaho Democratic Party and Mike Reynoldson, executive director of the Idaho Republican Party.

Guests

- Mike Reynoldson, Idaho Republican Party
- Bill Mauk, Idaho Democratic Party