

**2023 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CONGRESS**

# **Making the Case for Diversity**

**Thursday, September 21, 2023**

**Welcome from the University**

**Dr. Ryan Fisher**

Interim Dean, College of Communication and Fine Arts

**Greetings from the Department**

**Dr. David Arant**

Chair, Department of Journalism and Strategic Media

**Presentation of AEJMC Equity & Diversity Award**

**Dr. Deb Aikat**

AEJMC President, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

**Introduction of Lecturer**

**Redding Jackson**

President, UofM Society of Professional Journalists

**The Lecture**

**Prof. Otis Sanford**

Former Hardin Chair of Excellence



## **About Otis Sanford**

Otis Sanford served 12 years as the Chair of Excellence in the Department of Journalism and Strategic Media, in addition to more than 40 years of experience in the journalism field.

## About the AEJMC Equity & Diversity Award

The AEJMC Equity & Diversity Award recognizes Journalism and Mass Communication academic programs that are working toward, and have attained measurable success, in increasing equity and diversity within their units. Programs must display progress and innovation in racial, gender, and ethnic equity and diversity over the previous three-year period. Created in 2009, past winners include the University of Missouri and Syracuse University.

## About FIO Congress

The Freedom of Information Congress was started in 1982 by two University of Memphis journalism students, Laverne Daley and Martha Muse. These exemplary students felt it was important to enlist public support for a free press. Traditionally, the UofM Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, with the support of the Department of Journalism and Strategic Media and the Hardin Chair of Excellence in Economic and Managerial Journalism, have brought a nationally known journalist to speak about the First Amendment and issues in journalism.

### PAST SPEAKERS

<b>1984</b> Bernard Kalb	<b>1999</b> Jack Anderson	<b>2013</b> Michael Koretzky
<b>1985</b> Steve Bell	<b>2000</b> Bob Love	<b>2014</b> Hampton Sides
<b>1986</b> Bob Schieffer	<b>2001</b> Michael Hill	<b>2015</b> Jan Schaffer
<b>1987</b> Helen Thomas	<b>2002</b> Robin Wright	<b>2016</b> Frank LoMonte
<b>1988</b> Douglas Kiker	<b>2003</b> Rick Bragg	<b>2016</b> Mark Tatge
<b>1989</b> Judy Woodruff	<b>2004</b> Anderson Cooper	<b>2017</b> Tonyaa Weathersbee
<b>1990</b> Hodding Carter III	<b>2005</b> Thomas French	<b>2018</b> Daily Memphian panel
<b>1991</b> Dalziel Schorr	<b>2007</b> David Broder	<b>2019</b> Mark Russell
<b>1992</b> Peter Arnett	<b>2008</b> Betty Nguyen	<b>2020 - 2021</b> COVID-19
<b>1993</b> Nina Totenberg	<b>2009</b> Media & Race panel	<b>2022</b> Laura Faith-Kebede
<b>1994</b> William Raspberry	<b>2010</b> Mara Leveritt & West Memphis 3 panel	
<b>1995</b> Bob Simon	<b>2012</b> Brian Stelter	
<b>1996</b> Carl Bernstein		
<b>1997</b> Bettina Gregory		
<b>1998</b> Barrie Dunsmore		