Harrington Explores News Coverage on Race and Racial Issues

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Walt Harrington, former staff writer for The Washington Post Magazine and now University of Illinois professor, will speak Monday night, March 22, at the Poynter Auditorium on race and racial issues in news coverage.

The Department of Journalism and Media Studies invites the USF faculty, staff, and administration to the reception at 5:30 pm in Poynter's "Great Hall" and the lecture at 7 in the auditorium. Please RSVP to Bridget Nickens at 553-4850 or (mnickens@stpt.usf.edu). For part of the talk, Harrington will draw on his book Crossings: A White Man's Journey Into Black America.

During the course of his visit to USF St. Petersburg, Harrington will talk to students and faculty in various sessions about interviewing, reporting, and writing. He'll also meet with a group of reporters and editors to talk about distinctions between non-fiction and journalism.


Over the years, he has written benchmark profiles of George Bush, Jesse Jackson, Jerry Falwell, Lynda Bird Johnson Robb, Carl Bernstein and former U.S. Poet Laureate Rita Dove, as well as many in-depth articles on ordinary men and women. He holds masters degrees in journalism and sociology from the University of Missouri-Columbia. His books and articles have won dozens of awards, and he's presented seminars and workshops at newspapers throughout the country.