



# “Endangered Species? The Future of Journalism and the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment”

*A joint program of the League of Women Voters and the Women’s Press Club of New York State*

**When:** Thursday, April 20, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Avenue, (at the Four Corners), Delmar, NY

**Who:** Panelists: **Rex Smith**, editor of the Times Union and host of WAMC/Northeast Public Radio’s “The Media Project”; **Rosemary Armao**, director of the University at Albany journalism program and a panelist on WAMC’s “The Roundtable”; and **Robert Heverly**, an associate professor at Albany Law School.

Moderator: Angela Ledford, professor of political science at The College of Saint Rose and professor in residence at the state Assembly.

**Why?** The forum will consider the challenges to the First Amendment and the practice of journalism in the current political environment. Possible answers to the following questions will be discussed:

- How does social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, affect the news that voters need to receive in a functioning democracy?
- How do we distinguish “fake news” from the real news?
- Where does responsibility lie for the provision of authentic and credible news?

**How to Participate:** The public is encouraged to attend this compelling program. There is no charge for admission, but donations are encouraged. After costs, all donations will go toward programs sponsored by the two organizations including Women’s Press Club scholarships for young journalists going into the field. Come and be part of an ongoing public discussion of this important issue.

### **About the Program Sponsors:**

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