

What If Nobody Listened? How Whistleblowers and Journalists Expose Corruption, Skulduggery and Injustices

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Schedule

Wednesday, February 8, Modesto Maidique Campus

2-4:30 p.m.

How Whistling Smoked Out Big Tobacco

This event will begin with an airing of “Smoke in The Eye,” the PBS Frontline documentary that describes the plight of CBS producer Lowell Bergman and Jeffrey Wigand, the Brown & Williamson executive who blew the whistle on his former employer, exposed the corporate weaknesses of CBS, and triggered a widespread anti-tobacco campaign in the United States. The video will be followed by a panel consisting of: Bergman (via Skype), now a Frontline producer and professor in the Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism; Howard Wasserman, FIU law professor; Mark Feldstein, former CNN investigative reporter and now professor at Maryland; and Frank Casey, one of the whistleblowers in the Bernie Madoff case. Louis Clark, president, Government Accountability Project, will moderate. MARC Pavilion (tentative)

7-8:30 p.m.

The Politics of Concealment and Revelation in the Nixon Era

A conversation with Mark Feldstein, former CNN reporter and professor at the University of Maryland. Feldstein is the author of the recent and highly acclaimed book Poisoning the Press: Richard Nixon, Jack Anderson and the Rise of Washington’s Scandal Culture. The event will be a conversation between Feldstein and FIU journalism professor Fred Blevens about the Nixon White House’s many attacks on media and the reprehensible behavior of both men, including Nixon’s plot to kill columnist Anderson in the wake of Watergate. A book signing will follow (tentative). MARC Pavilion

Thursday, February 9, Biscayne Bay Campus

8 a.m.-Noon

GAP reps and Frank Casey (Madoff whistleblower) visit select classes in the School of Accounting, the School of International and Public Affairs and/or the College of Law. Mark Feldstein visits classes at SJMC.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

GAP reps and whistleblowers have lunch with SIPA/business/law faculty at Faculty Club, then leave for BBC.

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Mark Feldstein talks to students, faculty and staff about columnist Jack Anderson and President Richard Nixon.

12:30-1:30 p.m.

SJMC faculty lunch with Mark Feldstein.

2-3:15 p.m.

No Secrets: How Whistleblowers and Journalists Have Changed the World

Frank Casey, one of the Fox Hound whistleblowers who exposed Wall Street money manager Bernard Madoff’s Ponzi scheme joins Miami Herald investigative reporter Carol Marbin Miller, who will provide the journalist perspective in the whistleblower relationship. GAP President Louis Clark moderates. Wolfe Auditorium

3:30 p.m.

GAP reception with local supporters and SJMC guests, AC II 242.