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Executive Editor, Investigative Reporting Workshop

Friday, April 9, 2010

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Charles Lewis is a tenured professor and the founding executive editor of the new *Investigative Reporting Workshop* at American University in Washington, D.C. The Workshop has been established to do significant, original, national and international investigative reporting for multimedia publication or broadcast, and also serve as a laboratory "incubator" to develop new models for conducting and delivering investigative journalism.

National Journal once described Lewis as "a watchdog in the corridors of power." A national investigative journalist for 30 years, he is a bestselling author who has founded or co-founded four nonprofit organizations in Washington, including the Center for Public Integrity. In 1989, he left a successful career as an investigative producer for ABC News and the CBS News program *60 Minutes* and began the Center, which under his leadership published roughly 300 investigative reports, including 14 books, from 1989 through 2004, honored more than 30 times by national journalism organizations. In late 1997, he began the Center's International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, the world's first working network of 100 premier reporters in 50 countries producing content across borders.

In 1996, Lewis and the Center issued a report, *Fat Cat Hotel*, which first revealed that the Clinton administration had been rewarding major donors with White House overnight stays in the "Lincoln Bedroom." In 2003, in February the Center posted secret draft "Patriot II" legislation and in October the Center posted all of the known U.S. war contracts in Iraq and Afghanistan. *Windfalls of War* first identified that Halliburton had received the most money from those contracts, and it won the first George Polk Award for Internet Reporting. Lewis was the co-author of five Center books, including national bestseller *The Buying of the President 2004*.

In 1998, he was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship. And in 2004, PEN USA, the respected literary organization, gave its First Amendment award to Lewis, "for expanding the reach of investigative journalism, for his courage in going after a story regardless of whose toes he steps on, and for boldly exercising his freedom of speech and freedom of the press."

Since 2005, Lewis co-founded Global Integrity, which tracks governance and corruption trends around the world, and he has served as founding president of the Fund for Independence in Journalism in Washington, an endowment and legal defense support organization for the Center for Public Integrity. He was a Ferris Professor at Princeton University in 2005, and a Shorenstein Fellow at Harvard University in the spring of 2006.

He is a native of Newark, Delaware, a political science major graduating from the

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University of Delaware with honors and distinction in 1975, and earning a masters degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in 1977. In May 2009, he was awarded an honorary degree by the University of Delaware.

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