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## **Center for Community News Announces 2024 Faculty Champions**

*Christopher Keaty of SUNY Broome was among the 38 honorees who are helping to forge a sustainable future for local news through university-led reporting programs*

BURLINGTON, Vt. — The Center for Community News at the University of Vermont today announced its third annual cohort of CCN Faculty Champions, a national initiative to support the people running local news reporting programs at U.S. colleges and universities across the country. Christopher Keaty at SUNY Broome was among the honorees for their leadership in this field. News-academic partnerships have emerged as a critical contributor to the national news landscape and one solution to the crisis facing local news.

“The news coverage that these programs are providing in coordination with their local outlets is helping to meet critical information needs,” said CCN Director Richard Watts. “Most importantly, they offer students a chance to contribute to public life and develop skills that will serve them in journalism and far beyond.”

The faculty awarded this year represent 24 different states and 13 Minority Serving Institutions. Sixteen of the honorees have proposed partnerships with public media and/or local radio stations. Eighteen will lead democracy and elections coverage this fall and three lead bilingual reporting programs.

Learn more about why enterprising faculty like these are so critical to engaging the next generation of journalists and civic leaders – and how universities are stepping up to forge a sustainable future for local news at <https://www.uvm.edu/ccn>.

**These are the CCN Faculty Champions for 2024**

**Aaron Hanlon**, Associate Professor, Colby College, ME

**Alan Miller**, Professor of Practice, Denison University, OH

**Alix Bryan-Campos**, Assistant Professor, Virginia Commonwealth Universities, VA

**Andrea Lorenz**, Assistant Professor, Kent State University, OH

**Andrew Bottomley**, Associate Professor, SUNY Oneonta, NY

**Annemarie Franczyk**, Associate Professor, Buffalo State University, NY

**Annette Nevins**, Visiting Professor of Practice, Southern Methodist University, TX

**Brent Walth**, Associate Professor, University of Oregon, OR

**Charlotte Teague**, Associate Professor and Chair, Alabama A&M University, AL

**Christopher Keaty**, Assistant Professor, SUNY Broome, NY

**Crystal McMorris**, Assistant Professor, Delta College, MI

**Edward Arke**, Professor, Messiah University, PA

**Eileen Gilligan**, Associate Professor, SUNY Oswego, NY

**Elaine Salisbury**, Lecturer, University at Albany, NY

**Elio Leturia**, Associate Professor, Columbia College Chicago, IL

**Elmer Ploetz**, Associate Professor, SUNY Fredonia

**Eric Hardiman**, Associate Professor, University at Albany, NY

**Gayane Torosyan**, Associate Professor, SUNY Oneonta, NY

**Gayle Golden**, Senior Lecturer, University of Minnesota, MN

**Geoff Campbell**, Lecturer, University of Texas at Arlington, TX

**George Giokas**, Lecturer, Stony Brook University, NY

**Gretchen Macchiarella**, Associate Professor, California State University Northridge, CA

**Jacob Wheeler**, Adjunct, Northwestern Michigan College, MI

**Jamie (Jay) Barber**, Clinical Assistant Professor, University at Buffalo, NY

**Jenny Fischer**, Instructor, Colorado State University, CO

**Jenny Glick**, Assistant Teaching Professor, Loyola University Maryland, MD

**John Murphy**, Lecturer, Eastern Connecticut State University, CT

**John-Erik Koslosky**, Assistant Professor, Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania, PA

**Julie Serkosky**, Associate Professor-in-Residence, University of Connecticut, CT

**Kate Farrish**, Assistant Professor, Central Connecticut State University, CT

**Kate Roberts Edenborg**, Professor, University of Wisconsin Stout, WI

**Marion Callahan**, Assistant Professor, Delaware Valley University, PA

**Marsha Ducey**, Associate Professor and Chair, SUNY Brockport, NY

**Matt Loveless**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Washington State University, WA

**Nancy Cheever**, Professor, California State University Dominguez Hills, CA

**Nico Colombant**, Senior Lecturer, University of Nevada Reno, NV

**Özgür Akgün**, Assistant Professor, SUNY Old Westbury, NY

**Pallavi Guha**, Associate Professor, Towson University, MD

**Paul Arras**, Assistant Professor, SUNY Cortland, NY

**Peter Brusoe**, Assistant Professor, SUNY Delhi, NY

**Rick Brunson**, Senior Instructor, University of Central Florida, FL

**Scott Brinton**, Assistant Professor, Hofstra University, NY

**Serena Garcia**, Adjunct Professor, Edward Waters University, FL

**Sheri Quinn**, News Director, Utah State University, UT

**Stephania Davis**, Professor and Chair, Connecticut State Community College Manchester, CT

**Tanya Ott**, Assistant Professor of Practice, Mercer University, GA

**Tom Mullen**, Teaching Faculty, University of Richmond, VA

**Valerie Whitney**, Instructor, Bethune-Cookman University, FL

**Wafa Unus**, Associate Professor, Fitchburg State University, MA

**William Sites**, Associate Professor, Lincoln University of Missouri, MO

**Yanick Rice Lamb**, Professor, Howard University, D.C.

**Zainul Abedin**, Associate Professor, Mississippi Valley State University, MS

### **About CCN**

The [Center for Community News](#) at UVM is a nonpartisan nonprofit that is working to grow and strengthen university-led reporting programs around the country, to create a more sustainable future for local news outlets and the communities they serve.

### **About the University of Vermont**

Since 1791, the [University of Vermont](#) has worked to move humankind forward. UVM's strengths align with the most pressing needs of our time: the health of our societies and the health of our environment. Our size—large enough to offer a breadth of ideas, resources, and opportunities, yet intimate enough to enable close faculty-student mentorship across all levels of study—allows us to pursue these interconnected issues through cross-disciplinary research and collaboration. Providing an unparalleled educational experience for our students, and ensuring their success, are at the core of what we do. As one of the nation's first land grant universities, UVM advances Vermont and the broader society through the discovery and application of new knowledge. UVM is derived from the Latin Universitas Viridis Montis (in English, University of the Green Mountains).