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THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1998

9:00 am

- CAR98-00 **Welcome and Introduction to the Conference,** *Brant Houston, IRE*

10:00 am

- CAR98-01 **Begin from the Beginning: What is Computer-Assisted Reporting and Where is it Going?,** *Ron Campbell, Orange County Register, Sarah Cohen, IRE and NICAR, Brant Houston, IRE*
- CAR98-02 **Visualizing Data: See Your Database Come to Life with Maps and Other Graphic Techniques,** *Dan Keating, Miami Herald, Ramona Smith, Philadelphia Daily News*
- CAR98-03 **Roundtable--Sharing Data: You've Got a Database. You Want to Share It. What Choices Do You Have and What's Involved in Setting it Up?,** *George Landau, NewsEngin Inc, Tom Boyer, Seattle Times, Tom Torok, The Philadelphia Inquirer*

11:00 am

- CAR98-04 **The Latest Broadcast: A Tour Through CAR Broadcast Stories, from Beats to Projects,** *Justin Mayo, NICAR, John Sullivan, NICAR, Jack Dolan, NICAR*
- CAR98-05 **CAR on the Beat: Using CAR on Deadline and on a Beat When You Can't Get It Online,** *Geoff Dougherty, St. Petersburg Times, Neil Reisner, Miami Herald, Ramona Smith, Philadelphia Daily News*
- CAR98-06 **Roundtable--Sharing Data: Models From Around the Country That Describe How News Organizations Brought Tolls to the Rest of the Newsroom,** *George Landau, NewsEngin Inc, Bill Miller, Battle Creek Enquirer, Tom Boyer, Seattle Times, Tom Torok, The Philadelphia Inquirer*

1:30 pm

- CAR98-07 **Taming the Internet: Tricks for Making the Internet Work for Beat Reporters,** *Chris Callahan, Univ. of Maryland, Randy Reddick, FACSNET*
- CAR98-08 **CAR Wrecks: Avoiding Computer-Assisted Corrections,** *Ron Campbell, Orange County Register, Stephen Doig, Arizona State University*
- CAR98-09 **Roundtable--Negotiating for Data: Techniques to Get the Data You Need,** *Mike Himowitz, The Sun, Mike Berens, Chicago Tribune*

2:30 pm

- CAR98-10 **Backgrounding a Person Online: Getting the Details From the Net,** *Alan Schlein, Deadline Online, Schlein News Bureau*
- CAR98-11 **CAR in Smaller News Organizations: Working with Limited Resources to do Great Work,** *David Cullier, Tri-City Herald, Andy Hall, Wisconsin State Journal, John Kelly, The Shelbyville News*
- CAR98-12 **Roundtable--Using CAR Internationally: Sharing Tips, Data and Techniques Across Borders,** *Use Olsen, Periodistas de Investigacion*

3:30 pm

- CAR98-13 **Covering Disasters on the Internet: Finding Facts, Finding Contacts,** *Nora Paul, Poynter Institute*
- CAR98-14 **Covering Suburbia, Sprawl and Development: From Census to Property Values,** *Mike Shear, The Washington Post, Neill Borowski, The Philadelphia Inquirer*

- CAR98-15 **Roundtable--E-FOIA: Has it Been a Boon or Bust? Is Getting Databases Any Easier?,** *Drew Sullivan, Associated Press, Kyle Niederpruem, Indianapolis Star*

5:00 pm

- CAR98-16 **Roundtable--Train the Trainers: Talk With Other Newsroom Trainers About the Techniques They Use In Their Sessions for Lasting and Effective Skill-Building,** *Stephen Miller, The New York Times*

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1998

9:00 am

- CAR98-17 **Special Beat Session--Covering Crime and FBI Uniform Crime Reports: How to Uncover the Real Story Behind the Stats,** *Tim Roche, Freelance, Jo Craven, The Washington Post, Jere Downs, The Philadelphia Inquirer*
- CAR98-18 **Putting It On The Web: Giving Readers and Viewers More Depth Through Web-Based Lookup,** *John Garcia, WNBC*
- CAR98-19 **Special Beat Session--Covering Trains, Cars and Trucks for Transportation Reporters: From Crashes to Fatalities,** *Andrew Lehren, Dateline NBC, Rick Linsk, Ashbury Park Press, Bob Warner, Philadelphia Daily News, David Milliron, Gannett News Service*

10:00 am

- CAR98-20 **Danger! Numbers in the Newsroom. There's Some Math You Just Can't (or Shouldn't) Live Without,** *Sara Cohen, IRE and NICAR*

10:30 am

- CAR98-21 **Special Beat Session--Covering Cops and Courts: Using Databases to Track Crime From Arrest to Conviction,** *Tom Boyer, Seattle Times, Donna Hansen, Law Enforcement Consultant, Cheryl Phillips, Detroit News, Mark Braykovich, Cincinnati Enquirer*
- CAR98-22 **Special Beat Session--Aviation: How to Land the Best Beat Stories,** *Ford Fessenden, Newsday, Elizabeth Marchak, Cleveland Plain Dealer*

11:00 am

- CAR98-23 **Getting Computer-Assisted Reporting Going: Tips on Starting Up, Producing Stories and Integrating the Tools into the Newsroom,** *Tom Gaumer, Cleveland Plain Dealer, David Heath, St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

1:30 pm

- CAR98-24 **The Latest Business Stories: Looking at Economics From the Work-place to High-tech Intrigues,** *Dan Browning, St. Paul Pioneer Press, Bob Sullivan, MSNBC, David Milliron, Gannett News Service*
- CAR98-25 **Borrowing Tools From Other Professions: From Gini and Diversity Indexes to Modeling Data,** *Jennifer LaFleur, San Jose Mercury-News, Robert Tieman, Newsday*
- CAR98-26 **Roundtable--Teaching CAR at Universities: Special Skills and Approaches Needed,** *James Brown, Indiana University, Matt Reavy, LSU (Manship School)*

2:30 pm

- CAR98-27 **School Reports for Education Reporters: Analyzing the Classroom and Stories,** *Jeff Porter, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Carol Napolitano, World-Herald, Neill Borowski, The Philadelphia Inquirer*
- CAR98-28 **CAR Features: Adding Zing to Features With Computer-Assisted Reporting,** *Heather Newman, Detroit Free Press*

- CAR98-29 **Roundtable--Working With the Library: Don't Neglect Your Best Resources**, *Nora Paul, Poynter Institute, Jennifer LaFleur, San Jose Mercury-News*
- 3:30 pm**
- CAR98-30 **Education, It's Finances and Politics: How to Decipher the Numbers for the Real Story**, *Neil Reisner, Miami Herald, Neill Borowski, The Philadelphia Inquirer*
- CAR98-31 **Research Issues in Science: Story Ideas in Research for Environmental and Medical Reporters**, *Paul Garber, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Philip Wexler, National Institute of Health*
- CAR98-32 **Roundtable--Levels of CAR in a Newsroom: What Do Reporters Need to Know? How Many Levels of CAR in a Newsroom?**, *Jennifer LaFleur, San Jose Mercury-News*
- 5:00 pm**
- CAR98-33 **Helping NICAR Train: Interested in Training with NICAR? Come Find Out What's Involved and What We Need**, *Sarah Cohen, IRE and NICAR*
- SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1998**
- 9:00 am**
- CAR98-34 **Special Beat Session--Tax-Payers' Money: Covering Spending, Taxes and Other Issues for Local and State Government**, *Robert Benincase, Burlington Vermont Free Press, Jeff South, Virginia Commonwealth University, David Dietz, San Francisco Chronicle*
- CAR98-35 **Newsroom Teaching: Developing an Effective Training Program in the Newsroom**, *Anne Saul, Gannett Co Inc, Diane Weeks, The Washington Post*
- CAR98-36 **Special Beat Session--Breaking News in Broadcast: Using CAR for the Hot Story for Broadcasters and General Assignment Reporters**, *Andrew Lehren, Dateline NBC*
- 10:00 am**
- CAR98-37 **Microdata: Using Microdata from Census to CDC**, *Paul Overberg, USA Today, D'Vera Cohn, The Washington Post*
- 10:30 am**
- CAR98-38 **Special Beat Session--State and Local Campaign Finance: Ferreting Out the Giving and the Spending**, *Janet Williams, Indianapolis Star, Ray Robinson, Virginian Pilot, David Poole, Virginia Public Access*
- CAR98-39 **Special Beat Session--Tackling Broadcast Projects that Make an Impact: Approaches and Methods**, *Michelle Moon, WAVE-TV, Nancy Amons, WSMV-TV, Chris Heinbaugh, KOMO-TV, Paul Adrian, WBNS-TV*
- 11:00 am**
- CAR98-40 **Statistics in the Newsroom: How Much is Too Much? What's the Role of Statistics in the Newsroom and How do You Have to Change to Use Them?**, *Sarah Cohen, IRE and NICAR*
- 1:30 pm**
- CAR98-41 **Federal Campaign Finance Databases: Understanding Federal Campaign Finance Databases**, *Dwight Morris, Campaign Study Group, Tony Raymond, Center for Responsive Politics, Ira Chincy, The Washington Post*
- CAR98-42 **Favorite Databases: Some Databases Prove Useful Day After Day and Year After Year. Which are the Favorites These Experts Turn to Time and Again?**, *Jennifer LaFleur, San Jose Mercury-News, Pat Stith, Raleigh News & Observer, Alan Levin, Hartford Courant*
- CAR98-43 **Roundtable--Managing Projects for Editors and Reporters: Decisions, Decisions, Decisions**, *Mark J. Rochester, Indianapolis Star & Indianapolis News, Don Walker, Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*
- 2:30 pm**
- CAR98-44 **50 of the Latest Computer-Assisted Stories: A Review of the Past Year's Work**, *Shawn McIntosh, Clarion-Ledger*
- CAR98-45 **The Social Issues: Using Computer-Assisted Reporting for Covering Urban Decay, Housing and Other Issues**, *Paul D'Ambrosio, Asbury Park (NJ) Press, Rose Ciotta, Buffalo News*
- CAR98-46 **Writing CAR: Making Sure the Story Gets Read**, *Richard Galant, Newsday, David Dietz, San Francisco Chronicle, Greg Stricharchuck, Minneapolis Star-Tribune*
- 3:30 pm**
- CAR98-47 **Sports: From the Field to the Stadium**, *Cheryl Phillips, Detroit News, Mike McGraw, Kansas City Star, Tom Witosky, Des Moines Register*
- CAR98-48 **Health Care: Using Databases to Measure It's Effectiveness**, *Russell Carollo, Dayton Daily News, Dave Davis, Cleveland Plain Dealer, John Carlton, St. Louis Post-Dispatch*
- CAR98-49 **Roundtable--Which Hat Fits? Is a Database Specialist an Editor, Reporter, Trainer or Technician?**, *Ford Fessenden, Newsday, Rose Ciotta, Buffalo News*
- 4:30 pm**
- CAR98-50 **The Battle for Information: How the Government Keeps Information From Us. A Look At the Legalities, the Indiana Project and Miami's Quest into Voter Records**, *David Smallman, Simpson Thatcher and Bartlett*
- SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1998**
- 9:00 am**
- CAR98-51 **Roundtable--Taking it Home: Strategies for Taking What You've Learned Back to the Newsroom**, *Neil Reisner, Miami Herald, Sarah Cohen, IRE and NICAR*
- CAR98-52 **Issues for Database Editors and Researchers: Sharing Experiences with Common Stories from School Reports to Mapping Crime**, *Dan Keating, Miami Herald, Tom Boyer, Seattle Times*
- CAR98-53 **Issues for Editors and Managers: Hiring, Integrating and Developing CAR in the Newsroom**, *Richard Galant, Newsday*

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