Leap of Faith: A Photojournalists Transition from a Staff Photographer to Freelance.

By Barbara Davidson
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Barbara is a three-time Pulitzer Prize and Emmy award-winning photojournalist, best known for her work on victims of gang violence in Los Angeles, and her humanitarian approach to covering women's issue around the world. A staff photographer at the Los Angeles Times until 2017, Barbara spent much of the past decade photographing women and children trapped in a culture of poverty and guns. Barbara won global recognition for her 2011 project, “Caught in the Crossfire,” an intimate story of innocent victims trapped in Los Angeles’ deadly gang wars. She also produced and directed a 30-minute documentary, Caught in the Crossfire: Victims of Gang Violence, which received the 2011 Emmy Award for New Approaches to News and Documentary Programming. Barbara was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Feature Photography for the project. In her decade at the Los Angeles Times, she also covered the San Bernardino terrorist attack which earned a Staff Pulitzer Prize, in 2016, for Spot News. In 2014, she was awarded Pictures of The Year International’s award for Newspaper Photographer of the Year, for the second time, in part for her project on solitary confinement at Corcoran’s men’s prison in California. Most recently, Barbara was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship (2019).

Barbara mastered her story-telling approach through multiple assignments over two decades and across 55 countries covering war, humanitarian crises and the human condition, in particular for women and children, for The Los Angeles Times, The Dallas Morning News and The Washington Times. During this lecture, Barbara will discuss her career as a veteran newspaper staff photographer and how she made the leap to the world of freelance photojournalism.

DETAILS

Date: 24 April 2019 (Wed)
Time: 10am - 12:30pm
Venue: HSS Conference Room
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