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DURHAM, N.H. -- Pulitzer Prize-winning Boston Globe columnist Eileen McNamara will speak on "On Responsible Reporting in a Changing World" Thursday, March 29, 2007, at the University of New Hampshire.

McNamara will discuss how reporters can balance objectivity with sensitivity when covering difficult topics such as hate crimes and sexual assaults. Her two-hour discussion begins at 9 a.m. in the Squamscott Room of Holloway Commons. The event is free and open to the public.

In 1997 McNamara won the Pulitzer Prize and the American Society of Newspaper Editors Distinguished Writing Award for the columns she writes bi-weekly for the Boston Globe. McNamara, a columnist and associate editor for the Globe since 1995, has been with the newspaper since 1979 as a reporter, covering everything from the night police beat to the Massachusetts State House to regional features. She has numerous national awards, including Sigma Delta Chi National Magazine Writing Award and the Robert F. Kennedy Foundation Public Service Citation. Her book, "Breakdown: Sex, Suicide and the Harvard Psychiatrist," was published in 1994.

The event is sponsored by the President's Subcommittee on Violence Against Women with support from the UNH Journalism Program, President's Commission on the Status of Women, President's Commission on the Status of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues, and President's Commission on the Status of People of Color.

Seating is limited. Please RSVP to 603-862-1058 by Tuesday, March 27, 2007.