

Paul Steiger, Wall Street Journal Managing Editor, to Pay Tribute to Daniel Pearl at George Polk Awards Seminar

New York Times and BBC World journalists to join him for panel discussion on “Covering Terror”

Brooklyn, N.Y. – This year’s George Polk Awards Seminar, “Covering Terror,” sponsored by Long Island University and the Center for Communication, will feature Paul E. Steiger, managing editor of The Wall Street Journal, two of whose reporters won a 2001 George Polk Award. In the spirit of the Awards established in 1949 by the University to honor the memory of a CBS reporter killed while covering the civil war in Greece, he will pay tribute to the life and work of his fallen colleague, Daniel Pearl, who was murdered in Pakistan.

Reporters representing two other 2001 Polk Award winners will join Steiger in a panel discussion. New York Times reporter Chris Chivers, who remained at ground zero virtually nonstop for the 12 days following the attacks, will discuss the challenges he faced while reporting on assignment in New York and South Asia. The Times won the 2001 Polk National Reporting Award. BBC World and BBC World Service Radio, which received the Polk Television and Radio Reporting Award, will be represented by Lyse Doucet, a veteran BBC correspondent, who covered breaking news as a reporter and field anchor from Islamabad and Kabul. Jo Ann Allen, host of “All Things Considered” on WNYC Radio and a faculty member in the department of journalism at Long Island University’s Brooklyn Campus, will moderate.

The seminar will be held on Wednesday, April 10, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the McGraw-Hill Auditorium, 1221 Avenue of the Americas in Manhattan. It is free of charge and open to the public. For reservations, call: 718-488-1153 (Long Island University) or 212-686-5005 (the Center for Communication).

Tickets also are still available for the George Polk Awards Luncheon. The Awards will be presented by Long Island University at The Roosevelt Hotel in Manhattan on April 11. For more information, call: Long Island University’s Office of Special Events at 516-299-4196.

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