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**John Wicklein** holds the Willard M. Kiplinger Chair in Public Affairs Reporting in the Journalism School of The Ohio State University. He came to O.S.U. in 1984 from Washington, D.C., where he was in charge of news programs and documentaries for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Before that, he served as Dean of the School of Public Communication at Boston University. Professor Wicklein spent a number of years as an editor and reporter for the *New York Times*. He has managed the news operations of WCBS-TV, WABC-TV, and WNET/Channel 13 in New York, and has produced documentaries for the public television network (one of which, "Free At Last," won the Venice Film Festival Award for best documentary in 1968). He is co-author of *Cable Television: A Guide for Citizen Action* (1972) and is author of *Electronic Nightmare: The New Communications and Freedom* (rev. paper ed., 1982). The latter book deals with the benefits and dangers of the new communications technologies.

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The Department of Philosophy presents the ninth annual Colloquium on Social Philosophy in honor of its late colleague, Bertram Morris, and as a public service to the community. Following the commitments of its namesake, each colloquium considers the philosophical and human value significance of a contemporary social issue. The department believes that these discussions contribute to public understanding of current policy problems.

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### Thursday, February 28

7:30 p.m. Geology Building, Room 121  
Welcome to Colloquium Participants and Introduction of the Speaker  
Dr. Harrison Shull, Chancellor, University of Colorado at Boulder

9 p.m. Koenig Alumni Center  
Reception. All Colloquium participants and guests are invited.

### Friday, March 1

9 a.m. University Club Lounge  
*Freedom of Expression: Theoretical Issues and Contemporary Problems*  
Professor Fred Berger, University of California at Davis  
Chair: Professor Alfred McDonnell, Law School, University of Colorado  
Respondents: Mr. Jim Joy, Executive Director, ACLU of Colorado  
Professor John Riker, Philosophy Department, Colorado College

1 p.m. University Club Lounge  
*Access to Expression in a Media Society*  
Professor Virginia Held, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford  
Chair: Professor Paul Gery, Philosophy Department, Western State College  
Respondents: Ms. JoAnne Ditmer, Columnist, Denver Post  
Mr. Don Kinney, Executive Producer, Public Affairs, KRMA-TV, Denver

3 p.m. Session I, Hellems Building, Room 211  
Legal and Ethical Responsibilities of the Media  
Mr. Thomas Kelley, Attorney, Denver

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Chair: Professor [redacted] Nagel, Law School, University of Colorado  
Respondent: Professor Jere Surber, Philosophy Department, Denver University  
Session II, Hellems Building, Room 229  
*The Press and the Presidency*  
Ms. Jean Otto, Editorial Page Editor, Rocky Mountain News, Denver

Chair: Prof. William E. Rhodes, Philosophy Department, Metropolitan State College  
Respondent: Ms. Rosalie Schiff, Executive Director, Colorado Common Cause

Session III, Hellems Building, Room 239  
*Reporting International News: The UNESCO Fiasco*

Professor W.A.E. Skurnik, Political Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder  
Chair: Professor Frank Kaplan, School of Journalism, University of Colorado  
Respondent: Mr. J. Edward Murray, Publisher Emeritus, Boulder Daily Camera

### Saturday, March 2

9 a.m. Geology Building, Room 121  
*Keeping the Public in the Dark*  
Professor John Wicklein, Ohio State University

Chair: Dean Russell Shain, School of Journalism, University of Colorado  
Respondents: Professor David Crocker, Philosophy Department, Colorado State University  
Mr. Barrie Hartman, Executive Editor, Boulder Daily Camera

**Bertram Morris** joined the faculty of the University of Colorado in the fall of 1947. He was a distinguished scholar and teacher, as well as an active member of the community. His published works include *The Aesthetic Process*, *Philosophical Aspects of Culture*, and *Institutions of Intelligence*.

He was a member of the Executive Committee of the American Philosophical Association, a member of the National Council of the American Association of University Professors, and a member of the State Board of the Colorado Civil Liberties Union. While at the University of Colorado, he won the Thomas Jefferson Award and was named a Research Lecturer.

Throughout his career Bertram Morris was noted for his teaching, his participation in faculty governance, and his committed involvement in the social issues of the Boulder community. He initiated and directed an outreach program which still continues at Manual High School in Denver. He was a trustee of the State Colleges and University Consortium of Colorado.

Professor Morris died in 1981. In token of their admiration and gratitude his departmental colleagues instituted this colloquium upon his retirement.

**Fred Berger**, Professor of Philosophy at the University of California, Davis. His interests lie in the areas of ethics, political philosophy, and philosophy of law. In addition to his articles in many journals, he is the editor of *Freedom of Expression* (1980), and the author of *Sounding Deductive Logic* (1977) and a recent book published by the University of California Press, *Happiness, Justice, and Freedom: Central Issues in the Moral and Political Philosophy of John Stuart Mill* (1984).

**Virginia Held** is Professor of Philosophy at the City University of New York Graduate School and Hunter College. She is currently doing research at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford. She is the author of *The Public Interest and Individual Interests* (1970) and *Rights and Goods: Justifying Social Action* (1984). She is the editor or co-editor of *Property, Profits, and Economic Justice* (1980), *Philosophy, Morality, and International Affairs* (1974), and *Philosophy and Political Action* (1972). For a time, Professor Held was on the staff of *The Reporter* magazine, and has written on social philosophy, public affairs, and feminism for a wide variety of journals.

**Thomas B. Kelley** has practiced law in Denver since 1972, and since 1980 has been a partner in the firm of Cooper and Kelley. He has principally represented the media in First Amendment cases, including actions, access problems, and reporter's privilege matters. He is a general counsel to the Colorado Press Association.

**Jean Otto** is editorial page editor of the Rocky Mountain News. She is a founding member of the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council, and a founding member and chair of the board of the First Amendment Congress. Among her many awards and citations: the James Madison Award of the National Broadcast Editorial Association, and a special citation for contributions to journalism by the National Press Photographers' Association.

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John Carnes, Chair  
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