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## Movie Show on “10 Days that Unexpectedly Changed America” at Lincoln Corner

Islamabad - August 28, 2008 - The Lincoln Corner Islamabad arranged a video show “10 Days that Unexpectedly Changed America” for the students of International Islamic University. This movie pinpoints pivotal days that transformed the American nation. Lincoln Corner frequently arranges such showing for the students and the faculty. On the occasion, LC Coordinator briefed the students about other resources and services of the American Corner.



## AIRC Reaches Out to Youth to Celebrate “World Youth Day”

Islamabad- August 19, 2008- AIRC Islamabad set-up an information booth in a walk organized by World Population Foundation (WPF) and Capital Development Authority (CDA) to celebrate world youth day. AIRC distributed copies of selected U.S. government publications on youth and environment among the students, activists, and volunteers. The stall has been very popular and hundreds of young people visited took keen interest USG publications.



## Ed-Links Exchange Students Visit AIRC

Islamabad - August 7, 2008 - AIRC arranged an orientation for a group of students and teachers from government schools of Islamabad and Rawalpindi. The group comprised of students selected for a trip to United States under the USAID/ Ed-Links students exchange program. A/PAO Constance Jones shared with students some information about interesting places in Washington D.C. The participants were also given a virtual tour to the resources on “American Life” from [America.gov](http://America.gov) website.



## BLOGS at AMERICA.GOV

<http://blogs.america.gov/religion/>

Talking Faith explores the complexity of life in a religiously diverse nation. Join our conversation and express your views on topics like freedom of faith and choosing a religious identity. Join experts each week for an honest and exciting look at religious life in the United States.

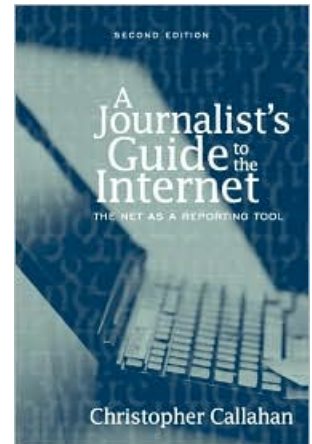
The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the 'Talking Faith' blog on the America.gov website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://blogs.america.gov/religion/>. The page features a navigation menu with categories like Home, Foreign Policy, U.S. Politics, American Life, Democracy, Science & Health, World Regions, Multimedia, and Publications. The main content area is titled 'BLOGS at AMERICA.GOV' and 'TALKING FAITH'. It includes an 'About' section, a 'Subscribe to RSS' button, an 'AUTHORS' section featuring Alexandra Abboud, and a 'MOST RECENT POSTS' section with the title 'Isma Aslam: preparing for Ramadan at college'.

# NEW ARRIVALS @ AIRC ISLAMABAD

## NEW BOOKS

**A Journalist's Guide to the Internet (Paperback)**  
**By Christopher Callahan (Author), Leslie-Jean Thornton**  
**Longman, 2007, ISBN: 0205565956**

Examines how reporters and editors can best use the Internet accurately and effectively to improve the quality of their journalism. The author looks at how to think strategically about the Internet, the best Internet sites for journalists, targeted search strategies, how to build a system of Internet sites specific to news beats, keeping up on new developments in the profession, and the journalistic uses of electronic mail, e-mail discussion groups, and electronic bulletin boards. Intended for college journalism students as well as professionals in the field.



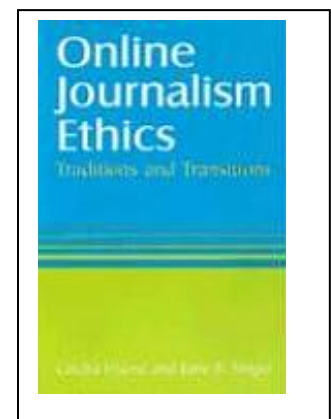
**WE'RE ALL JOURNALISTS NOW: The Transformation of the Press and Reshaping of the Law in the Internet Age**  
**By Scott Gant**  
**Free Press, 2007, ISBN: 9780743299268**

In his first book, Gant, a law partner in Washington, D.C., and former counsel for the New Republic, attempts to update our slim definition of "journalist" for the Internet age. In this narrow volume, he casts a wide net. Adamant that journalism is an activity undertaken, and not a profession practiced, Gant invites us all to join the ranks of the press. He argues that the media's role as a check on government depends on both the expanded category of journalist and the unfettered freedom to report without fear of government reproach. Using specific landmark constitutional law cases, as well as contemporary examples, including the Valerie Plame case and the San Francisco Chronicle reporters who uncovered the BALCO scandal, Gant makes the case that the health of our democracy requires a press clause that entitles journalists to constitutional protection from revealing their sources. His argument draws parallels between colonial pamphleteers and present-day bloggers. His scope is radical, simultaneously calling for the enactment of federal shield laws for the press and a greatly expanded definition of who is a journalist (roughly, everyone). Gant's forward-thinking logic is presented convincingly, though he dismisses the most immediate problems with suspicious facility.



**ONLINE JOURNALISM ETHICS: Traditions and Transitions**  
**By Cecilia Friend, Jane B. Singer**  
**M.E. Sharpe, 2007. ISBN: 0765615738**

Looking at the future of their field in the age of the blogger and media convergence, journalists Friend (Utica College, New York) and Singer (first news manager, Prodigy computer service) address the central question of: who is a journalist? They regard digital journalists as being as legitimate as traditional ones if their role has a comparable ethical basis. The book includes dialogues on related legal and commercial issues, examples of questionable online "reporting," and codes of ethics for journalists of all types.



## NEW VIDEOS

### **GREAT AMERICAN AUTHORS: Since 1650**

**Starring: Jane Kaczmarek Director: Ron Meyer  
Ambrose Videos, 4 DVDs, November 2007.**

Since 1650 presents the rich, literary tradition of a American storytelling...No country has produced a greater group of writers in a shorter period of time than America. It has been an incredible journey of finding the nation's voice, beginning with the colonists in the 17th century to a small cadre of brilliant, 19th century, New England writers who defined the unique American experience and soul, to the whole country speaking out in the 20th Century against war, poverty, racism and alienation. Featuring such greats a Poe...Dickerson...Twain...Alcott...Hemingway...Wolfe...Steinbeck..Vonnegut and Morrison, this eight part series is designed for today's classroom.

### **BIOGRAPHY: John McCain**

**Biography.com, DVD, 47 minutes, 2008.**

BIOGRAPHY® offers the comprehensive story of the life and career of JOHN MCCAIN, from his transitory naval base childhood through the 2008 republican primaries. Follow Senator McCain through his student days at the United States Naval Academy, his early political career in Arizona, and finally, through the tumultuous months of his 2007-2008 U.S. campaign. Perhaps best known for his leadership skills, his fight for finance reform, and his "maverick" political style, McCain has overcome all personal and professional obstacles with characteristic strength, daring, and resolution. Filled with intimate interviews and recent campaign footage, JOHN MCCAIN documents the life and political career of one of the most renowned Republican leaders in American history.

### **BIOGRAPHY: Barack Obama**

**Biography.com, DVD, 47 minutes, 2008.**

BIOGRAPHY® narrates the definitive story of BARACK OBAMA, from his childhood in Honolulu to the dramatic 2007-2008 U.S. primaries. Follow Obama through his teenage struggles for self-identity, his student days at Columbia University and Harvard Law School, and finally, through his political career in Chicago, where he rose to fame through a focus on ethics and political reform. Go behind the scenes of Obama's extraordinarily successful presidential campaign — in which he raised a record-breaking \$58 million in six months — and join his exciting journey towards the 2008 Democratic Convention. Pulsing with the energy of the man himself, BARACK OBAMA chronicles the uniquely American story of one man rising up to fight for what he believes in and quite possibly the dawning of a new chapter in American history.

### **FEEDING THE BEAST: An Inside Look at the News Media**

**Films.com, DVD, 22 minutes, 2003.**

Keeping people informed 24/7 demands a never-ending stream of news items—each one filled with material to be edited, facts to be checked, and decisions to be made as the clock steadily ticks. This ABC News program takes an unvarnished look at the Chicago Tribune, ABC's World News Tonight, and WJLA, an ABC affiliate, providing insider insights into what goes on at America's newspapers and TV stations as they scramble to feed the beast.

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