**Media Consortium/ Media AllianceWorskhop**

**Covering the Digital Divides**

**What**: Half-Day Workshop

**When**: Saturday 1-5pm (preferred); Sunday possible; Wed not preferred.

**Who-Organizers**: The Media Consortium and Media Alliance

[The Media Consortium](http://www.themediaconsortium.org) is a North American network of over 75 independent news organizations including Mother Jones, The Nation, Democracy Now!, Truthout, and The Young Turks. Our mission is to support and grow the independent news sector.

The Media Consortium has a 5 year track record of training reporters in media policy. We have organized half-day workshops on media policy in Chicago (2014) and San Francisco (2015).

[Media Alliance](http://www.media-alliance.org/) is a Bay Area professional media community founded to ensure the free and unfettered flow of information necessary to maintain a truly democratic society. Media Alliance advocates for communications policies that support digital equality and community-based news coverage.

**Who-Audience**: This workshop is for journalists that do not regularly cover media policy, technology or business. The workshop is open to any journalist.

**Logistics/Revenue:** Programming will be underwritten by EEJF; travel scholarships will be underwritten by MDF; participants will be asked to pay a reg fee on a sliding scale to cover food costs; we may also seek sponsorship for food/A-V. We ask ONA to provide a room and a negotiated number of communications mentions.

**Proposed Program**

**Goal:** Educate journalists about the many ways in which media policy impacts people who are disabled, low-income, native, or living in rural communities., especially around issues of internet access.

**Potential Speakers:**

Malkia Cyril, Center for Media Justice

Michael Copps, Ex-FCC Commissioner, Common Cause

Matthew Rattanen, Native Public Media

Melissa Kasnitz, Center for Accessible Technology

Edyael Casperalta, Center for Rural Strategies

Ana Montes, TURN

Matt Wood, Free Press