



Award-winning investigative reporter joins the Scripps Washington bureau

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Sydney Freedberg has won four Pulitzers; joins bureau's expanded investigative reporting team
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CINCINNATI, March 17, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Four-time Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Sydney Freedberg has joined the Washington bureau of The E.W. Scripps Company (NYSE: SSP) as an investigative reporter.

Freedberg joins the bureau from Bloomberg, where she worked on the projects and investigative team. She also has worked for the *St. Petersburg Times*, the *Miami Herald*, *The Wall Street Journal* and the *Detroit News*.

Her work includes investigations that exposed crime on Wall Street, health care fraud, corruption of public officials, and rigged elections. She is known for her ability to take on tough subjects and write stories of significant impact. At the *Herald*, she worked on teams that won three Pulitzer Prizes, and she co-authored a series that earned a Pulitzer for public service at the *Detroit News*.

"Sydney has a strong track record of exposing injustices that otherwise may have remained hidden from public view," says Ellen Weiss, vice president and Washington bureau chief for Scripps. "She is one of the nation's top investigative journalists and a fantastic addition to our national investigative team."

Freedberg is among a number of high-profile journalists hired by Weiss at the bureau since she joined Scripps last year, including:

- Dick Meyer, former executive producer of *America* for the BBC News, as chief Washington correspondent
- Phil Pruitt, longtime journalist and former Yahoo News politics editor, as director of digital content
- Marcia Myers, former Bloomberg News reporter, as the senior investigations editor

Freedberg began her journalism career as associate managing editor of the *Harvard Crimson* while receiving a bachelor's of history and literature at Harvard. She graduated from Harvard cum laude. She also served as a John S. Knight Fellow at Stanford University. She is author of the 1994 book, "*Brother Love: Murder, Money and a Messiah*," based on her investigation of a self-proclaimed preacher who used his position to control his congregation and even convinced them to commit murder for him.

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