AGENDA

Morality and the Media: Guns, Gays and Politics
Friday, September 19, 2014
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Lipscomb University
Ezell Center 301

8:30 a.m. – Gathering/Light Refreshments

9 a.m. – Welcome Alan Griggs, associate professor and chair, Department of Communication and Journalism, Lipscomb University

9:15 - 9:45 a.m. – Opening Presentation: Making Sense of the Media
Kelly McBride, Vice President of Academic Programs, The Poynter Institute

9:45-11 a.m. – Shoot First: How the Media Cover the Gun Debate
Moderator: Dr. Jimmy McCollum, associate professor, Department of Communication and Journalism, Lipscomb University
Journalist 1: Dwight Lewis, retired editorial page editor, The Tennessean
Journalist 2: Bruce Moore, news director, WREG-TV (Memphis)
Journalist 3: Demetria Kalodimos, reporter/anchor, WSMV-TV (Nashville)
Gun Voice (praise): John Harris, attorney representing Tennessee Firearms Association
Gun Voice (critic): Kathleen Chandler Wright, chapter leader, Moms Demand Action Tennessee

11-11:15 a.m. - Break

11:15 a.m. -12:15 p.m. – Uncivil Unions: The Gay Marriage Narrative in Nashville and Beyond
Moderator: Dr. Paul Prill, professor, Department of Communication and Journalism, and director, Honors College, Lipscomb University
Journalist 1: Brian Murphy, news editor for Tennessee and Kentucky, The Associated Press
Journalist 2: Steven Hale, reporter, Nashville Scene
Journalist 3: Heidi Hall, writer, School of Engineering, Vanderbilt University; formerly with The Tennessean
Gay Marriage Voice (praise): Chris Sanders, executive director, Tennessee Equality Project
Gay marriage Voice (critic): Glen Casada, Tennessee State Representative, 63rd Legislative District

12:15 p.m. – Lunch served

12:30-1:15 p.m. Keynote Speaker – Al Tompkins, Senior Faculty, Broadcast and Online, The Poynter Institute

1-1:15 p.m. – Break

1:15-2:30 p.m. – The Press and Politics: Who’s the Tail and Who’s the Dog?
Moderator: Lydia Lenker, managing director, Nelson & Sue Andrews Institute for Civic Leadership, Lipscomb University
Journalist 1: Ben Hall, investigative reporter, NewsChannel 5 WTVF-TV (Nashville)
Journalist 2: Scott Stroud, politics and government editor, The Tennessean
Journalist 3: Tom Humphrey, retired state capitol bureau chief, Knoxville News-Sentinel
Professional: Dorinda Carter, director of communications, Office of Davidson County District Attorney Glenn Funk
Republican: Chris Devaney, chairman, Tennessee Republican Party
Democrat: Craig Fitzhugh, Tennessee State Representative, 82nd Legislative District; minority leader, Tennessee House of Representatives

2:30-3 p.m. – Wrap up: Kelly McBride