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An Interview with Don Moseley

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Dr. Don Moseley, Co-Director for the Center for Journalism Integrity and Excellence at DePaul University, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Education is Key – Civics Education* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Don Moseley was born in Montgomery, Alabama in 1951, and grew up there during some epic civil rights events. Don graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Montgomery, and graduated from Auburn University in 1973, majoring in history and journalism. During his college years, Don worked at a local radio station as a news anchor and at the University radio Station. After college, he worked in Columbus, Georgia, Birmingham, Alabama, and then Nashville, Tennessee. Much of his experience was in television, serving first as an anchor and then a reporter. In 1980, Moseley joined WMAQ-TV in Chicago. While at WMAQ Don was a political reporter and investigative producer for eighteen years. Don then joined CBS, working as a producer for Carol Marin's *60 Minutes* investigative reports. In 2003, Don was named co-director of the DePaul Documentary Project which produced documentaries for CNN, the *New York Times*, the Discovery Channel, and WMAQ-TV. Don rejoined WMAQ in 2004 to produce political and investigative stories. At the time of the interview he was the Co-Director for the Center for Journalism Integrity and Excellence at DePaul University. This Center takes twelve journalism seniors or graduate students through Advanced Reporting I and II. As a result, the students produce a documentary that is aired on WTTW, a Chicago PBS station. Don has received multiple awards, including two Peabody Awards, two Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia Awards and two national Emmy awards.

Moseley looks at media literacy through the eyes of a political reporter and producer with wide-ranging experiences. He examines the role of documentary development as done at the Center of Journalism Integrity and Excellence (CJIE) at DePaul University. Don deals with journalistic ethics, using the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) model, and discusses the major challenges facing journalism today. His analysis included the Covington High School case and the documentaries produced by students at the CJIE. Moseley looks at the need for broadening one's background before reporting, and the important role a good civics education can play when looking at controversial subjects. Don goes on to discuss other ethical case studies, and the importance of seeking information from many varied sources.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Center for Journalism Integrity and Excellence at DePaul University; Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ); types of producing for news programming; challenges facing journalism; media literacy; civics education; remote learning during pandemic

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