

**McCormick Specialized Reporting Institute**  
**Covering the U.S. Visa System in Your Own Backyard**  
April 10, 2015 to April 12, 2015

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**Friday, April 10, Hilton Chicago**

720 S. Michigan Ave.

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Meet and greet. Hotel Bar.

**Saturday, April 11, Columbia College**

Room 219, 33 E. Congress Pkwy.

8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**Introductions and overview of the workshop and its goals**

*Brant Houston, Knight Chair in Investigative Reporting, University of Illinois*

9:40 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**The visa system: flaws, scandals and stories**

A look at numbers, visas and the stories you can do  
*Brant Houston, Knight Chair in Investigative Reporting, University of Illinois*

*Mike McGraw, KCPT*

*Pam Dempsey, The Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting*

10:40 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**How to investigate the visa system: two case studies**

*Mike McGraw, KCPT*

11:40 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**Lightening Talks: My experience with the U.S. visa system**

12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.

**Finding and using data on visas and immigration**

*Brant Houston, Knight Chair in Investigative Reporting, University of Illinois*

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. **Lunch on your own**

2 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

**Investigating the U-Visa and domestic violence visas**

*Nubia Willman, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago*

3 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.

**Investigating work visas: H2-A, H2-B and H1-B**

*Miguel Keberlein, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago*

4 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.

**Investigating student visas and diversity visas**

*Brant Houston, Knight Chair in Investigative Reporting, University of Illinois*

5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Wrap-up: questions and suggestions**

*Pam Dempsey, The Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting*

**Sunday, April 12, Columbia College**

Room 211-213, 33 E. Congress Pkwy.

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Finding, downloading and analysis of visa and immigration data.**

11 a.m. to Noon

**Investigating the EB-5**

*Tim Novak, Chicago Tribune*