

The “One College, Many Voices” NEH Fellowship
Presents

ONE COUNTY, MANY IMMIGRANTS

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Takoma Park Campus CM211



Steven V. Roberts

Professor, columnist, best-selling author

Shapiro Professor of Media and Public Affairs, George Washington University

Join us for this first public lecture sponsored by the new National Endowment for the Humanities faculty development program, a presentation by a renowned resident of Montgomery County and one who has taken great interest in its immigrant populations. His work examines what it means to be an immigrant in the United States today, our growing insularity, and the impact on undocumented workers and families.

The *One College, Many Voices* fellowship engages faculty from non-humanities disciplines and Communication Studies to add humanistic content to their courses. Fellows explore how global humanities can enhance disciplinary thinking and learn how intercultural competencies can transform instruction.



Steve Roberts has been a journalist for more than 50 years, covering some of the major events of his time, from the antiwar movement and student revolts of the 60s and 70s to President Reagan's historic trip to Moscow in 1988 and thirteen presidential election campaigns. After graduating from Harvard *magna cum laude* in 1964, he joined the New York Times as research assistant to James 'Scotty' Reston, then the paper's Washington bureau chief. His 25-year career with the Times included assignments as bureau chief in Los Angeles and Athens, and as Congressional and White House correspondent. He was a senior writer at U.S. News for seven years, specializing in national politics and foreign policy. Roberts and his wife, TV journalist Cokie Roberts, write a nationally syndicated newspaper column that was named one of the ten most popular columns in America by Media Matters. In February of 2000 Steve and Cokie published From This Day Forward, an account of their marriage, as well as other marriages in American history. The New York Times called the book "inspiring and instructive" and it spent seven weeks on the Times best-seller list. Roberts also writes a bi-monthly column, Hometown, for Bethesda Magazine; and as a life-long baseball fan, he reviews sports books for the Washington Post. His childhood memoir, My Fathers' Houses, was published in the spring of 2005 and was featured at the National Book Festival in Washington. His book on recent immigrants to America, From Every End of This Earth, was published in October, 2009. The Post called it "compassionate and engaging" and it was also featured at the National Book Festival. His most recent book is a history of Bethesda and Chevy Chase published in 2016.

As a broadcaster, Roberts appears regularly as a political analyst on the ABC radio network. As a teacher, he lectures widely on American politics and the role of the news media. Since 1997 he has been the Shapiro Professor of Media and Public Affairs at George Washington University, where he has taught for the last 25 years. His many honors include the Dirksen Award for covering Congress, the Wilbur Award for reporting on religion and politics, the Bender prize as one of GW's top undergraduate teachers, and six honorary doctorates. Steve and Cokie have two children: Lee, an investment banker in North Carolina, and Rebecca, a museum specialist in Washington, and six grand-children. In his spare time, Roberts plays tennis and coaches first base for his grandson's Little League baseball team. Dec 2016.