



ABOUT THE PAGE WILSON LECTURE SERIES ON FRAMING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AT THE FRAMEWORKS INSTITUTE

The Page Wilson Lecture will be given annually to provide a public forum for explanation and discussion of innovative ways of framing issues to advance the cause of social justice.

Lecturers will explore such questions as:

- How is the framing of racial and ethnic minorities in the US contributing to repressive policies?
- What new experimental research suggests better ways to explain societal benefits of a comprehensive immigration system?
- How can historical examples improve public understanding of new threats to social programs that reduce inequalities?
- What can be learned from the reframing of cultural models about race and ethnicity in other countries?
- What critical framing elements are missing from coverage of international issues, and how might these holes be filled through responsible journalism?

The lecture series honors Wilson's life-long commitment to social justice. Page Huidekoper Wilson was a founding Board member of the FrameWorks Institute. A writer and human rights activist, and an internationalist, Wilson was concerned about the world's children, women and the environment. She died at the age of 99, having recently published *Carnage & Courage: A Memoir of FDR, the Kennedys, and World War II* (Yucca Publishing, 2015). After working as attaché on the staff of Ambassador Joseph Kennedy in London from 1938 to 1940, she became a reporter for the *Washington Times-Herald* from 1940 to 1943. Her journalism in the 1940s and early 1950s included articles in *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Washington Post* and *The Baltimore Sun*. The mother of four children (then acquiring three more through her second marriage), she returned to work in 1958 as the director of information for Americans for Democratic Action, which entailed serving in press relations for the 1963 March on Washington, and marching with Martin Luther King Jr. from Selma to Montgomery in 1965. In the 1970s she worked for the Population

Committee. Her activities and those of her husband, Thomas W. Wilson Jr., who died in 1997, merited a place on Nixon's enemy list. In addition to serving on the board of the FrameWorks Institute, she also served on the boards of the D.C. School of Law Foundation and Horizons International. She was honored as recipient of the Falkowski Award for her support of the United Nations, given by the National Capitol Area Division of the United Nations Association.

In her last formal communication with the FrameWorks Institute, Wilson urged staff and directors to constantly examine its relationship to the larger societal goals toward which research and training activities are directed. This lecture series seeks to underscore that connection and to share with the larger framing and social justice community new thinking about how communications science can serve as a tool for social justice.

Initiated by a grant from the Bales Family Foundation, individual and philanthropic contributions to extend and expand the program are welcomed. All contributors will be listed in the annual program. Each year a prominent lecturer will be chosen by a Board of Advisors to be composed of: one member from the family of Page Wilson, one member of the Board of Directors of the FrameWorks Institute, one representative from the Bales Family Foundation and one representative from the FrameWorks Institute. The lecture can take place at any time or any place, as decided by the Board of Advisors. Funds are provided for honoraria to the lecturers, to support the venue and other aspects of staging the event and for recording, transcription and dissemination of the lecture, as deemed appropriate by the Board of Advisors. No funds will be used to remunerate the FrameWorks Institute for administration or oversight of the grant, which will be contributed by that organization.

Contributions will be used to extend and amplify the lecture series. They will be held in a restricted account and can be noted as follows: Page Wilson Lecture Series restricted gift c/o FrameWorks Institute, 1333 H Street, N.W., Suite 700 West, Washington, D.C. 20005.