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## **NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER LAUNCHES JENNINGS PRIZE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL JOURNALISM**

**INVITES JOURNALISTS TO SUBMIT ENTRIES BY DECEMBER 1**

*An extension of the Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution*

Philadelphia, PA (September 9, 2010) – The National Constitution Center today announced the launch of the first annual Jennings Prize, a \$5000 award given for exceptional journalism with a constitutional dimension, in conjunction with the Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution. The award, open to all working journalists, seeks to celebrate general-interest journalism that illuminates the Constitution's centrality to American identity and life.

Entries must be submitted to [www.constitutioncenter.org/jennings](http://www.constitutioncenter.org/jennings) by December 1, 2010. Entries will be reviewed by a selection committee which includes National Constitution Center staff and members of the Peter Jennings Project advisory board. The winning journalist and honorable mentions runners-up will be announced in January 2011. The winning entry will be presented at the 2011 annual event of the Peter Jennings Project, which will take place at the National Constitution Center from March 4 – 6, 2011, and will be posted on [www.constitutioncenter.org/jennings](http://www.constitutioncenter.org/jennings). Applications for the 2011 Peter Jennings Project Fellowships are also available online.

### Rules for Entry:

Entries may consist of a single piece or a series of work, published via print or online

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media outlet from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. The work can be authored by an individual or by a group. The entry must conform to the contemporary understanding of the professional term “journalism,” as in work produced for wide public consumption in a form that is periodical and aimed at providing a deeper understanding of the world we inhabit.

### Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution

Named in honor of the late, award-winning news anchor and friend of the National Constitution Center, the Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution allows professional journalists from print, broadcast, and online media organizations, as well as a select group of collegiate journalists from across the country, to examine the constitutional dimension in the news today and acquire a deeper understanding of the Constitution and its important role in the lives of all Americans. Kayce Freed Jennings, wife of Peter Jennings, serves on the board of the project and veteran journalist Todd Brewster, who worked closely with Jennings and co-authored two books with him, is the program director. The Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution is made possible through the generosity of The Annenberg Foundation.

### National Constitution Center

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, “Freedom Rising.” The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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