

These three short videos (about 21 minutes total) help illuminate some of the concepts covered in Lecture #2: The Power of Information. Why do powerful organizations and people want to control information and what prompts journalists to take the risks to get that information out to the public.

CBS foreign correspondent Kimberly Dozier speaking to Stony Brook students as part of the School of Journalism's "My Life As..." lecture series. We have chosen a segment during which she describes the effects of a car bombing during her last assignment in Iraq for CBS News. A 14-year veteran foreign correspondent, Dozier had covered the Middle East for the CBS Evening News, CBS Radio, The Washington Post, BBC World Service and several other news outlets.(7 minutes)

Former Newsday foreign correspondent Matthew McAllester speaking to Stony Brook students as part of the School of Journalism's "My Life As" series. We chose a segment where he describes what motivates him to report from "the places where the bombs are going off." McAllester was imprisoned by the Iraqi government at the outset of the first war against Iraq. (9 minutes)

Investigative reporter Walt Bogdanich speaking to Stony Brook students as part of the School of Journalism's "My Life As" series. We chose Bogdanich describing why he reports the stories America's most powerful corporations don't want told, another form of the battle to control information.(10 minutes)

Take notes as you watch and be prepared to discuss in class. What compels a journalist to take these risks?