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This is the tenth year the University of Maryland Merrill College of Journalism has welcomed a group of Humphrey Fellows in Journalism and Public Policy. The College is home of the Knight Center for Specialized Journalism, the Case Center for Children and Families, and publishes the American Journalism Review, a 27,000-circulation national monthly magazine on print and broadcast news performance. Its faculty represents an outstanding cross-section of research and professional experience, and its prime location enables Fellows to draw on the rich resources of the Washington-Baltimore area.

The Humphrey Program at Maryland is led by award-winning journalist and international media consultant Lucinda Fleeson, formerly with the Philadelphia Inquirer. She is assisted by Kalyani Chadha who holds a PhD in mass communication. With guidance from the Humphrey staff, each Fellow undertakes an individualized nondegree program of academic coursework, independent research, professional affiliations, field trips, and consultations with experts in their field.

The Humphrey Fellows are a valuable resource for the College Park community and the Merrill College of Journalism is proud to have hosted 127 Fellows from over 75 countries in the last ten years.
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