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March 29th 2010: Special Encore Presentation: "The Life of Veteran Washington Post Political Photographer Melina Mara"

"In Discussion" talks with Melina Mara about her long career behind the camera lens working as a photojournalist. While a Seattle-based photojournalist, she began photographing the 13 women in the U.S. Senate in 2001, continuing the project as their number grew to 14 in 2003. In focused bursts, Mara traveled the country to document this defining period in the history of U.S. politics. At a time when access to national politicians is increasingly controlled, Mara persuaded the senators to allow her to document the unprecedented role of women in the Senate, both behind the scenes and before micr

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Melina Mara

Melina Mara is a veteran photojournalist, who is presently a staff photographer covering primarily politics and political issues for the Washington Post. The daughter of a CBS cameraman and a passionate Italian mother, Mara was born in Englewood, New Jersey. She studied political science at Sarah Lawrence College, and after being disillusioned with law aspirations became a teacher. Refocusing her career on photojournalism, Mara attended University of Missouri School of Journalism as a graduate student. She has worked for newspapers and magazines around the country, in the role of both staff member and freelancer. Both Tacoma Washington and Washington D.C. serve as Mara's twin home bases. Now

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