

WHERE HAVE ALL THE REPORTERS GONE?

Hook-ups and break-ups in the Canadian Media



**Thursday, Sept 29
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

London Public Library
Masonville Branch
30 N Centre Rd.

Meredith Levine

Faculty of Information & Media Studies

In 2008, Canadian journalist Don Martin published, in three major Canadian newspapers and dozens of online publications, an article that raised serious questions about the character and abilities of fellow journalist Arthur Kent, then running as a candidate in the Alberta provincial election. In a major defamation law suit, Kent sued both Don Martin and Postmedia. Testimony at the trial was riveting: newsworthy, consequential AND titillating. But Canadian newsrooms weren't 'all over' the story – in fact, only one media organization assigned a reporter to cover the trial. This presentation examines the reasons behind the silence, exposing the economic realities of media ownership in Canada that influence our news coverage.

www.fims.uwo.ca/publicinterest