

A Conversation with Andover Alumni: Journalism's Role in Democracy

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Forgotson has been a producer and writer at CBS News for 25 years, profiling presidents, pop stars and penguins. He has documented the running of restaurants, the restoration of great architecture, and the current threats to our democracy and free press - using video and audio to satisfy his curiosity, shine the light of inquiry where it's needed, and convey his many enthusiasms to anyone who will watch and listen. He has received multiple awards for his work.

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