

REPORTING OUT: A Series of Field-building Webinar Conversations about the State of the Documentary Field



Learn about the issues and challenges facing the documentary field. Join us as we chart a path towards a sustainable and healthy ecosystem for documentary professionals.

Each of the field-building webinar conversations is inspired by the National Endowment for the Arts report, [State of the Field: A Report from the Documentary Sustainability Summit](#). Participants are encouraged to download the full report.

All webinars are free and open to the public. [Go to the webinar page](#) for registration information.

Report Overview: State of the Documentary Field

Thursday, August 10, 3:00pm-4:00pm (EDT)

Join us for a report overview of the five key findings and recommended actions from the *State of the Field: A Report from the Documentary Sustainability Summit*, led by NEA Media Arts Director Jax Deluca, International Documentary Association Executive Director Simon Kilmurry, and project consultant Michael Bracy. We encourage stakeholders from all levels of the documentary ecosystem to register for this webinar. Following the presentation, there will be a Q&A session with the panelists and webinar participants.

Building Resiliency: Emerging Forms & Collaborative Networks

Tuesday, September 5, 3:00pm-4:00pm (EDT)

Cultivating cross-sector networks is a key factor in building resiliency that will contribute to a more sustainable future for the documentary community. This is especially critical during this time of evolving technologies, emerging business models, transforming consumer behavior, and uncertainty about future legal and regulatory frameworks. Following the presentation, there will be a Q&A session with the panelists and webinar participants.

Presenters include: International Documentary Association Director of Programming & Policy Claire Aguilar, MIT Open Doc Lab Documentarian Kat Cizek, and MIT Open Doc Lab Director Sarah Wolozin.

Supporting Independent Productions: Film Rebate & Tax Incentive Programs

Thursday, September 21, 3:00pm-4:00pm (EDT)

Whether you are a film commissioner, part of the indie film community, at a state arts agency, or involved in economic revitalization efforts, this webinar will help deepen your understanding of how indie-friendly film rebate and tax incentive programs can serve local economic interests by supporting the small businesses working in independent production. Following the presentation, there will be a Q&A session with the panelists and webinar participants.

Presenters include: Filmmaker and Co-founder of Meridian Hill Pictures Lance Kramer, media strategist and former Commissioner of New York City Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment Cynthia Lopez, Associate Director Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment Herbert Niles, and Sundance Institute Film Fund Director Rahdi Taylor.

Strengthening Communities: Regional Programs & Public Broadcast Initiatives

Thursday, October 12, 3:00pm-4:00pm (EDT)

This webinar focuses on developing community-driven programs that bring a regional spotlight to independent content creators. Following the presentation, there will be a Q&A session with the panelists and webinar participants.

Presenters include: South Arts Senior Director of Film & Traditional Arts Teresa Hollingsworth, Association for Independents in Radio CEO Sue Schardt, and World Channel Executive Producer Chris Hastings.