

**This week: 2021 Knight Media Forum**

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# THIS WEEK ON #KNIGHTLIVE

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**2021 Knight Media Forum**  
Tues., March 2 - Thurs., March 4

**Knight Media Forum 2021  
Featured Speakers**

**Cesar Conde**  
Chairman  
NBC Universal

**Isabel Wilkerson**  
Author, journalist

**In Conversation**

**Brad Smith**, Microsoft President, with **Alberto Ibarra**, Knight President

**Prof. Henry Louis Gates, Jr.**, Director Hutchins Center, Harvard University, with **Thomas Chatterton Williams**, American author and cultural critic

Amid national political polarization, a fractured media ecosystem, and a flood of misinformation on everything from the presidential election to the COVID vaccine, local news is more important than ever, one information source that can ground communities on a shared basis of fact. It's also being reinvented, under extreme economic pressure. The 2021 Knight Media Forum brings together many of the practitioners and funders seeking to build a new local media that is sustainable and reflects the diversity of our nation. It's also a place to engage with prominent panelists about ideas and trends shaping our society, media and democracy.

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Isabel Wilkerson, author and journalist

*In conversation*

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Henry Louis Gates Jr., Director, Hutchins Center, Harvard University with Thomas  
Chatterton Williams, Author and cultural critic

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