

# CJF J-TALKS

## An Inside Look at Investigations into Sexual Abuse Allegations in Organized Hockey



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IN CONVERSATION WITH

**JUDY TRINH**  
CTV NATIONAL NEWS



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**Doors open 6 p.m. | Discussion 6:30 p.m.**

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The Canadian Journalism Foundation's (CJF) J-Talks series returns in person with an inside look at investigations into sexual abuse allegations in organized hockey.

This past year, investigative reporting on organized hockey in Canada has revealed a toxic culture of sexual, possibly illegal, misconduct. As a result, Canada's governing body for its national sport – Hockey Canada – is facing an ongoing crisis and official scrutiny regarding its response to allegations going back to 1989, largely exposed by rigorous investigative journalism.

Our event today features TSN award-winning journalist Rick Westhead, TSN Executive Producer Ken Volden and The Athletic's Katie Strang.

They will discuss their investigations, which brought these issues to light, in conversation with CTV National News Correspondent Judy Trinh.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



**RICK WESTHEAD** is an award-winning investigative journalist and *TSN's* Senior Correspondent.

In 2021, Westhead led *TSN's* reporting on the Chicago Blackhawks sexual assault investigation, which included an exclusive interview with Blackhawks first-round draft pick Kyle Beach, in which Beach identified himself as the player abused by the team's former video coach Brad Aldrich.

Throughout his 20-year career, Westhead has reported on a variety of sports issues for a slate of leading publications including the *Toronto Star*, *Bloomberg News*, *The Canadian Press*, *The Globe and Mail* and *The New York Times*.

**@rwesthead**



## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

**KATIE STRANG** is a senior investigative and enterprise writer for *The Athletic* where she specializes in covering the intersection of sports and social issues, with a particular focus on sexual abuse and gendered violence.

Strang was part of a team that won the 2021 Associated Press Sports Editors award for investigative writing and was a finalist for the 2019 Dan Jenkins Medal for Excellence in Sportswriting.

@KatieJStrang



**KEN VOLDEN** is Executive Producer at TSN, overseeing all of TSN's in-house studio productions and the development of digital and social media platforms.

A winner of multiple Canadian Screen Awards, Volden joined TSN as an associate producer in 1995.



## ABOUT THE MODERATOR

**JUDY TRINH** is a broadcast journalist and CTV National News Correspondent.

She specializes in politics and investigations, with a commitment to covering stories focusing on marginalized communities. Trinh has been nominated for two Canadian Screen Awards and a National Magazine Award for feature writing.

@judyatrinh



# OPENING SOON

## NOVEMBER 2, 2022

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### Book launch: John Honderich and the Paper for the People

Featuring the journalists who worked closely with Honderich: Editor Emeritus, **Haroon Siddiqui**, investigative reporter, **Kevin Donovan** and contributing columnist, **Chantal Hebert**.

**Nov. 2 | 7 p.m.**

**TPL's Bram & Bluma Appel Salon | 789 Yonge St.**



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