

# 2007 Roundtable Speaker



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**Doug Swanson**

**Doug Swanson**, a reporter and editor for the projects department of *The Dallas Morning News*, is also the author of five novels. His first book, *Big Town*, won the John Creasey Memorial Award for Best First Novel given by the British Crime Writers Association. He is currently working on a novel about boxing. At *The Dallas Morning News*, Swanson has earned a reputation for his probing reporting of complex subjects: a foster care provider who made millions of dollars off troubled children, men on Death Row under questionable circumstances and the grim aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Last year he spent six weeks in Iraq, embedded with the Army's Fourth Infantry Division, to write about life on the front lines of a brutal war. Swanson previously covered Silicon Valley for *TDMN* in Palo Alto, Calif. Before that he was assigned to the newspaper's national desk. From 1986 to 1991 he was chief of the New York City bureau. He spent the 1998-99 academic year as a Knight Fellow in Journalism at Stanford University.

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