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Mike Rispoli

Mr. Rispoli speaks on Tuesday, August 19 at 2 pm at the concurrent session Public Access in Peril.

Mike directs Free Press' News Voices project, which connects local communities and the newsrooms that serve them via public engagement, advocacy campaigns and collaborative projects. He serves as a founding board member of the New Jersey Civic Information Consortium, a first-of-its kind nonprofit that invests public money toward initiatives to benefit the state's civic life and meet the evolving information needs of communities. Mike has taught journalism at Rutgers University, and worked for the human-rights organizations Privacy International and Access Now. Mike also served as the technical editor on the 2015 book *You: For Sale*, a look at protecting user data and privacy online. In a past life, Mike was a journalist for the *Newark Star-Ledger* and Gannett Newspapers. He received his master's degree in media studies at the New School in New York City and his bachelor's degree in journalism at Marist College.