WBUR Names Alum a Host of *On Point*

Meghna Chakrabarti will share the duties for station’s live, national radio program

**WBUR, Boston University’s National Public Radio Station,** announced in July that a pair of familiar voices to its radio listeners, Meghna Chakrabarti and David Folkenflik, will take over permanent hosting duties of the live call-in radio program *On Point*.

Chakrabarti (Questrom’13) will host *On Point* from Boston Monday through Thursday, and Folkenflik will handle Friday from New York. The program, which airs weekdays from 10 am to noon, has two million listeners through roughly 300 National Public Radio stations.

“We’re excited for Meghna and David to carry on the tradition at *On Point* of inspired conversation and respect for a wide range of opinions,” WBUR general manager Charlie Kravetz said in making the announcement. “*On Point* gives voice to Americans across the continent, welcoming them to share their thoughts with our guests and other listeners from communities across the United States.”

*On Point* had been without a permanent host since February, when Boston University decided that Tom Ashbrook should not return to the program following an independent review that verified allegations he had created an abusive work environment during his tenure as host of the program.

*On Point* was born in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks in an effort to build a national dialogue around key issues. Though politics and breaking news are the show’s staples, it frequently veers into conversations around pop culture by bringing in writers, musicians, scientists, and artists to talk about their work and field listener questions.

Chakrabarti, who holds a graduate degree from Harvard and an MBA from BU’s Questrom School of Business, is a regular for both WBUR and NPR. She is the former host of *Radio Boston* and has appeared as a frequent fill-in voice on the midday program *Here & Now* and as the voice of the podcast *Modern Love*, a collaboration between WBUR and the *New York Times*.

“For the past 10 years, I’ve been lucky enough at WBUR to hone a style of journalism that combines a reporter’s dogged, enterprising approach along with the freshness and intensity of live conversation,” Chakrabarti says. “It’s a privilege to bring that to a national stage and to work with David, whom I’ve followed and admired for years.”

Folkenflik, NPR’s media correspondent, has been an NPR reporter for nearly 14 years. **DM**

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**POPPING THE QUESTION**

Anil Daibee (COM’10) and Swasti Shukla (CAS’11) met at Warren Towers a decade ago. When they visited Boston University September 15 to celebrate their 10 years together, Daibee took Shukla by surprise with a flash mob proposal. Who says romance is dead?