



## **ACLU of Wisconsin Recognizes Wisconsin Civil Liberties Defenders**

### **National Social Media Journalist Ana Marie Cox Featured Speaker**

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MILWAUKEE, WI – On Saturday, February 20, 2010 the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin members and supporters will recognize Wisconsin’s civil liberties defenders at the annual Bill of Rights Celebration. This year’s event will feature pioneering political journalist and founder of the [Wonkette Blog](#) Ana Marie Cox.

Cox, the “Wonkette Emeritus,” continues to shape the future of journalism across media, at her [personal blog](#) and on [Twitter](#) where she has more than 1.5 million followers. Cox is a frequent guest on [MSNBC’s Rachel Maddow Show](#) and broke new ground with live blogs of the State of the Union for GQ Magazine and the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” hearings for [The Awl](#).

This ACLU of Wisconsin event will honor the work of several outstanding organizations and compatriots in the fight to protect our freedoms.

The Eunice Z. Edgar Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to [The Progressive Magazine](#) in recognition of more than a century of incisive journalism. The Progressive was founded in 1909 by beloved Wisconsin Senator and civil libertarian Robert La Follette and is a voice for freedom. Projects like [“McCarthyism Watch”](#) exemplify the role of the press as a check on the actions of government and a defender of civil liberties and civil rights.

The William Gorham Rice Civil Libertarians of the Year Award will honor the West Bend Activists for Free Speech [who stood up to book burners](#) and [censorship](#) in their community.

Jack and Lucy Rosenberg Youth Civil Libertarian of the Year Award acknowledges the work and legacy of [Camp Everytown](#) for producing a generation of young Wisconsin leaders. Each summer high-school age participants receive intensive leadership training to help them become outspoken advocates against discrimination of every kind.

Tickets are still available. Go to our [website for more information on the event](#) and to [order](#)

[tickets online](#) or contact Marion Ecks by [email](#) or phone 414-272-4032 extension 18. For details about the event or to set up an interview with Ana Marie Cox, contact Laura Emir by email or at (414) 272-4032 extension 24.

The ACLU of Wisconsin has approximately 9,000 members who support its efforts to defend the civil liberties and civil rights of all Wisconsin residents. For more on the work of the ACLU of Wisconsin, visit our [webpage](#). You can also get news and opinion on civil liberties in Wisconsin on our [Cap City Liberty blog](#). Find us on [Facebook and Twitter at ACLUMadison and ACLUofWisconsin](#).

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