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Michael Leland Named News Director at Iowa Public Radio

Iowa Public Radio is pleased to announce that Michael Leland will join Iowa Public Radio as News Director, effective July 1.

“We are thrilled that Michael has agreed to join IPR to lead our news team,” said Myrna Johnson, Iowa Public Radio’s Executive Director. “Michael is a proven public radio news leader, and I look forward to working with him and the rest of the News team to grow IPR’s statewide news coverage.”

Leland is currently the News Director for Wisconsin Public Radio in Madison. Prior to Wisconsin Public Radio, Leland was the News Director for Michigan Radio and worked with Voice of America Radio. He has a BA in Management and Communications from Curry College and an MS in Journalism/Mass Communication from Kansas State University.

“I’m very excited to be joining IPR,” said Leland. “I think the strength of a statewide network is the ability to connect one region to another by reporting that resonates with people wherever they live. I admire the work the News team already does, and I’m looking forward to helping build on that to make IPR the best news source it can be for Iowa.”

Iowa Public Radio was organized in 2004 to manage stations licensed to Iowa State University, University of Iowa and University of Northern Iowa. This statewide public radio network (a total of 24 stations) now serves over 200,000 listeners with three programming streams: News, News/Studio One and Classical. For more information, or to listen online, see www.iowapublicradio.org.