

# Jimmy Williams takes reins as host of political podcast “DecodeDC”

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**CINCINNATI** – “DecodeDC,” the podcast that decodes the personalities and politics of Washington, D.C., has a new host at the helm. Lobbyist turned journalist and political commentator Jimmy Williams launched his first episode as host today.

“DecodeDC” offers in-depth insight and explanation of Washington’s people, culture, policies and politics through an entertaining weekly podcast, as well as its companion [website](#). The podcast was launched in 2012 and acquired by The E.W. Scripps Company (NYSE: SSP) in 2013.

“Jimmy Williams has an entertaining take on the method behind the madness of Washington, D.C.,” said Ellen Weiss, vice president and Scripps Washington Bureau chief. “His depth of experience in the political arena will elevate the level of reporting and conversation ‘DecodeDC’ listeners have come to expect from the show.”

“‘DecodeDC’ tackles the beast of Washington, D.C., a place that needs explaining in a desperate way,” said Williams. “Maybe by pulling back the curtain just a little bit, this podcast can play an important role in furthering the political and cultural discussion about what’s happening behind the scenes in D.C.”

Over his 23-year career, Williams has worked for Republicans and Democrats, as a political staffer and a lobbyist. He gave it all up and became a full-time political opinion journalist as founder and executive editor of the website Blue Nation Review and as an MSNBC political contributor. Williams can be found on Twitter @jimmyspolitics, sharing pictures of his 12-year-old yellow Lab Moses or calling out corrupt politicians.

“DecodeDC” is available on iOS devices via the native Podcasts app, via [iTunes](#) and at [decodedc.com](#).

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