

A Career Trajectory Plots Journalism's Path

EVENT PREVIEW: OCTOBER 15

by Sonya K. Fry

The story of Steve Shepard's career is the story of the news industry. Five decades ago he joined *BusinessWeek* as a reporter and then rose to the top editorial post as editor-in-chief for more than 20 years. After his departure, he saw the magazine collapse, another victim of the digital age. He rode journalism's ups and downs and now has written a memoir titled *Deadlines and Disruptions: My Turbulent Path From Print to Digital*, a story of upheaval, transition, and the future of news.

Journalism has gone through a radical change in delivery systems, advertising dollars and social media. As Founding Dean of the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism, Shepard has had to think about all these changes in order to prepare students for a journalism education in the digital age. Shepard said, "I have come to believe that digital technology will enrich journalism, creat-

ing an interactive, multimedia form of storytelling that can invite community participation. ... The real problem is not journalism, the defining issue is financial: the traditional business model that sustained journalism based on a lucrative stream of advertising and circulation revenue is eroding and it is not at all clear what will take its place."

In 2003 Alexis Gelber, President of the OPC, gave Shepard the President's Award at the annual dinner. The certificate read: "In recognition of his distinguished career in journalism and his exceptional stewardship of *BusinessWeek*...long before globalization became a buzzword, he understood the importance of international business coverage."

Shepard, a native New Yorker, or as he likes to say "a working-class kid from the Bronx," studied at City University of New York as an under-

A Revealing Memoir by *BusinessWeek*'s Former Editor
 "... A personal and insightful book about one of the most important questions of our time: how will journalism make the transition to the digital age?"
 —WALTER ISAACSON, best-selling author of *Steve Jobs*

DEADLINES AND DISRUPTION



My Turbulent Path from Print to Digital
 STEPHEN B. SHEPARD



Steve Shepard

graduate and he now has returned to his roots as dean of the new journalism school at CUNY. Shepard has been an OPC member since 1989.

Publisher's Weekly has picked the book as one of its Top Ten Business Books for the fall.

The OPC Book Night with Steve Shepard will take place on Monday, October 15 at Club Quarters, 40 West 45 Street. Reception begins at 6 p.m. followed by Shepard's talk at 6:30 p.m. Books will be available for purchase and signing. RSVP by calling the OPC at 212-626-9220 or e-mail boots@opcofamerica.org.

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Ford Increases OPC Grant Funds

by Susan Kille

At the OPC annual meeting on August 22, Executive Director Sonya Fry announced that the Ford Foundation has given the OPC a two-year grant of \$150,000, with \$100,000 to be used to help OPC expand its horizons by working with press clubs and media organizations

to discuss freedom of the press and safety issues. The grant will enable the OPC to make a bigger impact on a broader audience about the journalism challenges of the day, Fry said. The remaining \$50,000 is slated for Global Parachute, the OPC website that connects jour-

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Annual Meeting Bids Farewell to Two Committee Chairs

EVENT RECAP: AUGUST 22

by Aimee Vitrak

The annual member meeting convened on the second floor at Club Quarters on August 22 where members learned of the election results and other Club news.

New OPC member Gregory Morris counted the 62 ballots. Morris is the son of Dan Morris, a long-time OPC member. The elected Club officers are Michael Serrill, president; Tim Ferguson, first vice president; Abigail Pesta, second vice president; Toni Reinhold, third vice president; Dinda Elliott, treasurer; and Jonathan Dahl, secretary. See the updated masthead below for all board members. New member Gary Regenstreif from Reuters asked if a contested election would be invigorating for the Club and voter turnout. There was discussion about the possibilities of future elections to be more of a contest but no decision reached at the meeting.

The Club's accountant, Richard Sherman, was not there to deliver his address but OPC Executive Director Sonya K. Fry filled those present in on the financial health of the Club, which has improved. At the end of July 2011, the net worth figure — meaning the assets minus the liabilities of the Club — was \$126,730. At the end of July 2012, that figure rose to \$169,963. Sherman, as always, urged members to calibrate this progress and not let up on continued efforts to raise funds to remain a robust organization. Income from the dinner rose by almost \$17,000 and *Dateline* magazine, which has in recent years barely scraped by made more than \$10,500. Fry announced that the Ford Foundation has given the OPC a grant of \$150,000. See page 8 for details of how the funds might be spent over the next two years.

Larry Martz delivered his final address as OPC Freedom of the Press Committee chairman. After 19 years of service to the Club, he has decided to step down. His mission for the past year was to increase the number of features written for the OPC website and *Bulletin* and improve the Twitter and Facebook presence; he accomplished all of these items with the help of intern, Marissa Miller. The Committee wrote 54 letters of protest in the past year to governments around the world about the abuses of the press. See his final report on page 11.

Longtime Admissions Committee Chairman George Bookman stepped down from his post. Fellow committee member Linda Goetz Holmes will now lead the committee. See page 8 for more details.

OPC Foundation Executive Director, Jane Reilly and OPC Foundation President William J. Holstein delivered an update on the Foundation. This year, it will distribute 14 awards and eight internships at its annual luncheon, which is slated for February 2013.

This past year, the OPC launched an online-only awards application on opcofamerica.org and took in 520 entries. The application will be further honed along with development estimates for an online membership application, online voting, an improved membership database and a possible change of hosting provider that specializes in Drupal-based websites. The OPC's sister website, opcglobalparachute.org, launched officially in April and now looks to build membership and increase the content in the coming year to include up to 40 countries. The focus now for the Global Parachute team is increasing the site's visibility to attract journalists to join and participate in the site.

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OPC President Welcomes New Board Members

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I was honored on August 22 to accept the gavel that marks the beginning of my term as the new president of the Overseas Press Club of America. It is a position held in the past by people I greatly admire, including giants of journalism like Dick Stolley, Roy Rowan and Marshall Loeb.

I have been involved with the club for almost 20 years, initially lured by past president Allan Dodds Frank, a Columbia Journalism classmate whose father was also a long-time member of the OPC. I have watched the Club's fortunes ebb and flow. We barely scraped through the global financial crisis of 2008 and 2009, but we did get through thanks to the stalwart efforts of Executive Director Sonya Fry, Allan and past presidents Bill Holstein and David Andelman. Bill has been especially adept at creating new partnerships with global companies who support the goals of the Club: the advancement of international journalism and protection of journalists from the heavy hand of government censors and those who sometimes stoop to assault and murder.

No one has been more important to the Club's activities in defending freedom of the press around the world than retired *Newsweek* editor Larry Martz, who has served on the Club's Freedom of the Press committee for 20 years and recently as its chairman. Larry is giving up his post as chair of the committee, though we hope he will continue to help guide the committee as its work evolves over coming years. We thank him for his hard, and sometimes frustrating, work in trying to influence officials of various countries — including the United States — to leave journalists alone to do their work.

As you all know, the Club is actively helping to facilitate the reporting of international news through its Global Parachute project (opcglobalparachute.org), launched by Allan Dodds Frank with support from the Ford Foundation and now run by Executive Director Aimee Vitrak and Managing Editor Susan Kille. The Ford Foundation recently renewed its grant for Global Parachute, which provides vital information to reporters traveling around the world. We thank the Foundation for its continued support.

I also wish to salute my predecessor in this office, David Andelman of *World Policy Journal*, for his tremendous contribution to the OPC. Thanks, David, not just for helping to keep the ship afloat through hard times, but also for revitalizing the club through your sponsorship of new programs and awards and for insisting that we join the 21st century by going digital in all aspects of our annual awards program.

I look forward to working with the Club's other new



David Andelman passes the historic OPC gavel to Michael Serrill. Behind them are the election results.

officers, Vice Presidents Tim Ferguson, Abigail Pesta and Toni Reinhold, Treasurer Dorinda Elliott and Secretary Jonathan Dahl. All of them have already contributed greatly to the club in other positions. And I want to welcome all the new board members who are joining us — some for the first time, others for repeat performances — during what I hope will be a productive and entertaining two years

— Michael S. Serrill

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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Felice Levin
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Charles Wallace

Syria Is Perilous Assignment as Violence Escalates

by Susan Kille

While the *Bulletin* took a break for the summer, the International Press Institute's Death Watch added 13 names to its total of 37 journalists whose work in Syria cost them their lives this year. With IPI counting 93 deaths so far this year, the year could be the deadliest for journalists since IPI started keeping records in 1997.

Last year IPI recorded 102 journalists' deaths. The grimmest year was 2009, with 110 deaths — 31 in a single assault in the Philippines when 26 civilians also died in an ambush of an election convoy. Like too many murders of journalists, there has not yet been justice in the Philippines massacre; BBC reported in June the murder of the sixth person among witnesses, potential witnesses or their relatives killed since the case went to court in 2010.

The Syrian government heavily restricts reporting and issues few visas to journalists. Many report from Syria by slipping over the border, as did **Austin Tice**, a freelancer from Texas and a former Marine, who as the *Bulletin* was going to press, had not been heard from since Aug. 12. In late August, reports surfaced that the Syrian government was holding Tice but officials have not responded to inquiries. Tice reported from Syria for *The Washington Post*, McClatchy Newspapers, CBS News, al-Jazeera English and Agence France-Presse.

The Committee to Protect Journalists agrees Syria is the deadliest country for journalists but it counts 16 deaths there so far this year. CPJ lists a death only if it confirms a journalist was "murdered in direct reprisal for his or her work; was killed in crossfire during combat situations; or was killed while carrying out a dangerous assignment such as coverage of a street protest," but IPI also includes those who died by accident while on assignment. For example, IPI includes but CPJ does not the death of **Anthony Shadid**, an OPC member who breached barbed wire to enter Syria and died there February 16 apparently of a severe asthma attack while on assignment for *The New York Times*.

Restrictions against foreign reporters make reports and videos from activists and citizen journalists key to understanding the rising violence in Syria. The government and rebel forces both deny they target journalists, but on-the-ground reports differ.

Since the beginning of July, the IPI reported:

■ Freelance photographer **Mahmoud Hamdo Hallaq** was killed by shrapnel July 2 during shelling in Aleppo.

■ Citizen journalist and photographer **Alaa Umar Jumaa** was killed in the Kansaba region on the Turk-



Austin Tice has been missing in Syria since August 12.

ish/Syrian border by a mortar shell July 4.

■ **Ihsan al Buni**, a photographer for the *Al Thawra* daily was assassinated July 12 by a terrorist group in Damascus on his way to work.

■ **Ali Juburi al-Kaabi**, editor of Iraqi newspaper *Al Roaa*, and **Falah Taha**, a photojournalist for that paper, died in separate incidents July 18 while covering the Syrian regime and rebel clashes in Damascus.

■ **Mohamed al-Husni**, a cameraman and director of a media center in Homs, died of shrapnel injuries July 19 after a bomb blast in Homs.

■ **Mahmoud Sudqi Sekheta**, a citizen journalist and reporter for the Edlib news network, was tortured to death after being arrested by army forces. His dumped body was buried July 22 in Idlib province.

■ **Mohammed Al-Saeed**, a presenter on Syrian state television, was abducted from his home on July 19 and later killed. On August 3, an online posting reportedly from the Al Nusra Front, an Islamist militant group opposing the government, said Al-Saeed was interrogated and killed.

■ **Hatem Abu Yehya**, a cameraman for the pro-government Al Ikhbariya TV channel, was killed August 10 when opposition forces abducted him and three colleagues. The others were freed two days later.

■ **Ali Abbas**, head of the Internal News Department of the Syrian Arab News Agency, was murdered August 11 by members of an "armed terrorist group" at his home in Damascus, according to his employer.

■ **Bara'a Yusuf al-Bushi** of the pan-Arab satellite news channel Al Arabiya, was killed August 11 in a bomb attack while on assignment in Damascus. He was a Syrian national and army defector who also worked with other international news agencies.

■ **Mika Yamamoto**, a Japanese reporter, was killed on August 20 in Aleppo. She had covered the 2001 conflict in Afghanistan and the 2003 conflict in Iraq and was working for the Japan Press, an independent TV news provider that specializes in conflict zone coverage.

■ Media activist **Omar Hamed al-Zanil** was killed August 22 by shelling in Damascus.

Many journalists have been wounded in the conflict and others have been detained. "All sides fighting in Syria must ensure the safety of media personnel and respect their internationally recognized status as civilians," said Joel Simon, executive director of CPJ, calling for the release of detained journalists.

OPC SCHOLARS

Sarah Mishkin, the 2008 winner of the OPC Foundation's Emanuel R. Freedman Scholarship, is now the Taipei correspondent at the *Financial Times*. She was previously based in Hong Kong.

WINNERS

Lukpan Akhmedyarov, an investigative reporter in Kazakhstan who survived a vicious murder attempt, will receive the 2012 Peter Mackler Award for Courageous and Ethical Journalism on October 12 at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. Akhmedyarov, a reporter for the weekly *Uralskaya Nedelya*, is known for his coverage of corruption, human rights and government abuses. He was hospitalized for a month with a head injury, eight stab wounds to the lung, kidneys, and stomach, and gun pellet injuries after being attacked in April by two masked individuals. The award, which is administered by the Global Media Forum and Reporters Without Borders (RSF), honors the memory of **Peter Mackler**, a veteran journalist with Agence France-Presse. It rewards journalists who fight courageously and ethically to report the news in countries where freedom of the press is either not guaranteed or not recognized.

Duncan MacDonald is the recipient of the Wallace Award for 2012, to be presented by the American-Scottish Foundation at a dinner on November 9 at the University Club in New York City. She is being honored for



Lukpan Akhmedyarov

her leadership in establishing Tartan Day — April 6 — as a national observance and for organizing The Scottish Coalition USA, a group of Scottish-American organizations. Previous recipients include Sean Connery, the Forbes publishing family and former U.S. Sen. Trent Lott. MacDonald, a long-time member of the OPC who had worked for radio station WQXR, said she would not be able to attend the event because of recent hip surgery. Robert McWilliam, president of The Scottish Coalition USA, will accept the award on her behalf.

Tom Mboya and **Evanson Nyaga**, both from Kenya, earned the top prize at this year's CNN MultiChoice African Journalist 2012 Awards Ceremony for "African Tribe in India," a documentary that aired on Citizen TV and tells the story of an African tribe in Southern India. CNN posthumously awarded the Free Press Africa Award to **Enenche Akogwu** and **Zakariya Isa** for their work in Nigeria. Akogwu, a reporter for Channels TV, was shot dead by Islamic militants in January while covering a bomb blast. Isa, a cameraman for the Nigerian Television Authority, was killed October 2011 by Islamic militants who claimed Isa was spying for government authorities. Sixteen other awards were also presented.



From left: Nico Meyer, CEO Multi-Choice Africa; Evanson Nyaga, winner; Zambian Foreign Affairs Minister Given Lubinda; Tom Mboya, winner; and Parisa Khosravi, senior vice president for CNN Worldwide.

David Rohde, author, foreign affairs columnist for Reuters and

two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, was honored in July as the latest World Press Freedom Hero of the International Press Institute (IPI). While working for *The New York Times*, Rohde was kidnapped by the Taliban in 2008 and held until he escaped more than seven months later. In Trinidad during IPI's annual convention, the group awarded its Free Media Pioneer Award to *34 Multi-media Magazine*, a youth-oriented publication founded and published by **Iryna Vidanava** that changed to digital format when the repressive regime in Belarus shut down its print version. A special citation was given posthumously to **Sir Etienne Dupuch**, who was editor and publisher of the *Nassau Tribune* for 54 years — which IPI believes made him the world's longest serving editor.

PRESS FREEDOM

The Committee to Protect Journalists points out that Ecuador's decision to grant political asylum to **Juilian Assange**, the Wikileaks founder, "comes at a time when freedom of expression is under siege in Ecuador. President Rafael Correa's press freedom record is among the very worst in the Americas, and providing asylum to the WikiLeaks founder won't change the repressive conditions facing Ecuadorian journalists who want to report critically about government policies and practices."

CAIRO: Hours after **Islam Afifi**, chief-editor of *Al Dustour*, was arrested and held August 23 on charges of publishing "false information" and "insulting" the president, President Mohamed Morsi outlawed the pretrial detention of people accused of press crimes, effectively freeing one of his toughest critics. It was Morsi's first use of extensive legislative powers he granted himself

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earlier in the month. The directive appeared not to apply to another journalist, **Tawfiq Okasha**, who is being held for the more serious offence of “incitement to murder.”

NAYPYIDAW, Myanmar:

Press groups hailed the August 20 announcement that the government of Myanmar would no longer censor private publications, meaning journalists will not have to submit their work to censors before publication as they have for almost half a century. The move was seen major step toward media freedom in a country where military governments have tried for decades to control the flow of information.



Pussy Riot members sitting in a glass cage in the court room in Moscow, awaiting the verdict.

MOSCOW: In Russia’s most high-profile free speech case in years, three women who protested Vladimir Putin’s campaign to be re-elected as president, were convicted of hooliganism August 17 and sentenced to two years in a penal colony. The women, members of the punk rock group Pussy Riot, staged their protest in February at Moscow’s main Orthodox cathedral. The charges drew worldwide condemnation of constraints on political speech.

KUALA LUMPUR: One day after activists and bloggers staged “Internet Blackout Day,” Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak said he will review changes to the Evidence Act that critics say restrict free speech by making people unfairly liable for content published from networks and personal devices.

Many Malaysian websites and blogs displayed dark banners August 14 criticizing the change that went into effect in July. Malaysia is among countries on the list of Internet Enemies published in March by RSF.



A Red Cross photo shows the release of journalist Elida Parra Alfonso, center, by members of the National Liberation Army guerrilla.

BOGATA: Elida Parra Alfonso, a radio journalist who was also working in community relations for a company building a major oil pipeline in Colombia, was released August 13 after being held 20 days by the National Liberation Army, or ELN, the smaller of Colombia’s two main rebel groups. Parra and fellow captive **Gina Paola Uribe**, who also works on the Bicentennial Pipeline project, were handed over to a humanitarian delegation by ELN guerrillas after an overnight march through the jungle.

HANOI: Two former military officers, **Dinh Dang Dinh**, who became a high school chemistry teacher, and **Le Thanh Tung**, were sentenced in August to six and five years in prison, respectively, on anti-state charges for blog postings perceived as critical of the Communist Party-dominated government and its policies. RSF said similar cases were pending and Vietnam has jailed at least 19 other netizens, a term that describes citizens using the Internet to open access and advance free speech.

MALE, Maldives: Opposition broadcaster Raajje TV was forced

off the air August 7 when intruders broke into the television station and cut essential cables. The attack came two weeks after police accused the station of making false allegations against security forces. Raajje TV supports the Maldivian Democratic Party of Mohammed Nasheed, who was ousted as president in February.

MUSCAT, Oman: RSF condemned Oman for convicting 20 bloggers and Internet writers who have criticized the government. The sentences, handed out in early August, sent 12 activists to prison for a year for illegal assembly and for defaming the sultan. Eight were imprisoned for a year for defaming the sultan. All 20 were also fined up to 1,000 riyals, or \$2,600.

GAO, Mali: Jihadists reportedly beat **Abdoul Malick Ali Maïga**, a presenter on radio station Adar Koima, while he was broadcasting a news program on the evening of August 5 after Maïga commented on the fact that protesters prevented Islamists from amputating an accused thief’s hand that morning. **Oumarou Mohamed Lamine**, a colleague of Maïga, told RSF that Adar Koima is the last of six radio stations in Gao.



Robert Stolarik just prior to his arrest in August.

NEW YORK: RSF is urging that charges of obstructing government administration and resisting arrest be dropped against **Robert Stolarik**, a freelance photographer for *The New York Times*, who was beaten, handcuffed and had his equipment seized August 4 while photographing a street arrest in the Bronx. The police

have returned his equipment and restored his press credentials but the charges still stand.

ADDIS ABABA: Ethiopia's federal supreme court reduced columnist **Reyot Alemu's** jail sentence from 14 to five years in prison on August 3 after overturning her conviction on charges of receiving money from illegal sources, conspiring and possessing material for a terrorist act but upholding her conviction on another charge of the country's anti-terrorism law. The court ruled that the prosecution had proved that she was paid for her reporting by **Elias Kifle**, founder of the Ethiopian Review, an opposition news website based in the United States, but had failed to prove how much money changed hands or whether it was illegally obtained and wired from a terrorist group.



Reyot Alemu

BELGRADE: Press freedom groups praised Serbian President Tomislav Nikolic's August 3 pardon of **Laszlo Szasz**, a 69-year-old freelance journalist who was jailed in July after being unable to pay a fine of 150,000 dinars, or \$1570, after being convicted of insulting a far-right Hungarian politician. In a press release, the president cited "freedom of opinion" and said it was "inappropriate for a journalist to be imprisoned for making his own opinion public." While sparing Szasz jail time, the president did not quash the conviction.

LONDON: Twitter reinstated the account of **Guy Adams**, the Los Angeles correspondent for the British *Independent*, on July 31, two days after it suspended the account after NBC, which had been attracting criticism over its Olympics coverage, lodged a complaint about Adams



Guy Adams at the 2010 Oscars.

posting the e-mail address of a NBC executive. The incident did more damage to Twitter than to NBC, which said Twitter encouraged it to file the complaint. Adams returned to Twitter with many new followers.

HO CHI MINH CITY: The mother of a prominent Vietnamese blogger died July 31 after setting herself on fire to protest her daughter's detention on anti-state charges. **Dang Thi Kim Lieng**, the mother of **Ta Phong Tan**, set herself ablaze outside a government office and died en route to a hospital in Ho Chi Minh City, where her daughter was due to stand trial August 7. The trial was later delayed.

ISTANBUL: **Ahmet Sık**, a journalist facing trial for an alleged plot to overthrow the government, was charged July 31 with being a member of a terrorist organization and threatening and defaming the judiciary, according to the DHA news agency. It said a court accepted an indictment from prosecutors seeking a seven-year prison term for the new charges against Sık, who was released in March after awaiting trial in a case involving alleged plots against Turkey's government.



Ahmet Sık

ADDIS ABABA: In late July, when the opposition weekly newspaper *Feteh* was prevented from being printed for the second week in a row on grounds of "inciting national

insecurity and endangering the government and the public." Ethiopian journalists linked the ban to stories on the health of Prime Minister **Melges Zenawi**, who had not been seen in public since June. At the time, the government denied Zenawi was critically ill but did say he had been in a hospital. Zenawi died August 20.

TEL AVIV: Under the terms of a plea agreement, **Uri Blau**, the investigative reporter for *Haaretz* who used stolen classified military documents in reports accusing the Israeli army of defying a High Court ruling against targeted killings, pleaded guilty July 24 to possessing classified information without intent to harm state security. In exchange, Blau is expected to be sentenced to four months of community service when the court reconvenes in September. International press groups said they were relieved Blau would not face up to seven years in jail under the original charges but remained angry that any charges were made against the journalist. The former soldier who leaked the documents to Blau is serving a four-and-a-half year prison term.

ADDIS ABABA: **Eskinder Nega**, the Ethiopian journalist, blogger and winner of the 2012 PEN America's Freedom to Write prize, was sentenced July 13 to 18 years in jail for having violated the country's anti-terrorism legislation through his reporting. The court was filled with family, diplomats and journalists as **Eskinder** and **Andualem Arage**, an opposition activist given a life term, heard their sentences.



Eskinder Nega

Eskinder spent his high school and college years in the United States but returned to Ethiopia in 1991 where he started his first newspaper in 1993. He has been re-

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peatedly detained by the Ethiopian government and turned to publishing online after his last newspaper was closed in 2007.

MEXICO CITY: Three news outlets in northern Mexico came under attack by gunfire and grenades on July 10, in what is seen as effort to silence reporting on criminal groups. The attacks damaged the offices but caused no injuries. Two of the attacks were against weekly supplements of the daily *El Norte*, a Monterrey-based newspaper owned by the largest print media company in Mexico, Grupo Reforma. The attack came one day after *El Norte* published a report on an organized crime ring. The third newspaper attacked was *El Mañana* in Nuevo Laredo, across the border from Laredo, Texas. After it was attacked on May 11, *El Mañana* ran an editorial stating it would no longer publish stories about organized crime. It reiterated that policy after it was attacked in July. In 2006, gunmen shot an *El Mañana* reporter five times and threw a hand grenade into the newsroom. The reporter is in a wheelchair and the case is unsolved.

CAIRO: The International News Safety Institute held its first safety training for women journalists in June. The two-day course, sponsored by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was taught by female security trainers. The training follows the March publication of INSI's book *No Woman's Land — On the Frontlines With Female Reporters*.

MURDERS

Pawan Kumar, a journalist for Global News Network, was killed August 13 while working on a report about drug dealers in the northwestern Indian city of Hardoi. According to a colleague, Kumar was driving behind a truck that he believed held illegal drugs when the driver of the truck realized he was being fol-

lowed, stopped the truck and then shot Kumar in an altercation.

Two Somali journalists died August 12 in separate incidents in Mogadishu. A man dressed as a high school student shot and killed **Yusuf Ali Osman**, a veteran reporter who was serving as a director in Somalia's Ministry of Information, as he walked to work. Another journalist, **Mohamud Ali**, was reported killed by a stray bullet as soldiers guarding a stadium fought during a soccer match. Another media professional, **Abdi Jeylani Malaq**, an actor, comedian and producer, was killed July 31 by unidentified gunmen, as he was about to enter his Mogadishu home. Malaq, who worked for Universal TV, wrote and performed in popular television dramas where he used humor to criticize the federal transitional government and armed groups, including Al-Shabaab.

Ghazwan Anas, 27, an Iraqi news presenter for the al-Mosul satellite television channel, was shot and killed when gunmen burst into his home in Mosul on July 30 as he and his family were breaking their fast for the day. His wife was seriously wounded and his mother and 4-month-old son were also injured. The Journalistic Freedoms Observatory reported he likely was targeted for his work, which included poking fun at politicians.

Santosh Gupta, managing director of Radio Bindaas FM in Nepal, was found dead July 7. IPI reported that details of his death and its motive were unclear but are being investigated by press groups. Gupta had founded the radio station three months earlier.

Valerio Luiz de Oliveira, a sports reporter, was killed July 6, as he was leaving a radio sta-



Yusuf Ali Osman



Valerio Luiz de Oliveira

tion in Goinania, Brazil. According to local newspaper *Diário da Manhã*, a man on a motorcycle pulled up to Luiz's car as he was leaving the station and fired seven shots into the driver's side window.

UPDATES

NEW YORK: **George Bookman**, who has served admirably as chairman of OPC's Admission Committee for so many years that no one can remember how long, is stepping down as chair. After at least 10 years and perhaps as many as 15 as chairman, Bookman will continue to serve on the committee but **Linda Goetz Holmes** took over the responsibilities of heading the work of the committee on September 1. Others serving on the committee are **Felice Levin**, **Robert Nickelsberg** and **Charles Wallace**.



The Paul Klebnikov Fund and the Harriman Institute at Columbia University have created a joint program called the Paul Klebnikov Russian Civil Society Fellowship. This permanent fellowship honors the legacy and work of **Paul Klebnikov**, an American journalist and editor



Paul Klebnikov

of *Forbes Russia*, who was assassinated in Moscow in 2004. Since Klebnikov's death, the fund has given dozens of Russian journalists internships in major Western news operations, sent law professors to teach in foreign classrooms and staged discussions on Russian current events that have been attended by thousands of people.



OPC member **Tom Curley** retired in mid-August as president and chief executive of The Associated Press. He has been replaced by

The Martin Family Journalism Torch Is Passed

by William J. Holstein

I'll never forget trying to get into Afghanistan in January 1980 after the Soviets had invaded. Like some other journos, I went up to Peshawar, Pakistan, the last city before the Khyber Pass, and then hitched a ride with a stoned Scottish truck driver up to the border at Torkham. The border was closed, and the last American correspondent who had gotten through was: **Bradley Martin** of the *Baltimore Sun*. I thought to myself, "he must be a hell of a guy."

Turns out he was. He and his wife, **Hideko Takayama**, became good friends when my wife and I were transferred to Beijing for United Press International in 1981. Hideko gave birth to a baby boy, Alexander. When we went to the Martin home, Bradley would bounce the young one up and down on his knee while singing. Bradley went on to work for the *Asian Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek* and Bloomberg in Tokyo.

Recently, more than 30 years after watching Alexander being bounced up and down, I saw a byline pop up in *The Wall Street Journal* — **Alexander Martin**. I immediately dug up Bradley's e-mail and ask whether it is the same Alexander Martin. "That is indeed the same lad but I doubt you'd want to bobble him on your knee these



Bradley Martin, left and his son, Alexander, above, in a Facebook photo.

days," the elder Martin answered. He must be as nearly as big as his father, who is a man of some consideration. Dow Jones hired Alexander after he had spent five years at the *Japan Times*, the English-language newspaper. Dow Jones is merging its various bureaus so Alexander works for the newswire and for the *Journal* at the same time.

As to what the elder Martin is doing, he left his last full-time news job Bloomberg in Tokyo in 2009 but has continued to freelance. He had a teaching gig in Alaska for a year or so but has now relocated to Hawaii. "I like the idea of completely changing careers every 20 or 30 years," Martin wrote. "Takes me longer and longer to write simple pieces due mainly to boredom. Been there, done that."

Having written extensively on North Korea, he particularly enjoys writing North Korean analysis pieces for Global Post and he is finishing a novel called *Nuclear Blues*, set in North Korea and with a journalist protagonist. His wife **Susan Rose Stanga** (they were married in 2007), is a novelist and works with Bradley on plot development. They divide the year between homes at Lake Nojiri in Nagano, Japan and Naalehu, Hawaii. Bradley intends to begin reporting on Hawaii that could conceivably lead to another book, either fiction or nonfiction.

Gary Pruitt, an AP board member and former chairman and CEO of the McClatchy Company, who becomes the 13th leader of AP in its 166-year history. Curley joined the AP from *USA Today* in 2003.



Gary Pruitt

he was leaving the BBC after the London Olympics. Thompson will take over in November at the Times company, which has been without a chief executive since **Janet L. Robinson** departed last December.

George Entwistle, who is currently director of BBC Vision, will take over as director general of the BBC on September 17.

After months of rumors, **Mark Thompson**, the outgoing director general of the BBC, on August 14 was named president and chief executive of the New York Times Co. Thompson, who rose through the editorial ranks of the BBC, had announced earlier



Mark Thompson

Raney Aronson-Rath, who won an OPC award as part of a Frontline team for a 2004 project on AIDS among India's sex workers, was appointed deputy executive producer of Frontline. That makes her the heir



Raney Aronson-Rath

apparent to **David Fanning**, a multiple OPC award winner, who has led the television documentary series since its founding 30 years ago.

Aronson-Rath joined Frontline in 2007 and had previously worked at ABC News and at *The China Post* in Taiwan.



Anthony Lawrence

HONG KONG: **Anthony Lawrence**, who was "BBC's man in the Far East" in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, celebrated his 100th birthday

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Mary Novick, Former Club Manager, Dies at 83

by Sonya K. Fry

Mary Novick, 83, died on July 27, after a battle with cancer. Novick was OPC Manager for 22 years. She was warmly applauded at her retirement luncheon at the Williams Club on June 14, 1994 and was presented with a gold bracelet and charm inscribed “OPC 1972 – 1994.”

“She was very proud of her career with the OPC,” said Novick’s son Frank. He said she always looked forward to receiving the *Bulletin* and that photos from her time with the OPC were displayed at her services.

Speaking as one of the many Club Presidents who worked with Novick, **Larry Smith** remarked on how “strong and courageous — and compassionate — Mary has been.” Long-time OPC member **George Burns** gave an amusing rendition of OPC history adding, “Mary was like a granite rock on the seashore these 22 years, as waves and waves of presidents and officers just wash up past her, fling themselves on the beach, and wash back into the ocean and disappear — and she remains.” Also former President **John Corporon** said, “She helped keep the OPC together during some dark days of the organization.”

Novick lived in Ridgewood, Queens, and is survived by her son Frank, daughter-in-law Renee and grandson, Frank, Jr. She was predeceased by her sons Patrick and Robert.

Sonya Fry, who became manager of the Club after



Novick’s retirement recalled, “Mary asked if I could help with registration for the D-Day Memorial program at the Grand Hyatt. I had not officially started working yet, but was willing to lend a hand. A very familiar voice came up to me at the table and said a few words before he introduced himself. Without even looking up I knew it was Walter Cronkite — who would not recognize the voice of the ‘most trusted man in America?’ I knew this job was going to be great from this very first day.

“A few weeks later I officially started at the OPC office, which in June 1994 was located in Tudor City near the United Nations at the eastern end of 42nd Street, Mary introduced me to Lili Lee, the invaluable office assistant and then we went to the Bowery Savings Bank where the OPC had its accounts. That ornate building is now the Cipriani catering hall. Mary introduced me to all the officers and tellers — everyone seemed to know and be pleased to see Mary when she came into the bank. When we got back to the OPC office, much to my surprise, she said that I was now on my own. Mary’s parting words: ‘You will do just fine. All you really need is a strong back.’ The last statement is in reference to all the schlepping that the manager of the Club does. I spent the next few weeks cleaning Mary’s desk before my first board meeting when the schlepping began in earnest.”

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August 12 at a well-attended party in his honor at the Foreign Correspondents’ Club. Lawrence is a founding member, a former president and still active in the FCC. He joined the BBC in 1945 in London and was posted to Singapore in 1956 before being transferred to Hong Kong in 1958. He retired in Hong Kong in 1973, but made occasional contributions to BBC, including its live coverage in 1997 of the celebrations of Hong Kong’s transition from British to Chinese rule in 1997.



Douglas Wong, the Asia legal

editor at Bloomberg News, was elected president of the Foreign Correspondents’ Club of Hong Kong. **Tara Joseph**, a multimedia journalist with Reuters, was elected first vice president and **Francis Moriarty**, senior reporter at Radio Television Hong Kong, will continue as second vice-president. OPC member **Keith Bradsher**, the Hong Kong bureau chief for *The New York Times*, was re-elected to the Board of Governors. Thirty nominees ran for 17 posts.



Douglas Wong

PEOPLE REMEMBERED

It’s been a grim year for the

fabled journalists who covered the Vietnam War for The Associated Press. Correspondent **George Esper** died in February, writer **Roy Essoyan** a month later. **Horst Faas**, the legendary photographer, passed away in May. And now, **Malcolm Browne**.

Browne, a reporter who won a Pulitzer Prize and who captured one of the most memorable photos of the Vietnam War, died August 27 after a struggle with Parkinson’s disease.

On June 11, 1963 at a political protest against South Vietnam’s U.S.-supported government, Browne captured his now-iconic photos of a Buddhist’s monk’s self-immolation.

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After 19 Years of Service, Martz Signs Off as FOP Chairman

by Larry Martz

As promised last year, your Freedom of the Press Committee has attempted to broaden its activities and we have been partially successful.

We have written many more articles touching on press freedom for the OPC website and the *Bulletin*. We organized another discussion forum for the website, this one exploring what it takes to qualify as a journalist and whether bloggers, new media writers and the like have rights to cross police lines, shield their sources and the like.

We have written 54 of our traditional letters protesting abuses of the press to governments around the world, including our own. As I said last year, this represents no increase, and we did not plan one; we were keeping the franchise alive while exploring added activities.

The year's major initiative came in trying to exploit the new social media, including Facebook and Twitter, to generate traffic for our Web site, raise the profile of the OPC and, of course, increase general interest in

the cause of press freedom. With the help of an intern, Marissa Miller, we posted actively all last summer and most of the fall. During that time, the OPC's Twitter following rose to more than 600 — not a lot by movie-star standards, but more than twice what it had been. I judged that to be a moderate success, but the effort would benefit from a stronger voice in the Tweets and a more provocative choice of subjects. I hope the experiment will continue.

As I also said a year ago, this will be my last appearance as chair of the Freedom of the Press Committee. After 19 years on the job, with a couple off to be president of the club, I am simply burned out, and the committee needs new leadership with the fire and dedication that the late Norman Schorr brought to it for so many years. My hat is off to him, and to all the members of the committee who have given time and energy to the cause over the years. Thanks to all of them, and to the club for its support.

And goodbye.

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The photo appeared around the world and reportedly prompted President John F. Kennedy to re-evaluate U.S. policy in Vietnam. Browne was a chemist who was drafted into the Army during the Korean War and eventually assigned to write for *Stars and Stripes*.

After his discharge he joined the AP in Baltimore and in 1961 went to Saigon as bureau chief. In 1964, Browne shared a Pulitzer Prize for reporting on Vietnam with **David Halberstam** of *The New York Times*. Browne later joined the *Times*, where he worked for 30 years, in war zones and in South America, Europe and South Asia before he began to write about science.



From a sequence of images taken by **Malcolm Browne**, one of which won the World Press "Best News Picture of the Year" award in 1963, a Buddhist Monk set himself on fire in Saigon.



Browne, left, with AP photographer **Horst Faas** in Saigon April 3, 1964. Faas, an OPC member, died May 10.

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ists around the globe through an exchange of on-the-ground insight and information. Previous Ford funding was instrumental in launching Global Parachute and the new grant assures its continued growth.

The Ford Foundation has been generous to journalism through an initiative to experiment with "approaches to preserve and advance high-quality journalism." In May, the *Los Angeles Times* received the foundation's first grant to a for-profit newspaper: the paper is using its two-year, \$1.04-million grant to hire five beat reporters to cover prisons, immigrant communities, the area along the Mexican border and Brazil. In July, *The Washington Post* was given a one-year \$500,000 grant to strengthen reporting on government accountability. Both grants are renewable. The grants fall under a Ford initiative that will be giving out \$10 million a year, mostly to public media, but a spokesman said other for-profit news outlets may receive awards.

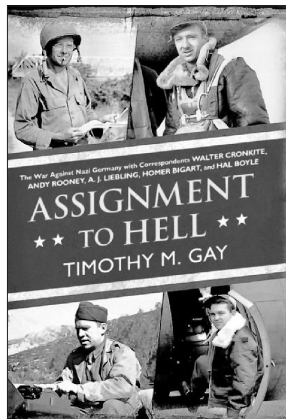
New Books

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IN ASSIGNMENT TO HELL:

The War Against Nazi Germany With Correspondents Walter Cronkite, Andy Rooney, A.J. Liebling, Homer Bigart, and Hal Boyle [NAL Caliber, May 2012], Timothy M. Gay tells the story of five war correspondents who witnessed the war against Hitler's forces, hauled portable typewriters into battlegrounds, worked to scoop each other and wrangled their stories past censors.

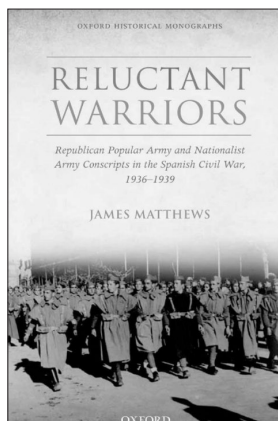
While many Americans may associate **Ernie Pyle** with reporting from World War II, OPC members know Pyle was one of hundreds. Gay said he chose these five — **Homer Bigart** of the *New York Herald Tribune*; **Hal Boyle** of The Associated Press; **Walter Cronkite**, who was then writing for the United Press wire service; **A.J. Liebling** of *The New Yorker* magazine; and **Sgt.**



Andy Rooney of *Stars and Stripes* — because they were “a journalistic band of brothers.” They were competitors but their paths often crossed and they became friends. The book is a journal-

istic history filled with details about how these men lived, worked and covered the biggest story of their lives. Gay, a historian, is the author of two baseball histories.

The title of *Assignment to Hell* comes from the reply that Gay says Bigart received when he asked Cronkite what lede he had in mind after being in the belly of a B-17 Flying Fortress during a bombing raid over Germany. Cronkite answered: “I think I’m going to say...that I’ve just returned from an assignment to hell, a hell at 26,000 feet above the earth, a hell of burning tracer bullets and bursting gunfire. ...”



tionalist Army Conscripts in the Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939 [Oxford Historical Monographs, September 2012]. The book by **James Matthews**, who won the OPC Foundation’s 2010 Emmanuel R. Freedman Scholarship, is a comparative study of conscripts of the Nationalist Army and of the Republican

Popular Army and it analyses the conflict from the perspective of those who fought involuntarily. While partisans on both sides willingly took up arms, millions of men found the war an unwanted intrusion into their lives. Matthews’s research finds a key factor in the war’s outcome is that the Nationalist Army managed conscripts better than the Republican Popular Army.

Matthews was born in Lisbon and grew up between Spain and Portugal. He won an OPC internship in the Sao Paulo Reuters bureau. He has a doctorate from Oxford, spent last year at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey, and next year will be a Marie Curie Intra-European Fellow at University College, Dublin, working on post-First World War social conflict in Spain.

— by Susan Kille

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