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This year, 2011, has so far been a fraught four months for America’s foreign correspondents around the globe—a period rich with possibilities and filled with new dangers that have snared so many of our colleagues and cost several of their lives. We are here tonight to celebrate the accomplishments of last year, but looking back we must also look forward. Next year at this time we will no doubt be rewarding reportage and commentary from new datelines—Cairo and Tripoli, Bahrain, Yemen and Japan.

The work of the Overseas Press Club neither begins nor ends this evening. Throughout the year, the revenue generated tonight by our guests, sponsors and advertisers helps our Freedom of the Press Committee engage governments around the world who mistreat journalists. In the coming year, we hope added revenues from our awards process will help us dispatch a member of this committee to confront these governments in person.

Thanks to a seed grant from the Ford Foundation, and under the leadership of my predecessor, Alan Dodds Frank and Aimee Vitak, we have also embarked on the Global Parachute Project to create a website with tips and contacts for journalists in every country as they travel the world. Of course, we should also recognize the host of conversations, book nights and training sessions that continue to enrich the lives of our members and guests year-round.

Finally, the Overseas Press Club Foundation, which for 19 years has awarded scholarships and internships to the most promising young students of journalism, has expanded its programs with two new offerings—the Jerry Flint Scholarship for International Business Reporting and the Walter & Betsy Cronkite Scholarship. We hope friends of these extraordinary individuals will help us enrich these scholarships.

So as we call each award winner to the dais to celebrate his or her accomplishments, we hope you will all bear in mind how important they should also recognize the host of conversations, book nights and training sessions that continue to enrich the lives of our members and guests year-round.

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Bill Keller:  
*Member, Foreign Correspondents’ Tribe*

*BY MARCUS MABRY*

Bill Keller, executive editor of *The New York Times*, said of foreign correspondence: “I am a great believer in luck, and he’s doing wonderful things with his luck — but Jesus Christ, the guy lands in Cairo on his first foreign assignment, and he had been there about 15 minutes and had had two revolutions and one civil war — so far!

“You can’t beat story karma,” Keller says.

After 16 years as an editor and brief stint as an editorial page columnist, Keller still says, “I think of foreign correspondents really as my tribe, more than editors.”

Like many of us, Keller, 62, a Pulitzer Prize winner in 1989 for his reporting on the Soviet Union and the Armenian earthquake, has a travelogue of horrors. Only in his case, the near-misses and tragic calls of the last several years have borne the bylines and datelines of his reporters and photojournalists: John Burns, Jeffrey Gettleman and Lynsey Addario in Iraq, Barry Bearak in Zimbabwe, Joao Silva and David Rohde in Afghanistan. They are all Times staffers or contractors taken hostage or injured while working.

“I don’t think you ever get used to it,” says Keller of the anxiety when a colleague’s luck runs out. “With the exception of Sultan Munadi who was killed in the rescue when the British commandos rescued Steve Farrell [in Afghanistan in 2009], we’ve been pretty lucky, these things have ended well. In the case of David Rohde, miraculously well — seven months and then he climbs down a rope and escapes, how often does that happen?

“When I was in Kabul last October, [Times foreign editor] Susan Chira and I went to visit Sultan’s parents.... and they were still working through it and I remember sitting in their house and thinking any one of these could have ended that way.”

Kabul is a long way from the all-boys Catholic high school in San Mateo, California, where Keller first caught the journalism bug. “You could actually sneak little tidbits of unauthorized information into the school paper, and that’s when I really knew I kind of liked it,” he says. Yet, when he started at Pomona College, he was a chemistry major, “out of deference to my father,” an MIT-trained engineer who was dubious that anything but a math or science degree could lead to gainful employment.

Keller says his father finally understood the merit of journalism when the elder Keller, then an oil company executive, had to testify before Congress and his son, a Washington correspondent, explained the workings of the capital to him. “It was the first time that he was acutely aware that I knew something better than he did,” says Keller. “From then on, I think he was proud of me in a way he maybe hadn’t been before, which made me very happy because in some ways I’m a lot like him.”

George M. Keller, who as chairman and CEO of Standard Oil of California, oversaw its merger with Gulf to form Chevron in the 1980s, died in 2008.

“The thing that’s always most appealed to me about newspapers,” Keller says, “was the figuring-it-out aspect: going into a complicated story or a complicated place and studying it enough so that you thought you more or less understood it, and then explaining it fairly clearly. I always say that my favorite reaction to a story is not, ‘I didn’t know that,’ it’s ‘Gee, I never thought of it that way before.’ And that’s an editor’s frame of mind. I think in that respect I take after my father. So obviously I craved his approval, at least in that one area, and was glad I got it.”

Marcus Mabry is the first vice president of the OPC and editor at large at the International Herald Tribune, the Paris-based global edition of *The New York Times*. He is a former foreign correspondent for Newsweek, and author of the book, Twice as Good: Condoleezza Rice and Her Path to Power.
Please help us build the OPC Global Parachute Project, a new web-based community designed to support journalists who want to work abroad. Thanks to a start-up grant from the Ford Foundation, we have produced the prototype first step of what the OPC hopes will evolve into a rich globe girdling interactive data exchange community for news practitioners.

Visit www.opcglobalparachute.org and make a contribution—and I do not mean write a check. The OPC urges you to share your wisdom by sharing your usual insight and humor: your best stories from the library, the bar and the field under fire. On the website, you will see some terrific short essays from overseas veterans offering guidance on how to avoid pitfalls and make the most of an assignment, despite the foibles of coverage in any given country.

Please pass on a nugget of what you have learned while working abroad to others who yearn to follow in your footsteps. Feel free to comment about advice from others and, above all, please try to encourage and engage all who still want to bring us news from abroad. As fulltime news staffs are stretched thin, the need for the OPC Global Parachute becomes more urgent by the day. As recent events in the Middle East and Japan prove, expertly reported news from abroad is vital to all.

Send an email to OPC Global Parachute Executive Director Aimee Vittrak at aimee@opcofamerica.org with your essay, and, if you like, your photograph and links to your website or work.

In its first phase, the OPC Global Parachute project has essays covering about 20 countries from various generations of journalists, as well as a first iteration of build-out of data and contacts for Cuba, Thailand, Turkey and Yemen.

This OPC project Global Parachute project is designed to enhance the ability of individual correspondents to report from other countries by providing information on how to get established on the ground in the safest, most intelligent, efficient and reliable ways possible, especially in areas of turmoil caused by wars, ethnic conflict and large-scale natural disasters.

Think of the sage advice of old so often delivered by seasoned correspondents to rookies in hotel bars in faraway datelines. We want to keep alive that tradition of imparting practical wisdom from one generation to the next in our virtual newsroom salon. By sharing tricks of the trade, the OPC hopes to provide more accurate and perceptive news coverage for everyone. People willing to share their experiences, insights, recommendations and perhaps even contacts from different countries will be posting.

We also foresee journalists indigenous to a particular country being eager to co-operate with OPC Global Parachute in hopes of getting work from U.S. individual journalist-entrepreneurs and U.S. news organizations.

Basic country data, including in-country media, government, NGO, academic and business contacts, will be available in addition to password-protected channels for individuals to share sensitive information. Among its features, the OPC Global Parachute project will include contact information, biographies, locations, assignments being sought, etc. for participating journalists. It will be interactive for requests for advice, background or contacts about coverage from a particular country. This information may be restricted to those with whom the providers elect to share the data.

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I was attacked today when I tried to protect some foreigners.” The Facebook message arrived in my inbox early afternoon Pacific time. It was evening in Cairo on Feb. 4, the pivotal “Day of Anger” that would ultimately lead to the downfall of the regime. The young woman who sent the message was a graduate of the Adham Center for Journalism Training and Research at The American University in Cairo, which I ran for four years until 2009. At that moment, pitched battles were underway in Tahrir Square and the streets of downtown Cairo, as pro-Mubarak thugs unleashed a wave of violence against the crowds of protesters—using Molotov cocktails, rocks, machetes, and even guns—which would claim almost 400 lives.

“A strange looking woman started yelling in the street when she saw two foreigners,” my former student told me. “She kept saying ‘These are Israelis. Kill them. These are foreigners. They are ripping off our country’” Around 10 men grabbed them. I was with a judge and we started yelling at the people. I intentionally started shouting at the woman to distract the men. She ended up throwing stones at me! I guess we are at war with the regime right now.”

I had covered scores of wars and revolutions in my thirty years as a reporter and heard many such first-hand accounts. The difference this time was that I was 7,000 miles away. For 18 days, I had a digital front-row seat to the revolution, played out in real-time in an avalanche of e-mails, tweets, Facebook postings, and Skype exchanges with Adham Center graduates and former instructors, as well as professional journalists and bloggers who had participated in the Center’s external training programs. In the process, I witnessed the way in which Arab reporters are adapting the ideals of American-style journalism to the realities of the region’s tumultuous political landscape.

“It is a way of bearing witness to these historic events,” said Abdallah Hassan of his work shooting footage of the demonstrations for Time.com. “I guess I am there as an observer-participant in some sense. We all want freedom, justice, and democracy. Everyone deserves that.” Hassan, who has graduate journalism degrees from AUC and Columbia and had just completed a Reuters fellowship at Oxford, found himself facing a disconnect between the Western journalistic ideals he had learned in the classroom and the reality on the streets of his country. “Being a completely detached reporter doesn’t seem like the moral thing to do on a personal level.”

He was not alone. “I’m not reporting because I can’t be detached. I’m pro the democracy movement with all my heart,” said Sara El-Khalili, the woman who sent the Facebook note attached. “I’m pro the democracy movement with all my heart. This is our country. Everyone has to present it to the world. Proud #Egypt #Jan25.”

But when she glimpsed the revolt through the prism of the older Adham alums who are the role models for these young journalists were likewise caught up in the emotion. Columnist Mona El-Tahawi was a ubiquitous presence on American television screens, voicing outrage at the regime. Yosri Fouda, the host of an influential nightly current affairs program on a private Egyptian satellite channel and one of the first Adham alums, sent this tweet the day Mubarak was forced from office: “Wish I was in Tahrir Sq now but somebody has to present it to the world. Proud #Egypt #Jan25%.”

Olfa Tantawi, a former reporter for Egyptian TV who is now finishing her Ph.D. at AUC, was struck by the differences between what she saw on television and the events she witnessed in Tahrir Square. “Everybody is there right now including my 70-year-old aunt. Despite the attacks and the fear we all feel safe and happy,” she wrote in a Facebook note mid-way into the protests. But when she glimpsed the revolt through the prism of the very media that was the focus of her career, that euphoria...
dissipated. “Behind the safe doors of my house, suddenly it was a vacuum of fear. We had to watch the Egyptian media’s false propaganda,” while on the international satellite channels, “the intense focus is on the fights, the bloodshed and the terror. Suddenly in my safe warm home, I am worried, afraid and unsure.”

Links between Adham graduates and some of the international journalists who taught there proved vital when the story first broke. Abdullah Hassan was shooting in Tahrir Square for Craig Duff, director of multimedia at Time and a former Knight International Journalism Fellow at the Adham Center. Former faculty member Yasir Khan, now at Al Jazeera English, quickly linked several former students with Al Jazeera’s teams in Cairo when the protests began. And others of us connected former students with Canadian TV, Spanish news organizations, and the Australian media.

Much has been written about the role of social media in the Egyptian revolution. No one was more amazed than those of us who watched its early inroads in Egypt. Duff recalls a workshop he led in 2007. “I told the journalists that day that text and mobile service were likely to be a much more practical method of news dissemination than fancy web graphics and robust flash pages (even web video) which would reach only a small fraction of the population who had access to broadband,” he says. “But I could never have envisioned how true that was — and how I would greatly benefit, sitting in my office in midtown Manhattan, from the many mobile devices in all those hands in Tahrir Square.”

Several of the digital activists who would emerge as leading online voices of the protest were part of a group of influential bloggers we sent to the U.S. to cover the 2008 elections under a USAID-funded project called “Egypt Blogs America.” Among them was Wael Abbas, famous for sparking a national controversy by posting on YouTube footage of Egyptian police torturing a taxi driver.

Six months after the U.S. elections, we arranged for the bloggers to attend President Obama’s speech in Cairo. “It’s devastating that a man like Obama is coming to Egypt to reinforce the oppressive policies of President Hosni Mubarak,” Abbas wrote afterwards in a post on the project website. “It’s like saying we believe in democracy but not here.”

When the protests erupted, Abbas became a digital crossroads, providing a minute-by-minute account for his 20,000 Twitter followers, with those observations spreading virally to countless more.

Bloggers like Abbas, who straddled the line between political activism and journalism, were well aware of the dangers they faced. “I have been battling fatigue for not sleeping properly for the past 10 days, moving from one friend’s house to another friend’s house, almost never spending a night in my home, facing a very well-funded and well-organized ruthless regime that views me as nothing but an annoying bug that it’s time to squash will come,” the blogger Sandmonkey, another participant in the U.S. elections project, said in a posting as the violence by pro-Mubarak forces reached a crescendo.

“I told the journalists that day that text and mobile service were likely to be a much more practical method of news dissemination than fancy web graphics and robust flash pages ... ”
“What’s next?,” I asked him in a late-night direct message tweet. “Mubarak resigns. Omar Suleiman takes over interim government, only way out,” he replied. Moments later, he headed for Tahrir Square to deliver medical supplies to the injured. He never made it. He was intercepted by internal security, his car was destroyed, and he was briefly detained. His Twitter account was hacked, his blog, The Rantings of a Sandmonkey, pulled down, and his phone stolen. That set off a flurry of tweets among the blogging community as people tried to find out where he was being held.

He would re-emerge the following morning, defiant, revealing his real name publicly for the first time. Days later, Sandmonkey—aka Mahmoud Salem—posted a manifesto for a new opposition political party on his reconstituted blog.

“I couldn’t be more proud to be an Egyptian,” journalist Dina Basiony, both a graduate of the Adham Center and head of some of its external training programs, told me in a message after Mubarak stepped down. “Some people used to feel strange in their own country as if they didn’t belong to it, now they own their country. Some people used to feel alone, now a sense of community among the millions overwhelms our senses and our understanding.

“Justice, fairness, hard work, human dignity, democracy are not new to us. They’re the ABC of our faith, beliefs and culture. They were covered by dust for a while, but will be brighter than light from now on, insha’Allah [God willing]. That’s what we believe in, that’s what we deserve.”

For our former students, the challenges ahead are huge. The politics of the coming months and years will be messy. Journalism will undergo a dramatic evolution. It will be a challenging time for them and a fascinating period for those of us with two degrees of separation from the revolution.

Everything has changed. As blogger Wael Abbas succinctly summed up in a tweet, “Mubarak has left the building!”

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The Adham Center is now run by Interim Director Hafez el-Mirazi who can be contacted at mirazi@aucegypt.edu.
From beatings in Russia to riots in Thailand. Floods in Pakistan to war in Afghanistan. Land battles in India to cults in Mexico. Once again, Overseas Press Club award entries came in from reporters and photographers deployed across the globe. And once again, they demonstrated bravery, integrity and professionalism, in some cases risking all to do their jobs.

Overall, this was a banner award year for the OPC. We expanded our categories to honor the best journalism appearing online. We facilitated entries by allowing online submissions. That led to a bumper crop of online contenders, with ProPublica winning the online general excellence award for “The Detention Dilemma,” a compelling narrative about the tension between ideal and reality in the debate over the detention center at Guantanamo Bay.

Our winners didn’t just offer riveting narratives or punchy pictures; their work sometimes prompted tangible change. In “Russia: Above the Law,” New York Times reporters Clifford Levy and Ellen Barry penetrated the secrecy and fear that shroud Russia’s heavy-handed legal system. Their stories led at least one company – Microsoft – to change the way it does business in the country. In “The All-American Canal,” 60 Minutes reporters Scott Pelley and Shawn Efran exposed how hundreds of migrants died in a chilly moat on the U.S.-Mexican border, prompting officials to install safety escape lines to prevent future drownings. “Looting the Seas” by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists led to new regulations to protect the blue-fin tuna.

The high caliber of the entries led to tough choices for our judges. Yet they rose to the challenge, devoting many hours to reading entries, exchanging emails and debating the best way to select the best. We thank them all for their commitment and dedication, and salute all of the winners.


**ARLENE GETZ, CHAIR, AWARDS COMMITTEE**

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1. **THE HAL BOYLE AWARD**
Best newspaper or news service reporting from abroad

**RAJIV CHANDRASEKARAN AND JOSHUA PARTLOW**
The Washington Post
“Afghanistan”

With great writing and deep reporting, The Washington Post series captured the war in Afghanistan, from the seeming futility of the U.S. offensive and the challenges American soldiers faced on the ground in Marja to the Taliban forces moving into Zabul and the bizarre allegiances the U.S. has made with regional tribal leaders. In this rich body of work, Chandrasekaran and Partlow captured the tragedy of Afghanistan’s war.

**CITATION**
SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN
The Washington Post
“Terrorism in the Horn of Africa”

2. **THE BOB CONSIDINE AWARD**
Best newspaper or news service interpretation of international affairs

**CLIFFORD J. LEVY AND ELLEN BARRY**
The New York Times
“Russia: Above the Law”

Clifford Levy and Ellen Barry broke through the veil of secrecy and fear that shrouds Russia’s legal system in this series of superbly reported pieces about victims of injustice in a country still struggling with a legacy of heavy-handed law enforcement dating back to the czars. Their stories of beatings, chicanery and intimidation, sickening in their details, opened eyes and led at least one company, Microsoft, to change the way it does business in the country “Above the Law” soared.

3. **THE ROBERT CAPA GOLD MEDAL AWARD**
Best published photographic reporting from abroad requiring exceptional courage and enterprise

**AGNES DHERBEYS**
Freelancer for The New York Times
“Violence Erupts in Thailand”

Agnes Dherbeys took great risk to photograph violent anti-government riots in Thailand. Her images are close-up, powerful and direct. She worked day and night, photographing clashes that saw anti-government protesters both attacking soldiers as well as being attacked. Her images were an emotional rendering of the chaotic and dangerous scenes around her.

4. **THE OLIVIER REBBOT AWARD**
Best photographic reporting from abroad in magazines or books

**LYNSEY ADDARIO**
National Geographic
“Veiled Rebellion: Afghan Women”

Lynsey Addario’s photographs give us a comprehensive and intimate look at a largely unseen aspect of Afghan society – its women. Her images are unvarnished, intimate and far-reaching. Addario worked hard to gain access and in doing so produced a very important body of work.

**CITATION**
TIM HETHERINGTON
Chris Boot Ltd.
“Infidel”

5. **THE JOHN FABER AWARD**
Best photographic reporting from abroad in newspapers or news services

**DANIEL BEREHULAK**
Getty Images
“Pakistan Floods”

Daniel Berehulak’s images provide both the intimate details of individual struggles as well as the vast scale of devastation of the floods in Pakistan. He captures multiple homes and livelihoods ruined, working under extremely difficult conditions while traveling across the affected areas.

6. **FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD**
Best feature photography published in any medium on an international theme

**RODRIGO ABD**
Associated Press
Guatemala ER

Rodrigo Abd’s powerful and moving images show us a variety of situations from a very busy hospital and convey a surprising range of emotions, from despair and grief to dark humor and laughter. His approach is fresh, unique, and creative.

**CITATION**
LYNSEY ADDARIO
VII Network/Time
“Dying to Give Birth: One Woman’s Tale of Maternal Mortality”
In April and May 2010, Thailand erupted in demonstrations of a ferocity that had not been seen in the country in 20 years. Dozens were killed and injured in battles between anti-government "red shirts," pro-government "yellow shirts" and Thai troops. At right, soldiers face protesters on Silom Road in Bangkok. Top left, protesters carry the coffin of a comrade killed in the fighting. Center, left, red shirts form a human shield to push back an assault from the army. Bottom left, a protester fights back with a slingshot.
Winners of the Overseas Press Club Awards

Ed Ou, 2007, worked for Reuters and AP and is now a featured photographer with Getty Images in Kazakhstan.

Martin Patience, 2004, is a correspondent for the BBC in the Middle East.

Emily Steel, 2005, covers media and tech for The Wall Street Journal.

A Foundation intern with Reuters/Mexico City, Mariano Castillo, 2008, is now with CNN.

Ben Hubbard, an AP/Foundation intern in 2007, returned to AP as a reporter in Jerusalem.

Max Strasser, 2008, is with Al-Masry Al Youm in Egypt.

The blog on Yemen by Haley Sweetland Edwards, 2009, is on LATimes.com.

An AP/Foundation intern, Michael Miller, 2009, is stringing for AP in Mexico City.

Jason McClure, 2003, is a reporter for Bloomberg News in Ethiopia.

An AP/Foundation intern in Moscow, Paul Sonne, 2008, is now with The Wall Street Journal in London.

Krista Malo, 2004, is with Time in Hong Kong.

Mariano Castillo, 2005, covers media and technology for Reuters and AP and is now with CNN.

Majioh Haeringer, 2006, is the English-speaking producer for Al Jazeera Arabic in Egypt.

An AP/Foundation intern in Moscow, Paul Sonne, 2008, is now with The Wall Street Journal in London.

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7. THE LOWELL THOMAS AWARD
Best radio news or interpretation of international affairs

DAVID BARON, PATRICK COX, SHERI FINK
PRR's The World

Baron, Cox and Fink showed tremendous enterprise in an impactful series, which entailed more than six months of reporting and editing from four countries. This fresh and well-researched series takes a global look at the controversial issue of choosing who gets medical care in situations with limited resources, such as life-sustaining kidney dialysis in South Africa or rationing of care during natural disasters such as earthquakes or floods. The series—which maximized the impact of the stories using multimedia and a Q&A with reporter Sheri Fink—should be required listening in the US, as the debate rages on over health care solutions.

CITATION
MADHULIKA SIKKA, STEVE INSKEEP, JULIE McCARTHY, PHILLIP REEVES
“Along the Grand Trunk Road: Coming of Age in India and Pakistan”
National Public Radio

8. THE DAVID KAPLAN AWARD
Best TV spot news reporting from abroad

RICHARD ENGEL, BREDUN EDWARDS, MADELINE HAERINGER, GHAZI BALKIZ, PATRICK BURKEY
NBC Nightly News
“Afghanistan: From the Front Lines to the Home Front”

In this series of three reports from Afghanistan by NBC News chief foreign correspondent Richard Engel and his long-time cameraman Bedun Edwards, the toll of war is poignantly illustrated through the eyes of one soldier, Sgt. Louis Loftus, 22, from Akron, Ohio, who spoke with unusual candor about the trauma of battle. The riveting footage of the ferocious surprise attack by the Taliban against the soldiers of the 2nd Airborne Division coupled with the post-armour interview and homecoming of Sgt. Loftus demonstrate Engel’s unique ability to capture the moment and to bring the audience to the battlefield, even if it means putting his own life in danger.

CITATIONS
ABC NEWS – NIGHTLINE
“Chile Miners: The Greatest Rescue”
ANDERSON COOPER
CNN
“Haiti Earthquake”
Addario captured scenes from the lives of women in Afghanistan. Fariba, upper left, is an 11-year-old who set herself on fire, she says because she was told to in a dream. Many Afghan women burn themselves to escape abusive husbands. Lower left, a Kabul wedding. The groom, Salim Shaheen, is a film director. Above, university graduates with hijabs under their mortarboards. Most Afghan women are illiterate. Below, an opium addict in northern Afghanistan’s Balkh province. A million Afghans are addicted to drugs.
9. THE EDWARD R. MURROW AWARD
Best TV interpretation or documentary on international affairs

LESLEY STAHL
WITH PRODUCERS RICHARD BONIN AND SHACHAR BAR-ON
CBS News – 60 Minutes
“Unfinished Business” and “City of David”

Powerful and evocative treatments of the two poles of the Middle East — simmering crises that represent unfinished business of these flashpoints of global conflict. In “Unfinished Business,” Lesley Stahl and producer Richard Bonin examine shattered lives that American forces left behind when they withdrew from Iraq, while uncovering the underside of the economic structures that support this would-be nation, including illicit trade in oil products with Iran. In “City of David,” Stahl teams with producer Shachar Bar-On for a microscopic look at the issues plaguing the Israeli-Palestine conflict. Vivid and insightful writing illuminates the profound tensions underlying an architectural dig to uncover a palace that may (or may not) have belonged to King David, but which today lies beneath a sprawling Palestinian neighborhood called Silwan.

CITATION
PAUL REFSDAL AND ANDERSON COOPER
CNN
“Taliban”

10. THE ED CUNNINGHAM AWARD
Best magazine reporting from abroad

ALMA GUILLERMOPRIETO AND SHAUL SCHWARZ
National Geographic
“Troubled Spirits”

In “Troubled Spirits,” Alma Guillermoprieto is working at top form and with enough length to show what she can do in this piece about how gruesome drug violence and economic decline in Mexico underlie an expansion of cults devoted to St. Jude Thaddeus, the patron saint of desperate causes, and La Santa Muerte (Holy Death), guardian of the most defenseless, the worst of sinners and also honored by convicts and killers, or celebrating the mythical bandit Jesus Malverde, now a “narco-saint.” The reporting from within Mexico’s prisons and shrines is outstanding, the topic fresh and vital. The judges found the care and intelligence of her work a thrill to read.

CITATION
RAFFI KHATCHADOURIAN
The New Yorker
“No Secrets: Julian Assange’s Mission for Total Transparency”

11. THE THOMAS NAST AWARD
Best cartoons on international affairs

MIKE PETERS
Dayton Daily News
Cartoonist Mike Peters’ humor is fast, funny and provocative. He says, “My cartoons attempt to make people think, laugh and get involved, and if they get angry — even better.” He succeeds.

CITATION
STEPHEN P. BREEN
San Diego Union-Tribune

12. THE MORTON FRANK AWARD
Best business reporting from abroad in magazines

MEGHA BHARREE
Forbes
“India’s Dirty War”

Megha Bhaeree of Forbes wins for her account of the ongoing battle for control of land and natural resources in some of the most remote areas of rural India. Her ambitious reporting uncovers a brutal war between rich and poor for control of this booming economy’s natural wealth. Bavereex brazed dangerous and lonely places to illuminate the complex, high-stakes battle between left-wing guerrillas, aboriginals, corrupt police, bureaucrats and billionaires fighting over India’s economic future and cultural soul.

CITATION
FREDERIK BALKOFOR AND TIM CULPAN
Bloomberg BusinessWeek
“Inside Foxconn”

13. THE MALCOLM FORBES AWARD
Best business reporting from abroad in newspapers or news services

ANDREW BROWNE, JASON DEAN, JAMES T. AREDDY, NORIHIKO SHIROUZU, SHAI OSTER, JEREMY PAGE, PAUL GLADER
The Wall Street Journal
“Chinese Rules”

The judges were impressed by the Journal’s coverage, over a period of 10 months, of how the Chinese Communist Party’s leadership has changed the rules facing foreign multinationals in an attempt to squeeze them for their technology and allow Chinese state-owned enterprises to use that technology under the guise of “indigenous innovation.” The Journal’s team of reporters covered this trend in industries ranging from jet fighters to high-speed trains. In so doing, they captured what appears to have been a decisive shift in the business climate in what is now the world’s second largest economy.

CITATION
JONATHAN S. LANDAY, MARISA TAYLOR, WARREN P. STROBEL, DION NISSENBAUM
 McClatchy Newspapers
“Impossible Dream: Rebuilding Afghanistan”
In August and September, Pakistan suffered devastating floods that left tens of thousands homeless. Berehulak risked life and limb to capture the tragedy. Above, a man and his son stand on what used to be dry land in the village of Bassea in Punjab. Upper left, flood victims scramble to retrieve food packages dropped onto a rooftop by an army helicopter. Lower left, displaced villagers are pulled to safety by a tractor that defies the waist-deep water.
OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB AWARDS

14. THE CORNELIUS RYAN AWARD
Best non-fiction book on international affairs

OLIVER BULLOUGH
Basic Books
“Let Our Fame be Great: Journeys among the Defiant People of the Caucasus”

Oliver Bullough’s book is an ambitious and lively mix of history and reportage from the Caucasus, a region that is chronically misunderstood and under-reported, yet where the violent dispersion of indigenous populations unfortunately has lasting and universal relevance. The judges award a citation for excellence to Seymour Topping’s memoir, On The Front Lines of the Cold War (see below). The book deserves special recognition for its humane vision, glimpses behind-the-scenes, and thoughtful conclusions stemming from Topping's extraordinary career as a reporter and editor.

CITATION
SEYMOUR TOPPING
Louisiana State University Press
“On the Front Lines of the Cold War”

15. THE MADELINE DANE ROSS AWARD
Best international reporting in the print medium showing a concern for the human condition

TOM LASSETER
McClatchy Newspapers
“Modern China’s Tragic Illusion”

In a world focused on China’s rapid transformation into a global economic powerhouse, it’s rare to hear about how that change affects the lives of ordinary Chinese, and rarer still to have those lives revealed in the kind of detail that Tom Lasseter captures in this series of articles. Often in the face of official harassment, Lasseter uses detailed interviews, records and official reports to delve deeply into the frustrations, deprivations and official indifference that rule his subjects’ lives. In the millions of words written about China, these tales stand out because they make you care about the people they are written about.

CITATION
MICHAEL SPECTER
The New Yorker
“A Deadly Misdiagnosis”

16. THE CARL SPIELVOGEL AWARD
Best international reporting in the broadcast media showing a concern for the human condition

LANDON VAN SOEST AND JEREMY LEVINE
Transient Pictures for American Documentary/POV on PBS
“Good Fortune”

Good Fortune is an insightful look at the everyday life of average people in Kenya, presented against the backdrop of globalization and western notions of progress. It is compelling, breathtaking, moving, and it challenges conventional wisdom about what people in poor countries need from the world outside their own. It allows one woman to be representative of a culture, and treats her eloquent criticism of the failures of international aid in Africa with the kind of respect normally reserved for the suppliers of that aid.

CITATION
DOUG STRUCK, BEN ARNOLDY, SARA MILLER LLANA
The Christian Science Monitor/New England Center for Investigative Reporting
“Blowing Smoke: A Carbon Offset Global Report”

17. THE JOE and LAURIE DINE AWARD
Best international reporting in any medium dealing with human rights

SCOTT PELLEY AND SHAWN EFRAN
CBS News - 60 Minutes
“The All-American Canal”

For more than 550 illegal immigrants seeking work in America, crossing the border ended in death in the “The All-American Canal,” a moat on the U.S. border with Mexico. “60 Minutes” exposes this silent carnage, unknown to most Americans and even to the families of the dead, who often never learn their loved one died in the canal’s chilly, fast-moving currents. Correspondent Scott Pelley and producer Shawn Efran deftly show how the canal provides agricultural water for U.S. winter produce, but claims the lives of many trying to cross it in pursuit of a farming job. Because of the publicity caused by the report, officials are installing safety escape lines, potentially saving hundreds of migrants who might otherwise perish in their search for the American dream.

CITATIONS
BARBARA DEMICK
The New Yorker
“Nothing Left”

MELISSA CHAN, JIN NI, DIETER DEPPERE, MARK DOBBIN
Al Jazeera English
“An Illegal Pregnancy”

18. THE WHITMAN BASSOW AWARD
Best reporting in any medium on international environmental issues

INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISTS
The Center for Public Integrity
“Looting the Seas: How Overfishing, Fraud and Negligence Plundered the Majestic Bluefin Tuna”

This outstanding effort by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists exhaustively documents the corruption and collusion behind the systematic, global devastation of the blue-fin tuna — and by extension the world’s many endangered marine species. The multimedia project is magnificently presented and involved a team of reporters spanning 10 countries. It opened eyes around the world, led to changes in industry and regulatory practice, and could stand as a new model for investigative journalism in a time of media transition.

CITATION
DOUG STRUCK, BEN ARNOLDY, SARA MILLER LLANA
The Christian Science Monitor/New England Center for Investigative Reporting
“Blowing Smoke: A Carbon Offset Global Report”
19. THE ROBERT SPIERS BENJAMIN AWARD
Best reporting in any medium on Latin America

WILLIAM FINNEGAN
The New Yorker
“Silver or Lead”

Powerful reporting and writing that reveals the extent to which drug cartels have penetrated Mexican society, virtually conquering entire towns and regions. William Finnegan and The New Yorker provide an impressive and comprehensive account of La Familia’s rise to power in Michoacan state, at the same time illustrating and explaining the ruthless rivalries between the country’s gangs. Finnegan tackles a very dangerous story and delivers insightful and well-researched reporting that traces, for the first time, the philosophical roots of one of Mexico’s most vicious and bizarre drug cart groups.

CITATION
MICHAEL SMITH AND ALEXANDER RAGIR
Bloomberg Markets
“Latin American Law-Breaking by Big Banks”

20. GENERAL EXCELLENCE ONLINE AWARD
Best overall international coverage on a website

DAFNA LINZER, CHISUN LEE, KRISTA KJELLMAN-SCHMIDT
ProPublica
“The Detention Dilemma”

In a competitive category, the judges were impressed by the scope and breadth of ProPublica’s masterful reporting project, which explores the ongoing tension between President Obama’s professed desire to shut Guantanamo Bay and the reality of governance. ProPublica vividly illustrates the power of new media by exposing online their original source material and databases for all to see. Particularly impressive are the online tools that allow readers to compare the public and secret versions of the same legal documents and to view material deleted and added from official papers—allowing readers to do their own research and draw their own conclusions.

CITATION
DAFNA LINZER
“The Detention Dilemma”

21. BEST ONLINE COVERAGE OF BREAKING NEWS
Best online coverage throughout a 72-hour period of a breaking news event

STAFF OF NYTIMES.COM
The New York Times
“An Earthquake in Haiti”

Comprehensive, vivid and imaginative, The New York Times coverage of the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti truly distinguished itself by going beyond the usual and expected in online coverage. In addition to excellent reporting and stunning photography, this feature is utterly brimming with information. Multiple interactive maps, videos and slideshows engage users and serve as a guide to the tragedy there and underscore the fragility of life.

22. BEST USE OF MULTIMEDIA
Best use of techniques such as interactive graphics, Flash and slideshows to report on international news

CFR.ORG
Council on Foreign Relations
“Crisis Guide: Pakistan”

This piece stood out for its flawless graphics and videos, clear organization of content, and features for social-network sharing. Its unique strength is that it strikes a smart balance between telling a compelling linear story & embracing the modern practice of consuming small chunks of information in a non-linear manner. The presentation uses numbered tabs to guide the reader through a detailed history of the region. For the casual reader it is easy to drop in and sample bits and pieces of the content without feeling lost or dependent on knowing a previous section’s contents. The real key is the prominent inclusion of embed code and social network sharing links. Finally, of all the entries, this Flash piece has the best technical performance — graphics transition gracefully, videos play flawlessly and the interface reacts quickly to user action.

CITATION
STAFF OF CNN.COM
“The Detention Dilemma”

23. BEST ONLINE INVESTIGATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL ISSUE OR EVENT
Best original or exclusive reporting that provides new insights into an event or trend of international significance

SEBASTIAN ROTELLA
ProPublica
“Mumbai Terror Attacks”

After U.S. prosecutors won a guilty plea from an American who helped plot the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, the case slipped from public view. Sebastian Rotella, a veteran foreign correspondent, knew there was more to the case. In a series of articles that took him around the world, he discovered that Pakistan’s intelligence service collaborated with the Laskar-e-Taiba terrorist group in the attack. With the help of secret documents, and exclusive interviews with people close to the terrorists, Rotella found that the plotters were still at large and that the U.S. had been slow to recognize the threat posed by the bomber despite repeated intelligence inquiries.

CITATION
The Center for Public Integrity’s International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and the BBC’s International News Services
“Dangers in the Dust: Inside the Global Asbestos Trade”
24. BEST USE OF VIDEO
Excellence in original video on an international topic created specifically for a news website

ADAM B. ELLICK
The New York Times
“Contradictions in Pakistan”

“Contradictions in Pakistan,” a series of videos by Adam B. Ellick, provides a riveting look at life in modern Pakistan. Judges were particularly taken with the story of a troupe of transgender tax collectors, who go door to door in an attempt to get delinquent residents to pay their taxes. (The government hopes that by using them, they can embarrass people into paying up.) Another story, about young women who dare to work in fast-food chains despite threats and slaps from their families, gives a very personal glimpse into a world where women are expected to stay at home and never interact with members of the opposite sex. Ellick captured their personal stories with grace.

CITATION
SHAUL SCHWARZ
Reportage by Getty Images for Time
“Narcocorridos”

25. BEST ONLINE COMMENTARY
Best international affairs commentary or blog

CHRISTIAN CARYL, STEPHANIE Giry, MALISE RUTHVEN
The New York Review of Books
“Reports and Provocations from The New York Review of Books blog”

The three commentaries that make up this entry are unexpected and provocative. Just by choosing their subjects, the authors are commenting on otherwise overlooked issues in overlooked corners of the world. But above all, they are all gripping reads. Stephanie Giry’s account of a Cambodian war-crimes trial is a portrait of a 68-year-old killer who retains his chilling powers. Malise Ruthven’s idiosyncratic reporting on latrines in Delhi says far more about India than most political reports. And Christian Caryl really does show how “WikiLeaks changes everything.”

CITATION
DAVID GILKEY AND CLAIRE O’NEILL
National Public Radio
“Reflections on Photographing Haiti”

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Photographer Abd set out to encapsulate the culture of violence in Guatemala City by making a series of visits to the emergency room at San Juan de Dios hospital. Guatemala has one of the highest murder rates in the hemisphere, with 50 killings for every 100,000 citizens every year. Upper right, an operating room after surgery on a man with gunshot wounds. He later died. Right, medical staff examine the bullet-pocked body of a woman who died minutes after arriving at San Juan de Dios. Far left, police guard and photograph a man brought to the hospital with gunshot wounds. Above, the waiting room. Top, a shooting victim is wheeled in for treatment.
Thomas Nast Award | Mike Peters, Dayton Daily News

CITATION | Stephen P. Breen / San Diego Union-Tribune
The Courage To Show Up

By showing the courage to turn up each morning they exhibit a professional dedication which reminds us that a journalist’s work is as much calling as career.

In the case of the Maguindanao massacre, to almost nobody’s surprise the official investigation drags on. Several members of the Ampatuan family have been arrested, none tried. One hundred thirty suspects are still at large. There are reports of witnesses bribed, others intimidated, and evidence compromised by sloppy handling.

CONSIDER THE PHILIPPINES.

In October, 2009, the worst massacre of journalists in history took place in the southern province of Maguindanao. Thirty-two reporters were among the 57 people slaughtered on their way to deliver official candidacy papers for a politician who planned to run against the Ampatuan clan, the long-time power in the province. Still, reporters in the Philippines, radio journalists especially, continue to be aggressive — and to pay the price for it.

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Top, Russian opposition leader Vladimir Milov at Moscow police headquarters in November 2010. The poster says: "Journalist Oleg Kashin has been beaten. I demand to find the persons who attacked him."

Bottom, editor Beketov, who like Kashin was assaulted after opposing a highway proposed by Putin’s United Russia Party, had accused Beketov’s conviction for slander after alleging the involvement of Khimki’s mayor in the bombing of their concern was Beketov’s conviction for slander after alleging the involvement of Khimki’s mayor in the bombing of their car. Putin and President Medvedev deplored the attacks in grave terms, and ordered an investigation. The first fruit of their concern was Beketov’s conviction for slander after alleging the involvement of Khimki’s mayor in the bombing of his car.

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