

## News From Egypt Unfolded During Panel

### EVENT RECAP: JUNE 19

by Aimee Vitrak

Egypt's first election in 7000 years was held on June 17 and 18. But if this election was long in the making, so too were the results with both candidates claiming victory as the military seized control and reports surfaced that the deposed dictator Hosni Mubarak was brain dead. All of this news was breaking right up to start of the program on June 19 at the Ford Foundation and injected the discussion with a sense of immediacy and an urging for American media to cover Egypt and for the public to learn more about the U.S. involvement with Egypt.

Panelists included **Mohamad Bazzi** who is a senior fellow for Middle Eastern studies at the Council on Foreign Relations and former Middle East bureau chief for *Newsday*. **Charles M. Sennott**, executive editor and co-founder of GlobalPost who covered the Egyptian revolts and the Muslim Brotherhood in his Frontline/WGBH documentary "Revolution in Cairo," which was excerpted at the event to fill in the picture of the Muslim Brotherhood.

**Calvin Sims**, Program Officer, Freedom of Expression Unit of the Ford Foundation facilitated the dia-

log, filling in the audience on the breaking news of the day and leveraging his familiarity of a Muslim country from his time as a reporter for *The New York Times* in Jakarta.

During the program, the election results were looking favorable for the Muslim Brotherhood, which in many countries can be construed as a terrorist organization. However, Sennott said terrorism was too pat a conception for the Brotherhood in Egypt, which has wanted to rule in that country since its founding in 1928. Sennott said the results



From left, panelists Bazzi, Sennott and Sims.

of this election contain everything Americans believe in is on the line. "Do we support democracy or stability?" The question was about the \$1.3 billion in funding the U.S. gives to Egypt, largely to support the military and status quo. In the past, the U.S. has supported the military,

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## Russia's Top Cop Denies Threat, Then Apologizes

by Larry Martz

A rare shaft of daylight pierced the hermetically sealed world of the Kremlin this week with the unfolding of the bizarre case of Aleksandr Bastrykin, the head of Russia's equivalent of the FBI. Accused of threatening to kill a prominent Russian reporter, Bastrykin first blustered that the story was "outright lies," "stupidities and innuendo." Then he called a press conference and issued an apology — without admitting the facts or even explaining what he was apologizing for.

The story broke when Dmitry Muratov, editor in chief of the crusading newspaper *Novaya Gazeta*, published an open letter to Bastrykin.



*Novaya Gazeta's* editor-in-chief Dmitry Muratov in October 2011. In the background is an image of Anna Politkovskaya who was killed in 2006.

The letter said Bastrykin, angered by a story the paper had published, had its deputy editor for investigative reporting, Sergei Sokolov, driven to a section of forest outside Moscow, where Bastrykin threatened to kill

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and indirectly Mubarak, for the return of an ally in the Middle East and stability. Now however, if the Brotherhood was elected in a fair election, then democracy must prevail, even if the candidate is not preferred by the U.S.

Sennott underscored that the repression in Egypt has come at the hands of the Mubarak-led government, not the Muslim Brotherhood. "America needs to have a sophisticated response...if we fear the Muslim Brotherhood, we lose that moment."

Bazzi said that there are other manifestations of the Brotherhood, with Hamas in Palestine and Syria. "I'd be worried if Egypt's Brotherhood were like Syria's," he said. "The best way to expose any weakness in these groups is to give them a chance to govern. The limited

experience, so far, has been a failure."

The panel revealed how intertwined the Egyptian economy and military have become. For example, when an officer serves

his time in the army and is ready for retirement, he is given, by the government, a business, like a shopping center or grocery chain as part of the retirement package. Sennott said, that if Mubarak died soon, it would be a metaphor for the collapse of his regime, "in the end, even his death is an injustice because he is getting away with murder."



President Morsi in July.

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Sokolov and joked that he personally would lead the investigation into his death. Muratov said Sokolov had fled the country, and demanded that Bastrykin guarantee his safety.

*Novaya Gazeta* is no stranger to violence. At least three of its journalists have been killed in the past decade in retaliation for their reporting, including the illustrious Anna Politkovskaya, winner of the OPC's first Artyom Borovik award for investigative reporting in Russia. No one has been punished for any of the killings.

In an interview with the newspaper *Izvestia*, Bastrykin denied the whole story. As head of Russia's Investigative Committee and a university classmate of the newly restored President Vladimir V. Putin, he clearly felt no threat from a mere newspaper. What happened to change his mind may never be known, but his next move

was to call a meeting at the offices of the Interfax news agency. With the most prominent journalists in Russia in attendance, Bastrykin issued his apology, shook hands with Muratov, and said he had spoken by phone with Sokolov and offered him a wristwatch as a gesture of conciliation. Muratov said the matter was settled, and "Everything that I demanded in the letter has been satisfied."

The OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee has written two letters to Putin in response to this odd case. The first, before Bastrykin's apology, demanded that he be suspended from his office while Muratov's charges were investigated, and that criminal charges must be filed if the story was true. The second letter repeated those demands, explaining that Bastrykin's threat, if true, "was a crime, which no vague apology can erase." It would also represent "a gross dereliction of duty" undermining the rule of law, and faith in the system could be restored only with Bastrykin's prosecution.

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# 2012 OPC Election Slate

## OFFICERS PRESIDENT

**Michael Serrill** has been an OPC member for 19 years. He has served several times as a member of the board, as second and third Vice President and as Secretary. He ran the awards judging panels for several years. He then became Editor of *Dateline*, the magazine distributed in conjunction with the annual awards dinner. He ran that publication for more than a decade, then returned last year to the job of organizing the awards panels. Serrill is Assistant Managing Editor at *Bloomberg Markets* magazine. Early in his career Serrill was the editor of two criminal justice publications underwritten by the Ford Foundation that were finalists for National Magazine Awards three times. In his 15 years as an Editor and Senior Writer for *Time* magazine, he covered topics from the first Palestinian intifada to famine in Ethiopia. After leaving *Time*, he served as Assistant Managing Editor/International of *Institutional Investor* magazine, then as Asia and International Finance Editor of *Business Week*.



## VICE PRESIDENTS

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**Abigail Pesta** is the Editorial Director, Women in the World, for *Newsweek* and The Daily Beast. She has lived and worked as a journalist around the world from New York to London to Hong Kong. She is the former Editor-at-Large of *Marie Claire* magazine in New York, and also a former News Editor at *The Wall Street Journal Asia* in Hong Kong. While based in Hong Kong, Pesta ran a team of *Journal* reporters covering business, technology and culture throughout



Asia. She also helped launch the first Asian news bureau for WSJ.com. Before that, she was based in London for Dow Jones Newswires. She has won numerous journalism awards for her reporting.

**Toni Reinhold** is one of the editors in charge of Reuters' Americas Desk. Reinhold has worked for Reuters for more than 19 years as a correspondent, editor and training editor. She also teaches journalism around the world on behalf of the Thomson Reuters Foundation. Before joining Reuters, Reinhold worked as a general and political reporter and investigative reporter and as an internationally syndicated columnist. She is the author of several mass market books, including *Untamed — The as-told-to autobiography of Gunther Gebel Williams* and *Patient or Pretender — Inside the Strange World of Factitious Disorders*. Reinhold is also in her second term as president of The Newswomen's Club of New York.



## TREASURER

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## SECRETARY

**Jonathan Dahl** was Editor-in-Chief of *SmartMoney*, the recently closed personal finance magazine and website of *The Wall Street Journal*. He held that position for seven years and is a 28-year veteran of the *Journal* itself. Under his leadership, *SmartMoney* magazine and website won or had been nominated for more than 20 national awards. He has appeared on many TV news shows and is the author of a personal finance book that was nominated for a national book award. In 1991,





Dahl wrote a story about homelessness that was nominated by the *Journal* for a Pulitzer Prize. He joined the OPC board a year ago and has served as an awards judge. He is also on the board of the Deadline Club and a member of the Economic Club of New York.

## ACTIVE

**Jacqueline Albert-Simon** is U.S. Bureau Chief and Associate Editor of *Politique Internationale* and has spent three decades reporting, analyzing U.S. foreign policy for French and other European readers of *PI*. She has been a frequent guest commentator on French and Canadian TV and radio, and a contributor to *Figaro Magazine*, French and American *Vogue*, *La Vie Francaise* and a contributing editor to *Harper's* magazine from 1984 to 1992. Albert-Simon attended Davos throughout the 90's and was a fellow there for two years. She is presently senior resident fellow at The Institute of French Studies at NYU, and is researching material for a book on the structural limitations to democratic evolution. She is an active OPC board member, contributes to *Dateline* and frequently writes Freedom of the Press letters.



**Amar C. Bakshi** was the World Producer at CNN.com and Managing Editor of the Global Public Square CNN.com/GPS, CNN's premier international analysis site. Bakshi built and ran the site, designed its social media outreach, and launched "Uncommon Ground," a web-based show placing unlikely pairings of people from around the world in virtual conversation. Before joining CNN, Bakshi served as Special Assistant to the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Susan E. Rice, where he worked on speechwriting, development policy, Muslim outreach and integrating new media into diplomatic efforts. Prior to this position, Bakshi was a reporter for *The Washington Post* where he created a video blog titled "How the World Sees America." Bakshi is finishing a master's degree at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and beginning a 3-year JD/MBA at Yale in the fall.



**Rebecca Blumenstein** is the Page One Editor and a Deputy Managing Editor of *The Wall Street Journal*. She became Page One Editor in September 2011. Blumenstein has been a Deputy Managing Editor and International Editor since December



2009, having previously served as Managing Editor of The Wall Street Journal Online. Before that, she was the China Bureau Chief, overseeing China coverage for the *Journal*. Prior to moving to China in the summer of 2005, Blumenstein served as chief of the *Journal's* New York Technology Group, which covered the historic mergers and changes in technology that recast the telecommunications industry.

**Paul Brandus** is an award-winning member of the White House press corps and founder of the West Wing Report in 2009 (Twitter: @WestWingReport). His career spans network television, Wall Street and several years as a foreign correspondent based in Moscow where he covered the collapse of the Soviet Union for NBC Radio and "Marketplace." Brandus sits on the Board of Governors of the OPC and serves as its Washington, D.C. representative. He is also a private investor and an entrepreneur who once purchased the Russian rights to the Super Bowl from the National Football League — becoming the first person to show the championship game in Russia.



**Howard Chua-Eoan** is the News Director of *Time* and Time.com since August 2000. Previous to becoming News Director, he was a writer and editor in the World, Nation and Religion sections of the magazine. He was co-writer of the cover story *Time* crashed the weekend of the Tiananmen crackdown in June 1989. Born in the Philippines, Chua-Eoan began working with *Time* in April 1983 as a one-day-a-week secretary in the Nation section. He has spent the last three decades at *Time* except for a delightful 15-month period when he was Front of the Book Editor at *People*.



**Deidre Depke** is the Executive Editor of The Daily Beast. The site focuses on U.S. and domestic news, international events, cultural trends and entertainment. Depke previously worked as General Manager of TheWeek.com and as editor of Newsweek.com, where she presided over nearly 100 percent growth rates in audience and advertising for more than a decade. She began her *Newsweek* career as Foreign Editor, managing coverage of the Hong Kong handover and Princess Diana's death, among other stories. Her New York career began at *BusinessWeek*.



**Arlene Getz** is the Editor-in-charge, Media, at Reuters. In that role, she oversees editorial content for Reuters' print and online subscribers; leads a national team of assignment editors "embedded" in client newsrooms; develops U.S.-focused news packages and writes occasional features designed to meet the needs of U.S. publications. Prior to joining Reuters in 2010, Getz worked at *Newsweek* in positions ranging from a correspondent covering the end of apartheid in South Africa to a New York-based Managing Editor of Newsweek.com and the Editorial Director of Newsweek's network of local-language editions around the world. Her reporting and commentary has won many awards. She has chaired the awards committee of the OPC, served two terms as an OPC Vice President and frequently serves as a judge for OPC and IRP fellowships.



**Azmat Khan** is a digital producer and reporter for the award-winning PBS documentary series "Frontline." In 2011, she was the field producer in Cairo for the "Frontline" report, *The Brothers*, an investigation into the Muslim Brotherhood's role in the Egyptian revolution. She has helped expand and integrate the series' broadcast, web and new media initiatives to remake "Frontline" for the digital age. Khan has been an editor for Tehran Bureau, an award-winning "virtual" news bureau connecting journalists and readers. She has worked in disaster relief in Pakistan-administered Kashmir, at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, D.C., and at Facebook in California. She frequently writes and speaks about how journalists can leverage innovative digital platforms in storytelling.



**Dafna Linzer** is a Senior Investigative Reporter at ProPublica. She reports on topics like national security, foreign policy and criminal justice. Her series on Presidential Pardons was a finalist for the 2012 Goldsmith Prize. Her coverage of Guantanamo and detention in the Obama Presidency won her the 2010 OPC award for General Excellence Online and received honorable mention for the American Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award. She was a national security reporter for *The Washington Post*, covering intelligence and nonproliferation from 2004 to 2008. Before joining the *Post*, she spent 10 years as a foreign correspondent for The AP. Based in Jerusalem, New York, and the U.N.



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# Parlay Your Expertise Into Affordable Vacations

by Allan A. Swenson

If you like to travel, perhaps this is one way for you to trade some illustrated talks for free cruises around the world. Cruise lines need people to give about 3 illustrated Power Point shows of only 45 minutes each in a week in exchange for a free cruise for the speaker and a guest. My wife and I have explored many different Caribbean islands, seen Bermuda several times, cruised the Norway Fjords, the Baltic Sea, visited British and Irish ports and enjoyed Transatlantic voyages.

More than 100 cruise ships of Carnival, Royal Caribbean, Celebrity, Princess, Cunard, Norwegian Cruise lines sail every week. More than 200,000 passengers want lively entertainment, including previews of 'ports-of-call' so they get the most out of their cruises. For a Baltic Cruise, we provide beautifully illustrated previews of ports, such as Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm, Helsinki, St. Petersburg. With limited photos, I emailed Tourist Boards at all countries and cities. They were very cooperative because they want passengers to go ashore and shop. Therefore, they gave me free access to some of the best photos they had. From those, I built my on-

board "Port Previews," only three per week, in exchange for a seven-day cruise. In each port we took more digital photos to expand our shows.

After our first cruise, we signed up with a "talent agency," Sixth Star Entertainment. Our contact, Paul DiFillipi, lets us know about potential cruises, from Caribbean to Alaska, from Mediterranean to the Baltic that need speakers. We must provide several suggested programs we can give, which he uses to get us booked as On Board Program Personalities. As our "agent," for only \$65 per night, we are placed on cruises we want to take.

As a speaker, you must get yourself and guest to the departure port and back home, plus pay expected tips to waiters and room stewards on board. Otherwise, your gracious room, all meals and entertainment on board, access to ports of call visits are yours in exchange for your talks. As we approach 80, we're enjoying this affordable way to see the world, meeting fascinating passengers and expanding our Internet friendships with really wonderful people. You can do it, too.

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## ASSOCIATE

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**Minky Worden** is an enthusiastic longtime member of the OPC, and past member of the board. As Director of Global Initiatives for Human Rights Watch, Worden develops international advocacy campaigns, edits books, and monitors crises, wars, human rights abuses and political developments around the world. She previously served as HRW's Media Director, as an adviser to Democratic Party chairman Martin Lee in Hong Kong, and as a speechwriter at the Justice Department in Washington, D.C. She is the editor of *The Unfinished Revolution* on the global fight for women's rights; the editor of a book on reform in China, *China's Great Leap*, and co-editor of *Torture*. Worden is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and speaks Cantonese and German.





## OPC SCHOLARS

Several 2012 Overseas Press Club Foundation internship winners are already on the ground in various bureaus around the globe.

**Roy Rowan** winner **BeieBei Bao** and **Theo Wilson** winner **Jia Feng** are working for Reuters in China; Bao in Shanghai and Feng in Beijing.

**Lauren Zumbach**, who won the Kendrick internship, is with *Forbes India* in Mumbai.

**Rachel Will**, winner of the **Jerry Flint** Internship for International Reporting, is with Reuters in Kuala Lumpur. Her winning essay, on China's stadium diplomacy, can be seen in its expanded form, in the summer issue of *World Policy Journal*. Following her internship, Will plans to move on to Phnom Penh to spend a year on a Princeton in Asia Fellowship with the *Phnom Penh Post*.

## WINNERS



Zarganar, right, collects his prize.

**PARIS:** Reporters Without Borders (RSF) on June 14 was able to present **Zarganar**, a Burmese blogger, comedian and actor, with the press freedom prize in the "Cyberdissident" category that it awarded in December 2008 while he was in prison. He was arrested in June 2008 after talking to foreign reporters about the then military government's management of relief operations after a cyclone. He was sentenced to 35 years in prison under the Electronics Act but released last October.

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**Abigail Pesta**, an **OPC member** and editorial director of Women in the World for *Newsweek* and The Daily Beast, earned two awards in June. She received a Jane Cunningham Croly Award for Excellence in Journalism Covering Issues of Concern to Women from the General Federation of Women's Clubs for her Daily Beast story "How a Blogger Blocked Sex Slavery." She is the first two-time winner of the award, named after the pioneering journalist who founded the club. Pesta also won a feature reporting award for her *Marie Claire* story "The Accidental Sex Offender."

## PRESS FREEDOM

**ADDIS ABABA:** In May, Ethiopian journalist **Eskinder Nega** was awarded the PEN/Barbara Goldsmith Freedom to Write Award. Nega, however, is not free to write. He was convicted June 27 on terrorism charges and could face the death penalty. Eskinder — along with 23 other activists and writers — were found guilty of conspiring to plot a revolt.

Eskinder has been jailed since September after he published an online article that questioned arrests under Ethiopia's sweeping anti-terror legislation. He is among 11 independent Ethiopian journalists and bloggers charged with terrorism since 2011.

**BAGHDAD:** After an outcry by press freedom advocates, Iraq suspended orders to close 44 radio and television operations, including the BBC and Voice of America, on the grounds that they lacked permits. The decision was rescinded when the regulatory agency said it would give the targeted organizations more time to pay outstanding fees and renew lapsed licenses.

**BEIJING:** The Chinese government blocked access to Bloomberg and *BusinessWeek* websites on June 29 and blocked internet searches and references to Xi Jinping, the country's presumed next leader. The actions followed a Bloomberg report on the wealth amassed by Xi's extended family. China has repeatedly blocked sensitive stories. Two days earlier, the Twitter accounts of *The New York Times* were suspended for several hours after the launch of an online Chinese language version of the newspaper. In May, China expelled OPC member **Melissa Chan**, an Al Jazeera correspondent.

**CARACAS:** Globovision TV, a frequent critic of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, paid a \$2.1-million fine on June 29, the day after the Supreme Court placed a seizure order on company assets worth nearly three times the original fine. The fine was imposed in October 2011 after media regulators said coverage of prison riots that led to 20 deaths in June 2011 "promoted hatred and intolerance for political reasons." Globovision, the only anti-Chavez channel still on the air, has three pending appeals seeking to challenge the fine, but courts have rejected two other appeals.

**COLOMBO:** The United States and European Union raised concerns over media freedom in Sri Lanka after police on June 29 raided and closed two news websites, *srilankamirror.com* and *srilankaxnews.com*, and arrested eight journalists and an office assistant. The group was released the next day when a judge ruled that police had failed to produce evidence of wrongdoing. Sri Lanka is under pressure to address rights issues after the United Nations passed a U.S.-backed resolution in March urging the country to pros-

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ecute war criminals. The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) ranks Sri Lanka as one of the most repressive nations for the press.

**KARACHI:** The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for a June 25 attack where four armed men opened fire on the offices of Aaj News, a private television station. Two employees of the station were injured. A Taliban spokesman told the BBC that the attack was in response to critical comments by Aaj about the militants and the station's failure to accommodate Taliban views.



Police in Colquiri, La Paz, where two radio stations were attacked.

**LA PAZ:** Dynamite explosions at three community radio stations in Bolivia caused the stations to go off the air. No one was injured. One station airs call-in programs with farmers and peasants expressing grievances with the government. The other stations are in a mining region: one is affiliated with miners employed by the state mining company and the other is owned by an independent mining cooperative. Miners from the two groups have clashed over control of a mine.

**LIMA:** Two Peruvian journalists were convicted June 5 on defamation charges. **Juan Carlos Tafur**, editor of *Diario 16*, and **Roberto More Chávez**, a reporter for the paper, were sentenced to two-year suspended prison sentences and ordered each to pay damages of about \$22,000 to Antonio Ketín Vidal Herrera, a for-

mer general known for spearheading the capture of Shining Path leader Abimael Guzmán Reynoso. The case stems from an article by More linking Vidal to a family with alleged connections to drug trafficking.

**NEW YORK:** African reporters fleeing violence in their countries make up nearly half of the 463 journalists forced into exile over the past five years, according a CPJ report released June 19. In "Journalists in Exile," CPJ reported that more than a quarter of the 57 journalists who fled their homes since June 2011 came from East Africa. Somalia, Syria and Pakistan led the list of places fled, followed by Iran, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ecuador, Kenya, China, Nigeria and Rwanda.



The OPC Freedom of the Press committee seldom has occasion to write to the Vatican, but it did so June 4 after the Catholic bureaucracy filed a criminal libel suit against **Gianluigi Nuzzi**, an Italian journalist whose book, *Your Holiness: The Secret Papers of Benedict XVI*, exposes corruption and conspiracies at high levels of the Vatican. The book is based on leaked documents and whistleblowers; the Pope's butler, who has been arrested, is suspected of being one source. In writing Archbishop Angelo Becciu, the Vatican's secretary of state, **Larry Martz** and **Kevin McDermott** point out that criminal libel is an outmoded and counterproductive way of punishing leaks, and that civil penalties are enough to protect against false or



Gianluigi Nuzzi during a presentation of his book.

malicious reports while giving society the benefit of unfettered investigative reporting.

**PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad and Tobago:** At its annual conference, the International Press Institute (IPI) on June 25 passed resolutions calling on international organizations to address journalists' safety; the Mexican government to end impunity for the killers of journalists; the Ethiopian government to stop using anti-terror laws to jail journalists; Turkey to respect media freedom; South Africa to scrap its "Secrecy Bill," and all governments to respect the right of journalists to protect sources and work with classified information. Also at the meeting, special envoys from the U.N., the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the Organization of American States, and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights issued a joint declaration calling on governments to treat "crimes against freedom of expression" as a special category under criminal law and to provide journalists and other news providers with better protection. The conference opened with a roll call of 72 journalists who had been killed in 2012, which is on pace to be the deadliest year for journalists since IPI began keeping records 15 years ago.

**TRIPOLI:** Libya's Supreme Court overturned a law that criminalized the glorification of former leader Muammar el-Qaddafi, his regime, his ideas or his sons. The court ruled June 15 that the law, approved in May by the National Transitional Council's Legal Committee, was unconstitutional.

## MURDERS

**Byron Baldeón**, an Ecuadorian photojournalist who witnessed a theft in which police are the main suspects, was shot and killed July 1 outside his home by two men on a motorcycle, according to his editor.





**Body of photojournalist Byron Baldeon who was shot to death.**

An autopsy showed the freelance photographer was shot nine times at close range, said **Henry Holguin**, editor-in-chief of *Extra* newspaper. Baldeón had recently covered the theft of a container of television sets, which he had happened to witness. Armed with the photos he took of the theft, he gave a statement to the public prosecutor. An investigation led to the arrest of three police officers and two other people.

Three journalists and four guards died June 25 when gunmen in Syria attacked the headquarters of al-Ikhbariya TV, a pro-government channel south of Damascus, news reports said. Earlier in June, two al-Ikhbariya employees were shot and seriously wounded by gunmen in Haffa during clashes between government troops and insurgents. Rebels deny they target the media. Syria severely restricts independent news media, making it difficult to gain a credible account of events on the ground. Earlier in the month, RSF condemned the deaths of two citizen journalists killed in Homs and Al-Qassir while trying to cover the government's continuing crackdown.

**Jamal Uddin**, a correspondent of Jessore-based Bangla daily *Gramer Kagoj*, was stabbed and hacked to death June 15 by a group of men in a market. A police office told reporters that the leader of a drug-running syndicate and 10 henchmen kidnapped Uddin from a tea stall around 11 p.m. and took him to a nearby place where they gouged out one of his eyes, slashed veins in his legs and hacked him. The attackers fled

as neighbors arrived after hearing shouts for help. RSF said Uddin's coverage of a drug trafficking ring had brought death threats.

Seven people, including a businessman and a police officer were arrested June 12 by state police investigating the April 23 murder of the Brazilian journalist and blogger **Décio Sá**, who was gunned down in a bar in São Luis. It seems likely that the killing was related to his work since the main suspects had been criticized Sá, who ran his own blog and also worked as a political journalist for the daily *O Estado de Maranhão*.

## UPDATES

**BATON ROUGE:** OPC member **John Maxwell Hamilton**, executive vice-chancellor and provost as well as professor of journalism at Louisiana State University, plans to take a fellowship at the Wilson Center in Washington this fall where he will work on a book about the Committee on Public Information, which was set up during World War I by the U.S. government in an effort to manipulate American public opinion.

**BERKELEY:** **Edward Wasserman**, currently the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation professor of journalism ethics at Washington and Lee University, has been named dean-designate of the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of California Berkeley. Wasserman is scheduled to start January 1, but he said his decision is contingent on being eligible for tenure. A committee will make that determination by fall. Wasserman is a veteran newspaper editor and writer with a doctorate in media politics and economics from the London School of Economics. Among other positions, he was CEO and editor in chief of Ameri-



**Wasserman**

can Lawyer Media's Miami-based Daily Business Review newspaper chain, executive business editor of *The Miami Herald* and editorial director of Primedia's 140-publication Media Central division in New York. He made headlines in 2009 when he invited **Jayson Blair**, the disgraced *New York Times* reporter, to be the keynote speaker at a media ethics conference.

**BOSTON:** OPC member **Jason Pontin**, editor in chief and publisher of MIT's *Technology Review* in June wrote of the huge task ahead as his 112-year-old publication begins a transition that will reach "a kind of climax" in October with a new print publication, website design and even a new name. While print magazines will continue, he wrote, "... people will be able to read everything we publish free of charge on the web, and we'll publish nothing first in print."

**NEW YORK:** Dow Jones is closing the print edition of *SmartMoney* and laying off most of its staff as it converts to a digital-only version. Editor-In-Chief **Jonathan Dahl**, an OPC board member, and two dozen other staff members are losing their jobs in July, after they produce one more issue. "It's always a surprise or a shock when it actually happens, but what are you going to do?" Dahl told the *New York Post*.



**On July 2, Lynda Hammes** became publisher of *Foreign Affairs*, the bimonthly published by the Council on Foreign Relations, succeeding **David Kellogg**, who retired after 25 years. Hammes had been the magazine's deputy publisher and director of digital strategy. During Kellogg's tenure, the magazine tripled in revenue and nearly doubled in circulation to 175,000, including print, digital editions, and versions for digital readers.

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**TOKYO:** To comply with a new law, the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan (FCCJ) plans to outsource its restaurant and bars. The change will allow the club to obtain the status of a "public interest" entity, **Georges Baumgartner** explained on the club's website.

"Under new laws we will either be equated with a tennis club (serving only the interests of our members) or recognized as an organization that serves the public interest," wrote Baumgartner, the correspondent for Swiss national radio who in June was elected to a third term as FCCJ president. "The latter requires us to prove that more than half our expenditures are in the public interest. But if you look at our books, it is hard not to conclude that the FCCJ is a bar that dabbles in journalism."

According to *The Japan Times*, the FCCJ spends about 22 percent of its income on public interest activities that include organizing news conferences, maintaining a library and awarding scholarships. Much of the remainder supports a money-losing food and beverage service. The FCCJ, which is run by membership fees, plans to apply for the public interest entity status in November. To achieve that goal, Club members voted to close the restaurant and the bars as soon as August — whether a company is found to take over the bars and the restaurant by then or not.



After 27 years here, financial journalist and author **Eamonn Fingleton** is returning to Ireland, the land of his birth. He worked as an editor for the *Financial Times* in London in the 1970s and *Forbes* in New York in the early 1980s, before moving to Tokyo in 1985 as Asia editor of the banking magazine *Euromoney*.

A long-standing OPC member, he predicted the Tokyo financial crash in a famously prescient analysis

in *Euromoney* in September 1987. In 1995 he published *Blindside*, in which he argued that, despite large post-crash banking problems, Japan was rapidly lengthening its lead over the U.S. in advanced manufacturing and was destined to enjoy trade surpluses as U.S. trade sank deeper into deficit. His 1999 book *In Praise of Hard Industries* anticipated the U.S. dot-com crash of 2000. OPC members can reach Fingleton at [efingleton@gmail.com](mailto:efingleton@gmail.com).



Fingleton



Viola Drath and Albrecht Muth in June 2001.

**WASHINGTON D.C.:** Viola Drath, an OPC member, who was found dead in her Georgetown home on August 11, 2011, and her husband, **Albrecht Muth**, were the subjects of a July 8 article in *The New York Times* magazine. Muth was charged with her murder.



Ed Shadid, a cousin to the late **Anthony Shadid**, spoke on June 23 at the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee's convention and said that Anthony had heated arguments with his editors at *The New York Times* just prior to his final trip into Syria. Ed said Anthony told his wife Nada that were he to die, *The Times* would be to blame.

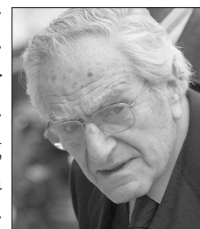
*The New York Times* responded to Politico's report saying it did not pressure Anthony into Syria. "*The Times* does not pressure reporters to

go into combat zones.," *New York Times* spokesperson **Eileen Murphy** said. "Anthony was an experienced, motivated correspondent. He decided whether, how and when to enter Syria, and was told by his editors, including on the day of the trip, that he should not make the trip if he felt it was not advisable for any reason."

**Tyler Hicks**, *The New York Times* photographer who carried Shadid's body to Turkey, told the *Los Angeles Times* that Shadid was the one pressuring editors to make the trip happen. "Anthony was very passionate about what was happening to the civilian population in Syria," Hicks said. "In this, no one can force you, as a journalist, to go to a place like that. There's no amount of pressure or money — nothing can make you go into that kind of situation except a personal drive and want to go there... the only time I heard Anthony express any frustration was...due to all of the delays."

## PEOPLE REMEMBERED

**Ghassan Tueni**, a Lebanese journalist and statesman considered by many the greatest Arab journalist of his time, died June 8 in Beirut. He was 86. Tuenim spent six decades as editor of *an-Nahar*, an independent newspaper founded by his father, while leading a parallel life as a diplomat who represented his war-



torn country in the United Nations from 1977 to 1982 and also served as a cabinet minister and as a parliament member. By his own count, Tueni published more than 5,000 editorials and his dream of a secular, independent homeland was widely considered a harbinger of last year's Arab Spring uprisings. He was jailed for opposing the Syrian occupation of Lebanon and in the 1970s published *an-Nahar* from Paris rather than submit to Syrian censorship.

# Journalists' Safety in Mexico in Limbo Post Election

by Susan Kille

Mexico is one of the most dangerous places to be a reporter and press freedom groups are supportive of a constitutional amendment approved June 6 that gives authorities the power to investigate and prosecute crimes committed against freedom of expression and information.

New legislation and changes to federal procedural and penal codes are needed before the amendment, which has been fought over since 2008, can be employed. PEN International said the federal government will do a better job investigating and prosecuting murders and terror attacks than states "where the Mexican authorities are under-resourced, often inept, and at their most corruptible: bribery and threats ensure that crimes aren't investigated too thoroughly."

Mexico elected Enrique Peña Nieto as president July 1, rejecting Felipe Calderón's bid for a second term. In the past five and a half years, Calderón's war on drug cartels has cost about 60,000 Mexican lives and has proven deadly for journalists writing about the cartels. It remains to be seen how Peña Nieto will address the drug war raging across Mexico and the violence and harassment reporters face.

**Carlos Lauría**, senior program coordinator of the Americas for the Committee to Protect Journalists, said the amendment was "a first step to stop impunity in the killings of Mexican journalists." CPJ counts 48 journalists as murdered or missing since Calderón took office in December 2006.

The death toll grew June 14 when the body of **Victor Manuel Baez Chino** was found in the center of Xalapa, the capital of Veracruz state. Baez, who was kidnapped outside his office the previous night, covered crime for the national newspaper Milenio and for his Reporteros Policiacos website. A front page article in *The New York Times* on June 22 focused on the death of Baez in linking attacks on journalists to self-censorship and to reporters who have left Veracruz, a gulf coast state that is a battleground for the Zetas and Sinaloa drug cartels.

Baez was the fourth journalist in Veracruz to be killed in two months. A message attached to his corpse read: "This is what happens to those who betray us and want to be clever, sincerely the Zetas." CPJ reports that seven journalists and one former journalist were murdered in Veracruz in the past year. No arrests have been made.

Three arrests have been made, however, in the June 24 stabbing of **Rafael Said Hernández**, a photographer for the magazine *Revista Tucán*, in Oaxaca in southwestern Mexico. Reporters Without Borders reported that



Enrique Peña Nieto speaks to international reporters in Mexico City the day after he was elected Mexico's president.

Said's mother said she heard men argue with her son about his work before the attack. Said is recovering.

Meanwhile, **Zane Alejandro Plemmons Rosales**, a freelance journalist, has been missing since May 21, when he left a hotel in the Mexican border town of Nuevo Laredo to photograph a shootout taking place nearby. The same night, two individuals went to his hotel and removed his belongings. The hotel has since closed. Plemmons, who used to

be crime reporter for the daily *La I*, has dual U.S. and Mexican citizenship and normally resides in San Antonio, Texas.

After a series of letters to Calderón condemning murders and terrorism against journalists, OPC's Freedom of the Press committee on June 26 congratulated the outgoing president on extending federal protection to Stephania Cardoso, a crime reporter from the state of Coahuila who disappeared in May along with her 2-year-old son. She surfaced in a phone call to a friend, explaining that she felt in great danger, and Cardoso responded by extending federal protection.

"Offering Federal protection for Cardoso and her family is an important step toward increasing safety for reporters and editors on the front lines," the OPC said in a letter signed by Robert Dowling and Larry Martz. "We urge you to direct full Federal powers toward cleaning up recent murders, showing through prosecutions that killers are no longer immune when trying to silence the press."

As the *Bulletin* was going to press, police in Mexico had not completed an investigation into the death of **Armando Montano**, an intern for The Associated Press in Mexico City. Montano was found dead in an elevator shaft on June 30. He was not on assignment when he died and his death has not been tied to his work. The U.S. embassy is monitoring the investigation.



Armando Montano

At 22, Montano had built an impressive resume. He had internships with *The New York Times*, *The Seattle Times* and *The Colorado Independent*, an online news service. He won scholarships from the National Press Club, the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and the Freedom Forum. Montano, who lived in Colorado Springs, Colorado, graduated this spring from Grinnell College and had planned to enter a master's degree program in journalism at the University of Barcelona in the fall.

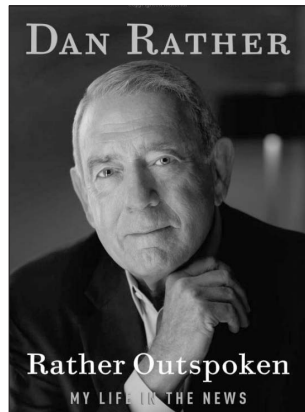


# New Books

## NORTH AMERICA

**A**T 80, DAN RATHER IS STILL reporting the news on AXS TV's weekly show Dan Rather Reports and he is again in the news with the publication of a new memoir. In *Rather Outspoken: My Life in the News* [Grand Central Publishing, May], Rather examines his dismissal from CBS, the triumph of breaking the Abu Ghraib story, the controversy of the George W. Bush Air National Guard story and much more as he settles scores while also handing out praise.

Interviews on his book tour have focused on his thoughts of the damage to democracy brought by corporate consolidation of media and his criticism of CBS, where he spent 24 years as anchor of the evening news — a record unlikely to be broken. The book, written with Digby Diehl, does come out strong on those points but Rather also writes



about his life from its humble beginnings to the heights of his profession in the folksy, eloquent and often poignant style of his previous best-selling memoirs, *The Camera Never Blinks* (1977), *I Remember* (1991), and *The Camera Never Blinks Twice* (1994). He traces his passion to become a journalist to his upbringing in a news-savvy family.

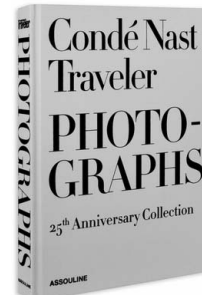
Rather, an OPC member, has this to say about corporate consolidation: first, he quotes Thomas Jefferson: "The only security of all is in a free press" and then he notes that "when you have a press that has become compliant to politicians, owned by corporations, and staffed by people who only want to entertain and obey their corporate masters, the plan fails."

**K**LARA GLOWCZEWSKA, editor in chief of *Condé Nast Traveler* and a former OPC board member, has written the foreword to *Condé Nast Traveler Photographs: 25th Anniversary Collection* [Assouline, March.]

The book showcases stunning photographs from the magazine's



Glowczewska



past quarter century by renowned photographers such as **Helmut Newton**, **David LaChapelle** and **Brigitte Lacombe**. **Luc Sante** wrote the book's introduction and the images are accompanied by essays from notable authors such as **Paul Theroux** and **Simon Winchester** plus maps and annotations by the magazine's editors and the photographers themselves. The large format book includes 25 gatefold images.

Glowczewska has been editor in chief of *Condé Nast Traveler* since January 2005 and executive editor since 1992. She has been an editor at the magazine since **Harold Evans** launched it in 1987 with a simple but for the time revolutionary principle: "Truth in Travel." Glowczewska has translated three books by Polish writer **Ryszard Kapuscinski**, including his final book, *Travels With Herodotus*, published in 2007.

— by Susan Kille

## OPC Election

Enclosed is a ballot for the 2012 election. Return it by August 21 in the colored envelope provided. See election slate on pages 3 to 6.

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