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In the years 2021-2023, the OPC Foundation received contributions intended to honor the memories and careers of the following OPC members and friends of international journalism:

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DAVID R. SCHWEISBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by the Schweisberg Family

Schweisberg joined United Press International in 1980 and worked for its bureaus in Detroit, New York, Washington, Hong Kong and Tokyo. In 1987 he worked in UPI's bureau in Beijing. During the Tiananmen Square student uprising in 1989, his astute dispatches, delivered under the threat of censorship and arrest by the Chinese authorities, were read and heard throughout the world. He was one of the last reporters to leave when the protest was finally crushed by the Chinese Army.

2023 Recipient

Francis Tang
Syracuse University

A native of China and a college senior, Francis is proficient in English, Japanese and Mandarin. One of his 130 bylined stories that have appeared in his college newspaper, *The Daily Orange*, was about how China's Hong Kong national security law has raised concerns about speech and academic freedom among Syracuse University's international student community, the subject of his essay. He intends to focus his career on East Asia and U.S.-Japan relations.



REUTERS FELLOWSHIP

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Reuters, the news and media division of Thomson Reuters, provides trusted intelligence that powers humans and machines to make smart decisions. Reuters supplies business, financial, national and international news to billions of people every day via desktop terminals, the world's media organizations, industry events and directly to consumers. This award reflects the commitment of Reuters to help foster the careers of correspondents in the fields of international affairs and economics.

2023 Recipient

Kailyn Rhone
New York University

In a story she first covered for the *Texas Tribune*, Kailyn described the perils of an Afghan refugee and former translator for the U.S. military, his fraught exit from Kabul and his resettlement in Fort Worth where he runs an Afghan food market. A graduate of Florida A& M University, Kailyn also had reporting stints at Vox Media, ProPublica, and the *Tampa Bay Times*. She is a Reuters Journalism Fellow at NYU and will intern with Reuters this summer. She currently has an internship with the *Wall Street Journal*.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE SCHOLARSHIP in memory of I.F. STONE

Endowed by John R. MacArthur and the Pierre F. Simon Charitable Trust

In a career that spanned more than 65 years, Stone, a veteran Washington reporter, is best known for publishing *I.F. Stone's Weekly* from 1953 to 1971, a newsletter that printed the news that was overlooked in the mainstream press. His work almost single-handedly revived investigative reporting. He is remembered as a tough-minded but pacifist gadfly, a hectoring critic of public officials, and a pugnacious advocate of civil liberties, peace and truth.

2023 Recipient

Youcef Bounab

Craig Newmark School of Journalism at CUNY

A graduate of the University of Algiers and a native Algerian, Youcef rather unexpectedly found himself in New York City five years ago intent on a career in journalism. In his photo essay on Masjid Tajul Huda, a mostly West African mosque in the Bronx, Youcef details the impact of mosque life on recent African arrivals and how that helps them navigate the challenges of immigration. Besides English and French, Youcef speaks Darija and Classical Arabic.



IRENE CORBALLY KUHN SCHOLARSHIP

Endowed by the Scripps Howard Foundation

Despite amazing obstacles, Kuhn fought her way into newsrooms in New York, Paris and Shanghai. After the death of her husband in China, she was hired as a reporter by her friend Roy W. Howard, publisher and editor-in-chief of the *New York World Telegram*. Kuhn was the first person to tell the world about the romance between Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson. Her 1938 autobiography, *Assigned to Adventure*, was a best-seller. A founding member of the Overseas Press Club, she died in December of 1995 at the age of 97.

2023 Recipient

Madeleine Long

University of Richmond

In her essay, Madeleine, a college junior, wrote about a project she did for her Pulitzer Center Campus Consortium Reporting Fellowship, about the role of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukrainian culture, national identity and the war. In November she traveled to Lviv in western Ukraine to interview a wide range of people, ranging from military chaplains to internally displaced persons who fled eastern Ukraine. She is a reporter for her campus newspaper, *The Collegian*.

STAN SWINTON FELLOWSHIP

Endowed by the Swinton Family

Stan Swinton spent 42 years with The Associated Press, filing stories with his byline from 100 different countries. He joined AP in 1940 and also worked for *Stars and Stripes* during World War II. One of his best known stories was an eyewitness account from behind the German lines in 1945 in which he described how Benito Mussolini was slain and hung upside down by Communist partisans in Milan.

2023 Recipient

Andrew Califf

New York University

A double journalism/anthropology major, Andrew developed a keen interest in the intersection of migration, climate change, trade, and nomadism while camping out with Bedouins and refugees throughout the Middle East – and covering those stories for Israel’s *Haavertz*. In his essay, he wrote about colonial looting of ancient funerary structures known as chullpas that are scattered across the Chincha Valley of Peru. The well-traveled college senior speaks intermediate Mandarin.



EMANUEL R. FREEDMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Endowed by family

Emanuel R. Freedman, known as Manny, was the foreign editor of the *New York Times* for 16 years and then an assistant managing editor. He died in 1971. Freedman is credited with hiring an entire generation of correspondents for the Times and building its global presence during his career there which lasted from 1948 to 1971. He guided coverage of such events as the Korean conflict, the Hungarian Uprising, the Suez Canal Crisis of 1956 and the 1954 Geneva Conference on Indochina.

2023 Recipient

Simon Levien

Harvard University

While only a college junior, Simon has already experienced breaking an international story. In his essay, he wrote about the uproar resulting from an eight-part series he and a colleague did for the *Harvard Crimson* about a Harvard professor’s claim that Korean women kidnapped by Japanese military during WWII were not “comfort women” but contracted sex workers. Currently an intern with the *Boston Globe*, he hopes to continue research on the Philippine sex trafficking industry that serves Western tourists in Manila.

ROY ROWAN SCHOLARSHIP

Endowed by family, friends and admirers

Roy Rowan, correspondent, writer, editor and former OPC president, spent 35 years at Time Inc. serving as bureau chief in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Rome, Tokyo, Bonn and Chicago, and as assistant managing editor for the weekly *Life* in charge of news. As a foreign correspondent, he covered the civil war in China, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and was among the last Americans evacuated from Saigon by helicopter in 1975. He died in 2016 at the age of 96.

2023 Recipient

Nuha Dolby

University of Wisconsin-Madison

In 2021, Nuha traveled to Bangladesh to report on how the problems of the country's cash-based healthcare system were exposed during the Covid-19 pandemic. Ethnically Bangladeshi and fluent in Bangala, she intends to return there to cover how the people and culture are surviving in one of the most climate-threatened countries in the world. A college senior, and a double major in English and math, Nuha has an OPC Foundation fellowship with the *Wall Street Journal*.



FLORA LEWIS / JACQUELINE ALBERT-SIMON SCHOLARSHIP

Endowed by the Pierre F. Simon Charitable Trust

Flora Lewis was a Paris-based commentator for the *New York Times* for more than 25 years. Her indefatigable reporting and graceful writing received wide recognition. She received more than a half-dozen honorary doctorates, lifetime achievement awards from the OPC and the National Press Club, and awards from Columbia University and the Aspen Institute. The French government made her a Chevalier in the Legion of Honor. Jacqueline Albert-Simon had a distinguished career in journalism, most recently with *Politique Internationale*, and was a beloved member of the OPC Foundation board.

2023 Recipient

Zane Irvin

Swarthmore College

As a Pulitzer Center reporting fellow last summer, Zane extended his time in Cameroon to cover how the country's violent conflict runs on parallel tracks, on the battlefield and on social media. In both video and print, Zane told the story of journalist Mimi Mefo Takambou who is now based in Europe and still covering what is called Cameroon's Anglophone crisis. A senior majoring in political science and French, Zane also does podcasts for War News Radio.

S&P GLOBAL AWARD FOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS REPORTING

Endowed by S&P Global

The S&P Global scholarship was created specifically to encourage talented young reporters considering careers in financial journalism. It is intended to reward the study of accounting, financial analysis, and investment related to functioning of global markets and to enhance the coverage and understanding of international business and investing.

2023 Recipient

Rayna Song

Northwestern University

At the start of the pandemic, Rayna returned home to Beijing and wrote a feature article for the *Washington Post* about how online classes had widened the gap between the wealthier and less privileged students in China. A college senior, she was raised bi-lingual in Mandarin and English, and also speaks French and some Spanish. She has interned with *USA Today* and with *LeMonde* in Beijing and is editor-in-chief of the *Northwestern Business Review*.



JERRY FLINT FELLOWSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS REPORTING

Endowed by family and friends

Jerry Flint began his career at the *Wall Street Journal* in 1956 and spent 12 years at the *New York Times*. He joined *Forbes* in 1979, holding several senior positions and covering international stories in Cuba, Nicaragua and Africa. In 1996, Flint became a columnist writing about the automotive industry, where he earned the moniker, Dean of Automotive Writers. He received numerous awards and was recognized by his peers as one of the smartest, most contrarian, and relentless reporters of the last century.

2023 Recipient

Lucy Papachristou

Craig Newmark School of Journalism at CUNY

Having already spent three years reporting outside the U.S., including an internship with the *Wall Street Journal* in Brussels, Lucy is eager to return to the post-Soviet region, specifically Georgia, to complete a reporting project on the influence of politics on the country's once promising cryptocurrency industry, the subject of her essay. Fluent in Russian and a graduate of Carleton College, Lucy currently has an internship on the tech desk with Bloomberg.

WALTER & BETSY CRONKITE SCHOLARSHIP

Funded by Mercedes-Benz and Supported by CBS News

Walter Cronkite was called "the most trusted man in America" during his two decades as anchor of the CBS Evening News. He began his career as a correspondent for United Press International during World War II, and joined CBS in 1950 as a reporter. He became the evening news anchor in 1962 and held that post until his retirement in 1981, ending each broadcast with "...and that's the way it is," his television signature. Betsy, his wife of nearly 65 years, was also a veteran foreign correspondent for the Voice of America and the *Kansas City Star*.

2023 Recipient

Daniel Shailer

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism

Daniel intends to take his specialty in climate justice and water quality, plus training in audio and other multimedia skills, and return to Latin America where climate impact issues are among the most pressing in the world. In his essay, he wrote about how New York's failing sewage infrastructure was polluting the Saw Mill River. A graduate of University of Cambridge, he was born in Hong Kong and once swam the English Channel. He speaks Mandarin and conversational Spanish.



NATHAN S. BIENSTOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Endowed by the Richard Leibner and Carole Cooper Family Foundation

In 1964, Nathan "Nate" Bienstock along with Sol Leibner and his son Richard formed the talent agency N.S. Bienstock, Inc. Run by Richard and his wife Carole since the 1970s, N.S. Bienstock became part of United Talent Agency in 2014. The company has represented, among others, Walter Cronkite, Dan Rather, Mike Wallace, Diane Sawyer, and Anderson Cooper. Richard and Carole have been inducted into The Giants of Broadcasting by the Library of American Broadcasting, the Broadcasting & Cable's Hall of Fame, and NATAS Gold Circle.

2023 Recipient

Viola Flowers

Stony Brook University

While only a college sophomore, Viola showed her grasp of journalism, her commitment to research and reporting, and her ability to recognize the subtle details which lie at the heart of every good story. In her essay, she wrote about the struggles of Ukrainian refugees on her campus trying to navigate the trauma of loss and the vagaries of the U.S. immigration system. A journalism major, she has an internship with the NBC Nightly News.

FRITZ BEEBE FELLOWSHIP

Endowed by Anne and Larry Martz

As the regent who ran The Washington Post Co. between the death of Philip Graham in 1963 and Katharine Graham's full command in the early '70s, Frederick S. "Fritz" Beebe had a special appreciation for journalism and journalists. A Wall Street lawyer and adviser to the Grahams, he played a key role when The Post bought *Newsweek* magazine in 1961. As acting CEO, Beebe had the astonishing idea that editorial talent was vital to making money, and he bestowed corporate stock and options on reporters, writers and editors as well as the business side. His vision made this award possible.

2023 Recipient

Devin Seán Martin

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism

Born into a tradition of Irish storytellers, Devin's focus is now business journalism. Having spent the last three years covering business in Ireland and in Brussels, he intends to keep his focus on European economics and finance. In his essay, he wrote about Kerrygold butter, a leading Irish export, and its struggles to cope with escalating pandemic-related shipping container prices and now fall-out from the war in Ukraine. He is a graduate of Dublin City University and a competitive Frisbee player.



SALLY JACOBSEN FELLOWSHIP

Endowed by family and friends

An experienced Associated Press foreign correspondent in Mexico City and Brussels, she was the first woman to serve as the news service's international editor, overseeing coverage of wars, terrorism and a daily stream of history-making events. Her 39-year career took her from a Washington economics correspondent to the pressure-packed job at New York headquarters. A former vice president of the OPC Foundation, she helped establish the current fellowship program.

2023 Recipient

Kaela Malig

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism

An award-winning multimedia journalist in her native Philippines, Kaela spent several years as a digital video specialist and news producer for GMA Network, the country's leading broadcast news organization, where she covered a wide spectrum of social and political stories from child sex abuse to domestic violence. She also worked for CNN and the *Washington Post*. In her essay, Kaela wrote about the orphaned children of the Philippine drug war. A graduate of Ateneo de Manila University, she speaks Filipino, Mandarin and Hokkien.

RICHARD PYLE SCHOLARSHIP

Endowed by family and friends

Richard Pyle devoted his life to the cause of being a correspondent. His long and accomplished Associated Press career spanned the globe and a half-century of crisis, war, catastrophe and indelible moments in news reporting, from the Cuban missile crisis, the resignation of Richard Nixon to Desert Storm. He will be remembered most for his Vietnam War coverage over five critical years, the last half as chief of the news organization's Pulitzer Prize-winning Saigon bureau.

2023 Recipient

Yucheng Tang

New York University

Yucheng wrote about the downsides of his native China's zero Covid policy, its impact on individuals and on the economy. A graduate of Fudan University's School of Journalism and a Schwarzman Scholar at Tsinghua University, he has worked at several publications in China, including *the New York Times*, as an investigative journalist at *Southern Weekend* and as a feature writer at *Portrait Magazine*. Yucheng has an OPC Foundation fellowship with the Associated Press in Bangkok.



RICK DAVIS-DEB AMOS SCHOLARSHIP

Endowed by Deb Amos and friends

Deb Amos, an award-winning correspondent for NPR News, met Rick Davis in Beirut in 1982 and they became a husband-wife team covering the Middle East for decades. Rick, a Middle East correspondent for NBC News, passed away in 2019 and Deb has chosen to endow this award in both their names in support of high-quality Middle East coverage. Deb is a vice president of the Overseas Press Club and the Ferris Professor of Journalism in Residence at Princeton University. She previously reported for ABC's *Nightline* and PBS's *Frontline*.

2023 Recipient

Sarah Raza

Stanford University

As an intern for the *Detroit Free Press*, Sarah wrote about Sommiech Flower, a Michigan woman who moved with her Pakistani husband to Chatha Bakhtawar, a small town just outside Islamabad, and started a school for impoverished children. A college senior, Sarah has been a beat reporter and desk editor for *The Stanford Daily* and plans on earning a master's degree in journalism post-graduation. She speaks some Urdu and French.

EDITH LEDERER SCHOLARSHIP

Endowed by Edith Lederer and friends

Edith Lederer, who is the Associated Press' chief correspondent at the United Nations, has worked for the AP for more than five decades on every continent except Antarctica covering wars, famines, nuclear programs, political upheavals and major global issues including the break-up of the Soviet Union. She was AP's first full-time female correspondent to cover the Vietnam War in 1972-73 and AP's first female bureau chief overseas based in Lima, Peru in 1975. She has also been based in Israel, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Hong Kong, East Africa, the United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia. She is the winner of five lifetime achievement awards including the OPC's Fay Gillis Wells Award.

2023 Recipient

Rachel Nostrant
New York University

Rachel traveled to Odessa last spring to report on an American woman helping Ukrainian refugees escape war zones in eastern Ukraine. Rachel would like to return to Ukraine and eventually the Middle East where she once served as a Middle Eastern Cryptologic Linguist with the U.S. Marine Corps in Iraq and Syria. A graduate of Penn State, she speaks Levantine Arabic, modern standard Arabic and some French.



SEYMOUR AND AUDREY TOPPING SCHOLARSHIP

Endowed by the Topping and Cone families and friends

This award recognizes the Toppings' global legacy as pioneering journalists and authors. Seymour and Audrey worked together on many different, often dangerous assignments in China, Southeast Asia and Europe, including Russia. After many years as a foreign correspondent, Top's leadership roles included Managing Editor of *The New York Times* and Administrator of the Pulitzer Prizes. Audrey is a photojournalist with cover photographs and stories in *National Geographic*, *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *Life*, and others.

2023 Recipient

Chris Chang

University of California-Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism

While covering the pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong, Chris learned how video journalism can deliver thought-provoking images that transcend language and cultural barriers. A graduate of National Taipei University in Taiwan, he wrote about involution in China and the potential for social unrest, as Chinese students compete incessantly throughout their schooling for little chance of rewarding careers. He is fluent in English and Mandarin and speaks advanced French.

OUR JUDGES

The OPC Foundation would like to thank the panel of judges who tackled the difficult task of naming the 2023 recipients.

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