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We hope you enjoy this edition of the Bulletin. This July issue features the announcement of the slate of candidates for the OPC Board of Governors, as well as a review of proposed amendments to the OPC constitution, which active members will vote on via electronic ballot. Register now to attend our psychological safety training for women and nonbinary journalists [on July 20](#). Don't miss the poignant [letter of thanks](#) to the OPC from Morgan Zo Callahan, who recently used the OPC's digital archives to research details about his father, past OPC member Lionel Durand. We also have updates on OPC member news in the People Column, new programs and opportunities for journalists in our Resources section, and more.

OPC Presents New Slate of Governors

by Paula Dwyer

The OPC is pleased to present an exemplary slate of board candidates for election in 2023. We recruited six active and two associate board members for your consideration. They are all outstanding in their fields and when you read their bios, we think you'll be impressed.



They comprise a diverse group – measured not just by gender, ethnicity and nationality but also by background and expertise. Some are freelancers; others work for widely respected media outlets. Some are working global journalists;

others are teaching the storytelling craft to students. Some are photographers and documentary filmmakers, while others use the latest investigative methods, such as open-source intelligence. Their geographic areas of expertise range from Africa to Latin America to the Middle East.

I had the honor of chairing the nominating committee, which included Vivienne Walt, Azmat Khan and Bill Holstein. I thank them for helping produce a slate that will help keep the OPC vibrant and relevant.

The Election Committee members overseeing the voting process are Linda Fasulo (chair), Emma Daly and Deborah Amos. The club is continuing to use the online voting website Balloteer to host its secure election.

The deadline for voting is Monday, Sept. 4 at noon, and the results will be announced at the online Annual Meeting on Sept. 5. Each ballot requires a login, which is your e-mail address where you received the ballot link. The system allows one voting ballot and delineates between Active and Associate members. There will be no paper ballots this year.

Members who are eligible to vote, please watch for an email with your ballot link later this week. We will also send email reminders over the next few weeks.

2023 Election Slate

Active Board

Fahim Abed

I am a co-editor at Lighthouse Reports and a 2023 Nieman fellow at Harvard. I was a reporter for The New York Times in Afghanistan until the Taliban takeover of the country in August 2021. I was evacuated from Kabul with a number of my colleagues and relocated to the United States. I was part of the New York Times team that won an Overseas Press Club Award for coverage of Afghanistan. Prior to joining the Times in 2016, I worked as a producer and reporter with Turkey's Anadolu Agency, the BBC World Service and various local outlets in Afghanistan. I am a 2019 alumni of the East-West Center's fellowship program and an Afghanistan Observatory Scholar with New America. In the spring of 2022, I joined the Tribune-Review in Pittsburgh as a visual journalist through the World Association of News Publishers' Afghan Journalist Appeal program.



As an OPC governor, I will try my best to support journalists in Asian countries and especially Afghanistan, where journalists are really struggling. I will try my best to support them however I can, even if it is just emotional support. Journalists in conflict zones and difficult places sacrifice their lives and take huge risks to serve their audience and media organization. But when they need

support, often there is no one to help them.

Juan Arredondo

I am a freelance photographer, documentary filmmaker, and visual journalism professor at Rutgers and Columbia University. For over a decade, I have reported on human rights and social issues in Latin America and the United States as a frequent contributor to The New York Times and National Geographic. Recently, I have been a producer and director for a documentary series on global migration and the recent invasion of Ukraine.



I am honored to be a candidate for the OPC board. I look forward to continuing the important and impactful work the organization does supporting foreign correspondents and local journalists, translators and fixers. I myself was a 2020 OPC Foundation scholarship winner. I hope to expand the OPC's programs relating to Latin America while emphasizing the importance of safety for visual journalists working abroad.

Nadja Drost

I am an independent journalist working in long-form print, television, radio and documentary film. I've spent most of my journalism career reporting from Latin America, and I was based in Bogotá, Colombia for a decade, reporting for outlets such as the PBS *NewsHour*, the California Sunday Magazine, TIME, GlobalPost and public radio broadcasters. I gravitate towards reporting on forced displacement, migration, and various forms of conflict. In 2016, my partner and I received an OPC award for our PBS *NewsHour* reporting on Colombia's FARC guerrillas.



As a freelancer since 2009, I'm interested in expanding ways to support freelancers abroad and their local colleagues, especially when reporting from complicated regions. I hope to participate in programming for journalists, as well as efforts to respond to emergencies faced by international journalists.

Beth Knobel

It would be a great honor to serve another term as a governor of the OPC, having just served two years as an associate member of the board. Having represented those members not working in journalism, I am now seeking election as an active journalist.



As an OPC board member, I helped plan our "How I Did It" speaker series, took part in the process of making grants to Ukrainian journalists, and spearheaded an effort to increase OPC outreach to professors and university students. In my role as a reporter in Moscow for nearly 15 years (most of them at CBS News) and now as a tenured professor teaching journalism at Fordham University in New York, I have dedicated my professional life to truthful and accurate reporting – exactly the kind of journalism fostered by the OPC. In addition to teaching, I speak frequently on CBS Radio as a Russian expert, and I publish articles as a freelancer in publications like the Columbia Journalism Review or op-eds in newspapers like the LA Times.

I believe strongly in the OPC's mission and would be delighted to serve another two years to further the work of this wonderful organization.

Alexis Okeowo

I have reported on conflict, human rights, and culture across Africa, as well as from Mexico, Europe, and the American South for The New Yorker and other publications. I am the author of *A Moonless, Starless Sky: Ordinary Women and Men Fighting Extremism in Africa*, which received the 2018 PEN Open Book Award. I was named journalist of the year by the Newswomen's Club of New York in 2020 and received the Philip D. Reed Environmental Writing Award in 2022.



My interests on the board include diverting attention to the risks and issues facing journalists in conflict and repressive environments on the African continent, as well as in other crisis zones in the developing world neglected in the shadow of Ukraine.

Nilo Tabrizy

For the past six years, my main coverage area has been Iran – first for The New York Times and now for The Washington Post with a focus on open-source investigative reporting (OSINT). I'm also writing a book on Iran about the anti-government uprising that began in September



2022 for Pantheon/Penguin Random House (U.S.) and Atlantic Books (U.K.).

As an Iranian-Canadian dual national, I feel a sense of purpose reporting on Iran, especially with respect to investigations that can lead to accountability for human rights abuses by the regime. I'm uniquely positioned for this work due to my cultural connections, language skills and OSINT specialization. For the OPC, I hope to highlight more regional reporting, OSINT work and to help Iranian journalists under threat by the regime leave the country safely.

Associate Board

Brian Byrd

I'm seeking a term on the board because of my commitment to journalism as a field and the safety of colleagues who practice the craft. Currently, I'm working on an initiative to incorporate preventative safety as a core requirement for students in journalism schools. In collaboration with other colleagues, we hope to organize a convening of journalists, academics, press freedom groups, security experts, and industry leaders to develop strategies and methods to prepare journalists at the college and university-level to mitigate risk. If elected, my goal will also be to further OPC's role as an indispensable resource for journalists working in an increasingly dangerous environment. I want to continue to maintain OPC as a strong voice for press freedom, with an unwavering belief that nothing is more important to democracy than a well-informed electorate.



I am a senior program officer for the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts, where I oversee their prevention grants program. Earlier, I was the deputy director for Membership with the Council on Foreign Relations. Before that, I was the assistant director for Communications for the Rockefeller Foundation. I have worked as a freelance journalist and photographer; and I'm a member of the Advisory Board for WITNESS, a human rights organization.

John Simons

I'm honored and incredibly excited to be a candidate for the board of the Overseas Press Club. I'm currently a partner at the Brunswick



Group, a global advisory firm focused on strategic issues. Prior to joining Brunswick in April, I served in senior editorial roles at top-tier news organizations for more than 30 years, most recently as Executive Editor at TIME, where I was responsible for the publication's technology coverage, as well as broader national and business news. Before that, I spent several years at the Wall Street Journal, including a stint in London as the paper's Energy Editor for Europe, Middle East, and Africa. Earlier in my career, I served as a reporter, covering the drug and biotech industries, immigration, technology and economic policy at The Wall Street Journal, FORTUNE, and U.S. News & World Report.

As a board member, I look forward to promoting the interests of journalists working overseas, especially those who cover economic, financial, and business matters. I also hope to help with the recruitment of corporate sponsors to support OPC's efforts.

OPC Board of Governors Propose Three Amendments to the Constitution

by Patricia Kranz

The OPC Board of Governors approved three proposed amendments to the OPC Constitution at the May 23, 2023 meeting. Active members will have an opportunity to vote on the amendments when they elect new governors prior to the Sept. 5 annual meeting.

The first amendment would clarify rules governing the procedures by which an OPC member may be suspended or terminated. The changes delineate the responsibilities of the OPC Executive Committee (officers of the club) and the OPC board, while preserving the right of members to make an appeal.

The second amendment would align the number of officers and governors in the Constitution with the number listed in the Bylaws. The numbers got out of sync after the board voted to eliminate alternate members several years ago.

The third amendment would expedite the process by which the OPC amends the Constitution to take account of digital technology. The new language would require the OPC to notify members of any proposed amendments, with a full explanation and discussion, in a Bulletin. Proposed amendments would be explained again when we notify members to vote by email for new officers and directors. Then we would elect new board members and vote on amendments all at the same time.

Details of the three amendments are below. Proposed changes are in bold. Words that would be deleted are crossed out.

ARTICLE 11: TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION

Section One: Membership in the Club may be terminated by the Board of Governors as set forth in the By-laws:

- (A) By voluntary resignation of any member who is not indebted to the Club.
- (B) For failure to pay dues or other amounts when they shall become payable.
- (C) For a violation of the By-laws or of rules of the Club not inconsistent with this Constitution and Bylaws or for conduct which in the opinion of the Board is improper or prejudicial to the interests of the Club.
- (D) **The Executive Committee, by a majority vote, may move to suspend for any length of time or terminate permanently any member whose conduct, in its opinion, is improper or prejudicial to the interests of the Club. The Executive Committee will report that decision to the Board, which may 1) let a suspension stand by majority vote, 2) revoke a suspension by a majority vote or 3) amend the length of a suspension by a majority vote or 4) agree to terminate the member by a two-thirds vote of Board members present. A member proposed for termination or expulsion will have the right to make an appeal, in writing, to the Board before a vote to terminate a membership is taken.**

~~The Board must receive notification in advance and a vote to suspend or expel must be by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board present. A member proposed for termination shall have the right to a hearing before the Board of Governors, under rules set forth in the By-laws.~~

ARTICLE 12: OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS

Section One: The Club shall be governed by a Board of Governors, which shall consist of all the Club's elected officers, **nineteen** ~~thirteen~~ Governors elected from the Active membership, **five** ~~three~~ Governors elected from the Associate Membership and, ex-officio, all Past Presidents of the Club.

Officers and other Governors shall be elected for a term of two years in accordance with procedures set forth in the By-laws.

Section Two: The Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents, ranked in order of the number of votes received, a Secretary and a Treasurer elected from among the Active members of the Club.

ARTICLE 21: AMENDMENTS

Overview of this proposal:

This Constitution can be amended only by the following procedures: An amendment may be (A) initiated by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Governors, or (B) submitted to the Board of Governors by at least twenty-five Active members. In the latter case, the proposed amendment must be submitted to the Board of Governors in writing at least thirty days prior to the Annual meeting of the Club. Under either procedure, the proposed amendment **and an impartial discussion of its pros and cons** shall be published in the first issue of the Club's Overseas Press Club Bulletin following the Board of Governors' meeting at which it was either voted or submitted.

The proposed amendment/s shall **again be published in a subsequent issue of the Bulletin that also contains the slate of candidates running in the annual election, along with any discussion of its merits or demerits submitted by OPC members since the prior publication.**

The amendment shall then be voted on by members as part of the same balloting process for new officers and governors.

~~placed before the next Annual meeting of the Club for discussion. The Secretary shall read to the members at this meeting any comments received from members of the Club who are not present at the meeting.~~

~~Within three weeks following the meeting at which the proposed amendment was presented for discussion, the Secretary shall mail to all Active members ballots and an impartial digest of the discussion and the letters read at the meeting.~~

Active members may then vote by **email** within a period of time specified by the Board and in accordance with procedures ~~that shall be set forth in the By-laws.~~ If at least two thirds of the Active members ~~voting by mail~~-vote in favor of the proposed amendment, it shall be declared adopted as of the date specified by the Board of Governors for the closing of the balloting.

Upcoming Events

July 20: OPC And IWMF Offer Psychological Safety Training For Women And Nonbinary Journalists

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eastern Time

Location: Online via Zoom

Freelance writers, editors and visual producers are invited to an interactive, virtual



session on fostering psychological safety and resilience in the face of trauma in the course of practicing journalism. The program is aimed at women, nonbinary journalists and allies. The training is scheduled at an hour we hope will be convenient for journalists in Asia and the Middle East. The Overseas Press Club and the International Women’s Media Foundation are co-sponsoring the event. It is supported by the Committee to Protect Journalists, Rory Peck Trust, and ACOS, all organizations committed to providing programs and services to bolster the mental health and security of working journalists. Ana Zellhuber, psychoanalyst and Emergency Psychology specialist based in Mexico City, will deliver the training. She will include a slide presentation, and she will offer a guided and interactive exercise, with ample time for Q&A and discussion. In 2005, Zellhuber founded Vinland Solutions, to provide psychological support to women journalists, human rights defenders and women in politics who have been a target of persecution.

Registrants will receive a link to join the Zoom call via email about an hour before the program on July 20.

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OPC Digital Archives Help Uncover Lost Family History



The photo above, from the OPC's 1961 Dateline magazine, shows OPC member Lionel Durand, center right, behind Nikita Khrushchev in the foreground.

The following is a letter of thanks to the OPC from Morgan Zo Callahan, who recently used the OPC's digital archives to research his own family background. We hope you enjoy reading his account and find the story as moving as we have. It is a testament to the importance of the OPC's digital archives as a tool for researchers as well as a chronicle of club history.

[Read an article announcing the archival collection here.](#)

[Read tips for how to use the archive and refine searches here.](#)



Dear Editor of the Overseas Press Club Bulletin,

In the eleven short months since 1,751 historical OPC Bulletins and other unique OPC records have been digitalized and preserved online at [Archive.org](#), they have been accessed by 5,909 unique individuals. As one of those individuals, I would like to briefly share with you my personal story of accessing them, what I learned, and to express my most sincere and heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

I was born in 1944 and will turn 79 in just a few months. Until only recently, I have never known who my father was. As a young child, my mother had relinquished me, putting me up for adoption, and declaring to the court that my unnamed father was dead. The unstated implication was that he had been killed in World War II. This, it would turn out, was a lie.

I have always yearned to know who was my father. With the dogged assistance

of my beloved friend and a professional Investigative Genetic Genealogist, John F. Suggs, the two of us ultimately discovered through DNA analysis that my father was, in fact, [Lionel Durand](#), a highly respected and accomplished journalist and a member of the OPC of America and the Anglo-American Press Association of Paris.

Born in Haiti in 1920, the son of the last prewar Haitian Ambassador to France, Lionel studied at the Sorbonne, Heidelberg and Oxford and spoke French, English, German, Russian, Spanish and Italian. He and his family would find themselves trapped in France when the Germans invaded in 1940. Both The New York Times, along with the Bulletin, recounted that Lionel had fought in the French Resistance and was “twice arrested by the Gestapo and twice escaped.”

In the US National Archives, we discovered as part of a wartime special investigation by the FBI, a report, filed under the signature of J. Edgar Hoover, that noted that Lionel’s father, Louis Durand, had returned to his home in Le Havre, France on July 16, 1941, and encountered four German soldiers who demanded his passports and those of his family. The soldiers confiscated the following: “diplomatic passports and passports of Durand’s family; exequatur and act of nomination by Haitian Government; marriage certificate of Durand’s son, Lionel; official and private letters; all consular seals; blank passports; and notes belonging to Durand’s son and a photograph.” They were now without any diplomatic identification papers to protect them in occupied France.

In the summer of 1942, the family finally successfully fled France for New York, where Lionel was appointed director of Voice of America’s French section regularly broadcasting to the people of occupied France. It was while there, at the Voice of America desk in New York, that he met my mother who was working down the hall at the Office of War Information department. Besides the racial challenges stemming from the fact that Lionel was Black and my mother was white, there was also an additional complication due to the fact that my mother was married at the time to a soldier serving overseas. Thus, my very “being” represented a scandal for her that she ultimately resolved by unilaterally declaring my father dead and turning me over for adoption.

After the war, from 1945-1948, Lionel would work for the Paris Presse as New York and UN bureau chief before returning to France as its foreign editor. In 1956 he joined Newsweek as a staff correspondent in Paris and became Newsweek’s Paris bureau chief in 1958. Thanks to the [1950’s Bulletins](#) in the archives, I was able to track his journalistic career progression. His various promotions, reporting assignments, exclusive interviews, election to the Executive Committee of the Anglo-American Press Association of Paris, chairing their Dinner Committee for the annual black-tie dinner and even a 1958 ski vacation in the French Alps were all dutifully noted and recorded in the weekly Bulletin.

[Read the Full Letter Here](#)

Welcome New Members

Mani Benchelah

Freelance
Documentary Filmmaker
Athens, Greece
Active Overseas

Jonathan Got

Reporter
The Logic
Ottawa, Ontario
Active Overseas, Young (29 or under)



Shahan Mufti

Associate Professor
University of Richmond
Richmond, VA
Associate Non-Resident

Aliide Naylor

Freelance
London
Active Overseas, Young (30-34)



Lexi Parra

Freelance
Photojournalist
New York
Active Resident, Young (29 or under)



People by Chad Bouchard

SCHOLARS

Three OPC Foundation fellows have [started](#) their summer internships at The Wall Street Journal and already landed bylines. **Simon Levien**, the Emanuel R. Freedman Scholarship winner for 2023,



Nuha Dolby, the Roy Rowan

Fellowship winner for 2023, and **Humza Jilani**, the Roy Rowan Scholarship winner in 2022, have been reporting on a range of topics including [culture wars](#) in the U.S. Congress, Facebook's [legal setbacks](#) in ad revenue for Europe, and [real estate woes](#) in a London business district. (Photos above, left to right: Levien, Dolby and Jilani.)

Youcef Bounab, winner of the Harper's Magazine Scholarship in memory of I.F.Stone in 2023, [started](#) his internship and OPC fellowship at The Associated Press in Paris. Bounab reported on unrest in France following the police killing of 17-year-old Nahel Merzouk, with stories about the implications for [tourism](#), [diplomacy](#) with visiting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and the [effect](#) on Bastille Day celebrations amid restrictions on fireworks and public transportation.



Zane Irvin, the 2023 Flora Lewis/Jacqueline Albert-Simon Scholarship winner, has been writing for The Associated Press during his OPC fellowship this summer from West Africa, with reporting on violence [in Cameroon's](#) English-speaking areas, forced deportations [in Ghana](#), and military killings and torture [in Burkina Faso](#). Irwin previously covered Cameroon as a Pulitzer Center reporting fellow in 2022 with a focus on conflict in the battlefield and on social media.



Rachel Nostrant, the 2023 Edith Lederer Scholarship winner, has also been filing stories for Reuters since the beginning of July, with recent stories about a heat wave in Arizona [on July 16](#), a story about a Florida judge's decision [on July 12](#) to allow a filmed re-enactment in the Parkland school shooting case, and another story [on July 12](#) about a study showing flagging learning levels among U.S. students since the pandemic.



Lucy Papachristou, the 2023 winner of the Jerry Flint Scholarship for International Business Reporting, has been filing stories about Russia for Reuters since mid-May, most recently with a piece about the passage of a bill banning gender change [on July 14](#), and another story [on July 5](#) about charges against the chief executive of Yandex for alleged offenses under the country's so-called "LGBT propaganda" law. She has an OPC Foundation fellowship with Reuters.



Sarah Raza, the Rick Davis-Deb Amos Scholarship winner in 2023, has started her internship on the metro desk of The Boston Globe, with seven bylines on topics spanning [climate change](#), [city council scandals](#) and implications of the over-the-counter birth control pill, [Opill](#). Raza was previously a beat reporter and desk editor for The Stanford Daily and plans to earn a master's degree in journalism.



AWARDS

OPC member **Astrid Landon** received a Gold Award in the Digital Health Awards contest [in June](#) for work in MindSite News. Landon was honored for pieces titled “[How I Passed a Test To Be a Grief Therapist Without Really Trying](#),” and “[Buyer, Be Aware: An Inside Look at Four Grief Counseling Programs](#),” which examine the problems of the unregulated mental health care certification industry.



UPDATES

[On July 10](#), the Foreign Press Association (FPA) spoke with OPC Past President **David A. Andelman** from Paris about riots in France following the police killing of 17-year-old Nahel Merzouk. OPC member **Ian Williams**, the FPA’s president, asked Andelman about cultural changes and attitudes toward marginalized groups in France. He said neighborhoods that were once segregated by ethnicity have become more integrated, inflaming tensions and nativist sentiments. “Unfortunately the police are drawn from a segment of the population that is very much like that,” he said, adding that self-selection and institutional attitudes within the French police force deepens the problem. “They come more from the milieu of people who don’t trust Nahel [Merzouk], and feel hostile toward him, and don’t necessarily think they belong in France, even though Nahel was born in France and was a citizen.”



OPC member **Jim Bitterman** also discussed the unrest for CNN from Paris [on July 4](#), as French President Emmanuel Macron met with mayors across the country hit hard by violence. To illustrate division in France over the incident, he contrasted two fundraising campaigns, one for the family of the police officer who shot Merzouk, and another for Merzouk’s family, with funds for the police outpacing that of Merzouk by a factor of up to five times. “It’s a very telling figure, and some people are using that this morning to make their arguments, saying what’s needed here is a tougher police crackdown, and not so much better police work,” he said. “On the other hand, there are plenty of people who say the police need more training and more sensitivity.”



Anne-Elisabeth Moutet, an OPC member and columnist for The Telegraph in London, [on July 3](#) discussed the riots in France with the right-leaning British broadcast channel GBNews. “We now are beginning to understand that the first day, which may have been crucial to set the tone, there were severe instructions to police not to have another incident, and therefore they held out, rather than risk another killing. The result is that there was an emboldenment of the movement by people who have no political demands whatsoever.” She rejected the labeling of unrest as protests, saying that “they are riots by people who essentially are out to get revenge.”



Elena Becatoros, an OPC member based in Athens who serves as Associated Press bureau chief for southeast Europe, spoke to NPR [on June 21](#) about the deadly wreck of a crowded ship off the coast of Greece carrying 750 migrants from Pakistan, Syria and other countries, which claimed the lives of at least 500 people. Becatoros talked about testimony from survivors who described appalling conditions, with “women and children mainly held down below in the hold, which is why there have been no women or children among the survivors.” Nine Egyptians were arrested and charged in connection with the incident amid allegations of violence on board the ship and links with a human trafficking ring.



OPC member **Ben Taub**, a staff writer for The New Yorker, wrote a longform piece [on July 1](#) that closely examines events and safety concerns leading up to the Titan submersible disaster. Through extensive interviews and access to emails with OceanGate expedition leaders and staff, Taub reveals that many warnings were ignored. He wrote that experts “had been warning of the submersible’s design flaws for more than five years, filing complaints to the U.S. government and to OceanGate itself, and pleading with [OceanGate founder and Titan pilot Stockton Rush] to abandon his aspirations. As they mourned Nargeolet and the other passengers, they decided to reveal OceanGate’s history of knowingly shoddy design and construction. “You can’t cut corners in the deep,” Taub quoted Rob McCallum, a veteran expedition leader, as telling Rush. “It’s not about being a disruptor. It’s about the laws of physics.” Taub won OPC Foundation’s Emanuel R. Freedman Scholarship in 2015 and [won](#) the OPC’s 2016 Best Investigative Reporting Award for his piece about Syria’s war crimes against its own citizens.



People Column

New Resources

RESOURCES

A panel at the **Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE)** conference this year discussed tips for how to make safety part of newsroom culture. The panel included veteran reporter Manny Garcia and Cristi Hegrans of Global Press, with Naseem S. Miller, senior editor for **The Journalist’s Resource**, moderating. [Read the tipsheet and recap of the panel here.](#)

The **Reporter’s Committee for Freedom of the Press** has published a Reporter’s Guide to Pre-Publication Review to provide journalists with common vetting principles to help them better assess and decrease the legal risks they may face when publishing an article or releasing a film. [Read the report here.](#)

The Coalition for Women in Journalism (CFWIJ) has released its report on threats against women journalists in the first quarter of 2023. The researchers found that at least 100 women journalists spent the first quarter of 2023 behind bars, 4 less than in the first quarter of the previous year. The report also says that 24 women journalists were physically attacked and 23 legally harassed over the same period this year. [Read the full report here.](#)

TRAINING AND PROGRAMS

On July 20, the **International Press Institute (IPI)** will host a free webinar about the U.S.-China chip war and its global implications. The session will feature three writers on the semiconductor sector: Chris Miller, author of the book *Chip War: The Fight for the World's most Critical Technology*; and Taipei-based Nikkei Asia correspondents Cheng Ting-Fang and Laily Li. [Read more and register here.](#)

The **IPI** has posted a recording of its panel on cybercrime laws. The discussion covered increasing use of restrictive laws to silence press around the world. Speakers included Tanja Fachthaler of Epicenter Works in Austria, Musikilu Mojeed of the Premium Times in Nigeria, and Ayesha Tanzeem of Voice of America. The panel was part of IPI's World Congress, which included many recorded programs that are available to [explore here](#). [Watch the cybercrime panel video here.](#)

The **Foreign Press Association** has posted a recording of its June 16 online talk with Brooke Kroeger on her book *Undaunted*, which explores the careers of standout women reporters and the struggle for women's rights. [Watch the video here.](#)

GRANTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are open for a few more days for the **2023 Hinzpeter Awards**, which will be held on Nov. 8 in Seoul, South Korea. The Hinzpeter Awards were founded by the Korea Video Journalist Association and the May 18 Memorial Foundation to commemorate the work of video journalist Jürgen Hinzpeter who disclosed what happened in Gwangju while the South Korean military violently suppressed the May 18 Democratic Uprising. The winner will receive a \$10,000 prize, as well as accommodation, plane tickets, and other expenses to participate in the awards ceremony. The deadline to apply is July 21. [Read more and apply here.](#)

The **McGraw Business Journalism Fellowship** provides grants up to \$15,000 and editorial support to produce "deeply reported enterprise and investigative stories that delve into critical economic, financial or business issues across a wide array of subjects." The deadline to apply for fall 2023 Fellowships is Sept. 30. Applications for the spring 2024 Fellowships will be due March 31, 2024. [Read more and apply here.](#)

Applications are open for the 2023-2024 **Penn Kemble Fellowship**. Applicants should have between 5 to 10 years of professional experience in international

affairs, foreign policy, or national security. The application deadline is July 26. [Read more and apply here.](#)

Applications are open for **Cullman Center Fellowships** for 2024 through 2025. Around 15 fellowships are given each year to people whose work will benefit directly from access to the research collections at the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street in New York. The deadline to apply is Sept. 29. [Read more and apply here.](#)

The Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma, in partnership with the **ACOS Alliance** and the **Foley Foundation**, is offering a four-day crisis zones reporting course in New York from Oct. 19 to 22. The course is open to freelancers from over the world covering hostile environments. While the course is intended for full-time freelance journalists at no cost, there are five spots reserved for paying participants (staff or freelance) from small news organizations, nonprofits and public media. If you would like to be considered for one of these seats at a tuition of \$1575, please reach out to programs@dartcenter.org. To read more and apply, [click here.](#)

The **Earth Investigations Programme** with **Arcadia** is calling for applications for grants to support cross-border teams of professional journalists and news outlets to conduct investigations into environmental affairs related to continental Europe. The deadline to apply is July 27. [Read more and apply here.](#) Applications are open for the **Sir Harry Evans Global Fellowship** for an exceptional early career journalist to participate in a 9-month program at Durham University including undertaking an investigative project from inside a newsroom which could be in London, New York, or Toronto. The deadline to apply is August 10. [Read more and apply here.](#)

More Resources

- The **OPC** hosted a psychological safety and resilience training with the **International Women's Media Foundation (IWMF)** on March 2 with Ana Zellhuber, a psychoanalyst and Emergency Psychology specialist based in Mexico City. [Read more and watch that training here.](#)
- The **OPC** also hosted a psychological safety and resilience training session with the **Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma** on Oct. 12, 2022, that is available to watch on our YouTube channel. The program included a model to help understand the impact of trauma and other stresses in journalism, strategies for enhancing individual wellbeing and tips for building peer support networks. [Watch the program here.](#)

Click the button below to go directly to the OPC's Resources page, or find it in your Member Dashboard under "Resources."

If you have any issues accessing the resources page, please contact Chad Bouchard at chad@opcofamerica.org for credentials.

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