



Overseas Press Club
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Greetings!

We hope you enjoy this edition of the Bulletin. This issue features important updates from the OPC, including this year's slate of candidates for the OPC Board of Governors, a proposal concerning the OPC's tax-deductible status, and the OPC's call for the U.S. government to rescind rules severely restricting journalist visas for foreign press.

The Bulletin also looks ahead to the OPC's Annual Meeting on Sept. 9, as well as the Sept. 9-10 "Forever War and the First Amendment" event. Make sure to scroll down and read updates about OPC scholars, members and governors, and find new resources, grants and opportunities for journalists.



OPC Presents Candidate Slate for 2026 Election

by Scott Kraft

The OPC is delighted to present a distinguished slate of new board members and officer candidates for our membership's consideration this year.

The officer candidates include governors who have devoted long hours to the organization, developed inspired programming for us and provided vital counsel to me as president these last four years. The 2026 officer slate, in the view of the nominating committee, includes the kind of devoted and impressive journalists that will help lead this proud organization in the years to come.

At the top of that slate, we nominate Sandra Stevenson, currently a vice president and program chair, as the new OPC President. The candidates for the



other officer positions include a range of local and active OPC members who are leaders in our profession.

The slate of Board nominations we propose includes 9 active and 3 associate governors. They include current Board members running for a second, two-year term, as well as five candidates who will be newcomers to the Board -- from The Associated Press, Puck, the Financial Times, the Los Angeles Times and a veteran journalist whose resume includes stints running The Marshall Project and the New York Times foreign staff. Our newcomer among the associate Board candidates is a former, longtime foreign and national correspondent for the Voice of America.

The nominating committee, which was my honor to chair, included Deidre Depke, Paula Dwyer, Greg Myre, Beth Knobel, Nikhil Kumar, Alexis Okeowo and Vivienne Walt. The slate was unanimously adopted by the committee and the Board of Governors. We believe this slate of respected leaders reflects our commitment to continuing the OPC's traditions and its values.

The Election Committee members overseeing the voting process are Nilo Tabrizy, Vivienne Walt and Marcus Yam.

The club is continuing to use the online voting website Balloteer to host its secure election. The deadline for voting is Tuesday, Sept. 8 at noon, and the results will be announced at the Annual Meeting in New York on Sept. 9. 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.

Please scroll down to RSVP for the OPC Annual Meeting on Sept. 9, which members can attend in person or via Zoom.

Members who are eligible to vote (Active and Associate), please watch for an email with your first ballot link on Wednesday, Aug. 12. We will also send email reminders over the next few weeks.

2026 Election Slate

President

Sandra Stevenson

Stevenson is managing editor at Education Week, where she oversees visuals and immersive experiences. Previously, she was deputy director of photography at The Washington Post, leading international, climate, and health coverage. Before that, she managed picture editors at CNN, overseeing the home screen, stories, newsletters, and special projects. At The New York Times, she led digital visual editors on the news desk and contributed to Race/Related, Gender, and projects including *Overlooked* and *This Is 18*. Earlier in her career, she spent eight years at The Associated Press,



advancing from photo assistant to overseeing news photo coverage for Latin America and the Caribbean, and served as program coordinator for the Black Filmmaker Foundation. An active leader in the Overseas Press Club, Stevenson has served as governor, a vice president, treasurer, and programming chair, as well as a judge for the Continuing Coverage of Conflict Award. She curated a 2021 Photoville tribute to Christopher Dickey and served on the micro-grant and nominating committees.

Vice Presidents

Amran Abocar

Abocar is Global General Manager at Reuters. Prior to her current role, she was Canada bureau chief and global mining editor. Previously, she held a variety of newsroom roles across the organization in Canada, Asia and the Middle East, covering everything from Dubai's debt implosion and the Arab Spring to nationalist mining policies in Indonesia. Abocar is also on the board of the Canadian Journalists for Free Expression (CJFE) which monitors and defends free expression and access to information in Canada and overseas.



Marc Lacey

Lacey is the managing editor of The New York Times. Over a long career in journalism, he has traveled to over 50 countries as a foreign correspondent in Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. He was one of the first journalists on the ground in Darfur during the conflict there and in Haiti after the devastating earthquake. Previously, he covered the White House, Congress and the US-Mexico border.



Peter Spiegel

Spiegel is managing editor of The Washington Post, overseeing departments covering US politics and government, international affairs and national security, and business and technology. He was previously US managing editor of the Financial Times, having moved into editorial management after almost two decades as a foreign correspondent, first covering the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and then based in Brussels, covering the eurozone debt crisis. Spiegel has previously served as chair of the Press Freedom Committee and, as a vice president, worked with leadership in the search for a new OPC executive director and shoring up the club's finances.



Secretary

Deborah Amos

Amos has covered the Middle East for three decades, reporting for NPR, PBS, and ABC-TV. She now works on a project on accountability in the international criminal justice system for Princeton University – where she also teaches journalism. Amos' course, "reporting migration" comes from war zone reporting on refugees. In the spring of 2024, she was a visiting professor at Bard Berlin where many in the class were refugees on scholarship. Amos served as a Vice President of the Overseas Press Club from 2016 to 2020. Her awards include the DuPont-Columbia Award, a Peabody Award, and a George Polk Award. Amos served as emcee for the OPC's Annual Awards Dinner in 2015



Treasurer

Stephen Kalin

Kalin is a foreign correspondent for The Wall Street Journal, based in the Middle East. He has reported extensively on conflict, regional politics, and international business. His journalism career began in 2013 after receiving a fellowship from the Overseas Press Club (OPC) Foundation, which launched him into several positions at Reuters News Agency. Throughout postings in Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia, Kalin has documented monumental geopolitical shifts. His prominent coverage includes frontline reporting on the U.S.-backed military campaign against ISIS in Iraq and charting the societal and economic reforms in Saudi Arabia amid the rise of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. He expanded his reporting footprint to Ukraine following the Russian invasion where he covered drone warfare and evolving military technology.



Active Board

John Avlon

Avlon is an award-winning journalist, author and historian. He is the chairman of Citizens Union of New York, the state's oldest good government group and the author of *Lincoln and the Fight for Peace*; *Washington's Farewell: The Founding Father's Warning to Future Generations*; *Wingnuts: How the Lunatic Fringe is Hijacking America*; and *Independent Nation* – as well as the upcoming *Theodore Roosevelt's Guide to Life*. He worked as a Senior Political Analyst and Anchor at CNN as well as the Editor-in-



Chief and Managing Director of The Daily Beast, when the newsroom won 17 awards for journalistic excellence. In 2024, he was the Democratic congressional nominee in New York's 1st Congressional District. Avlon served as Chief Speechwriter and Deputy Communications Director for Mayor Rudy Giuliani during his second term. He and his team were responsible for writing the eulogies of the firefighters and police officers murdered in the destruction of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Susan Chira

Chira is the co-founder, with Amanda Bennett, of the Main Street Media Cooperative, matching experienced journalists with local newsrooms on a per-story basis. She is the former editor-in-chief of The Marshall Project, a nonprofit newsroom focusing on criminal justice, where work she supervised won a Pulitzer Prize for national reporting and several other awards. Chira was a New York Times reporter, editor and executive for nearly 40 years, including serving as deputy executive editor; foreign editor (the first and only woman so far to hold that position); and foreign correspondent. She directed work that won multiple journalism awards, including several Pulitzer Prizes. She returned to reporting after 20 years as an editor to report on gender issues, including the role of women in politics in the first Trump term and the 2018 midterms. She was part of a team that shared the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for reporting on sexual harassment.



James Fontanella-Khan

Fontanella-Khan is the US Finance Editor of the Financia Times, overseeing coverage of some of the world's most important financial institutions, as well as the deals and private capital team across America. He also works closely with the FT's Washington team to cover the intersection of politics and money. Previously, he worked as a correspondent in Brussels, Delhi and Mumbai. He began his career at the FT in 2005 on the world news desk in London. His journalism has been recognized with multiple awards. In 2024, he was part of the FT team that won the Gerald Loeb Award for its coverage of Credit Suisse's collapse.



Julia Ioffe

Julia Ioffe is a founding partner of Puck, where she's the Washington correspondent and co-authors the newsletter The Best & The Brightest and covers foreign policy and national security. She was born in Moscow and immigrated with her family to the U.S. at the age of seven in 1990. She has a degree in Soviet history from Princeton. She's a leading analyst on Russia and is regularly interviewed by TV outlets. One of her many memorable pieces was a 2011 New Yorker profile of Alexei Navalny, the



first story that brought him to the attention of the U.S. audience. She's also written for Foreign Policy, The New Republic, Politico, and The Atlantic. Last year, she published *Motherland: A Feminist History of Modern Russia*. The book was a finalist for the National Book Award and won a Jewish National Book Award.

Azmat Khan

Khan is a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter whose work grapples with the human costs of war. She is the Patty Cadby Birch Assistant Professor at Columbia Journalism School, where she also leads the Simon and June Li Center for Global Journalism, and is an investigative reporter at the New York Times Magazine. She has served six terms on the OPC board, working to expand the support the OPC offers to freelancers, local journalists and early career reporters, while also adapting activities to our changing industry. For almost two decades, Khan has reported from places such as Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, the West Bank and Pakistan. Khan has won two OPC Awards: the Roy Rowan Award in 2022 for "The Civilian Casualty Files," and the Ed Cunningham Award in 2018 for "The Uncounted."



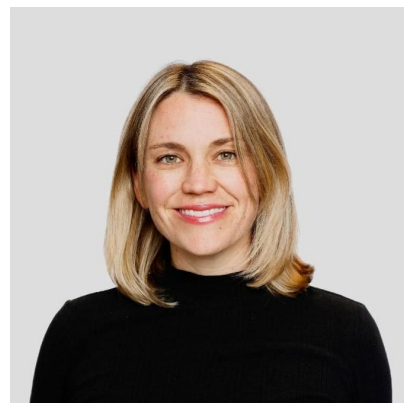
Catherine Kim

Kim is executive vice president of editorial for NBC News. She has had a long career in broadcast journalism working in primetime, morning television, on a daily evening newscast as a producer and later Senior Producer at CBS News, CNN, and NBC News. Kim spent nearly a decade in digital media, establishing the digital newsroom for NBC News, taking the team from several dozen reporters and editors in 2015 to a prizewinning team many times that size. At NBC News, she currently oversees editorial across digital, the news organization's multi-platform editorial units, working closely with domestic and internal bureaus, correspondents, and producers across the organization and the NBCU News Group.



Kate Linthicum

Linthicum is a foreign correspondent for the Los Angeles Times based in Mexico City. Since joining The Times in 2008 she has covered immigration, local and national politics, and has reported from across Latin America as well as from Asia, Africa and the Middle East. She is a recipient of the Maria Moors Cabot Prize, awarded by Columbia University for outstanding reporting in the Americas, and the Sigma Delta Chi Award for Foreign Correspondence. She has won two Overseas Press Club awards, is a two-time Livingston Awards finalist and was part of a team of



journalists that won a Pulitzer Prize for breaking news. She was raised in New Mexico and graduated from Barnard College.

Marjorie Miller

Miller is administrator of The Pulitzer Prizes. Previously, she was Vice President and Global Enterprise Editor for The Associated Press. At the Los Angeles Times, she was bureau chief in El Salvador, Mexico City, Jerusalem and London before moving to Los Angeles as Foreign Editor; she then moved to the editorial pages to write international editorials. Subsequently, at The Associated Press, Miller was the Regional Editor for Latin America and the Caribbean based in Mexico City before moving to New York to manage Global Enterprise and Investigations. Miller is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and on the boards of the Pulitzer Prizes and Maria Moors Cabot Prizes.



Jeannie Ohm

Ohm is a global investigations editor at The Associated Press. She oversees the development and production of innovative and in-depth investigative projects. She co-led the team that won the 2026 Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting on U.S. surveillance being used and abused around the world. She also guided the visual storytelling for the Mariupol coverage that won the 2023 Pulitzer Gold Medal. Ohm's other award-winning work includes investigations about police deaths involving non-lethal restraints; fraud and abuse in South Korea's overseas adoptions; potential war crimes in Ukraine; and how deeply the nation's food supply is connected to U.S. prison labor. She has helped AP reach new audiences through collaborations with FRONTLINE PBS, podcasts and other documentaries. Prior to joining AP, Jeannie was an on-air correspondent for MSNBC and NBC News and covered the White House and Pentagon.



Associate Board

Josh Fine

Fine is an investigative reporter and producer whose work has appeared on HBO's Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel, CBS News' 60 Minutes, and ABC's World News Tonight. His reporting has examined the International Olympic Committee, Qatar's rise in global sport, the NCAA's treatment of student-athletes, the NFL's disability system, and how Vladimir Putin uses sports to further his repressive regime. He's been recognized with two Overseas Press Club Awards, two Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE) awards, two Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Awards and 19 Emmys. He's



taught investigative sports journalism at Yale and Penn State and is currently a Ferris Professor of Journalism at Princeton University.

Steven L. Herman

Herman is a veteran news correspondent, whose positions included White House bureau chief and chief national correspondent of the Voice of America. He is the executive director of the Jordan Center for Journalism Advocacy and Innovation and an assistant professor of practice in the School of Journalism & New Media at the University of Mississippi. Steve spent more than a quarter of a century in Asia, including years of reporting from Tokyo and subsequently as a VOA correspondent and bureau chief in India, South Korea and Thailand. Steve is the author of the non-fiction book, "Behind the White House Curtain," published by Kent State University Press and co-host of the nationally syndicated weekend radio show, America@250: Due Diligence. He has covered the past three U.S. presidential elections and divides his time between Washington, DC and Oxford, Miss.



Minky Worden

Worden is the Director of Global Initiatives at Human Rights Watch, where she previously was Media Director. Worden has served on the OPC board twice before, is an OPC Foundation board member, and has been a devoted annual OPC Awards judge since 2000. Worden is a columnist for Forbes, teaches at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Before joining Human Rights Watch in 1998, she lived and worked in Hong Kong as an adviser to Democratic Party chairman Martin Lee and worked at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. as a speechwriter for the U.S. Attorney General. Worden speaks Cantonese and German.



OPC Board Proposal for Tax-Deductible Status

For some years, the OPC's leaders were given to understand that, because we are a membership organization, we fell under the IRS Code as a 501(c)(6) nonprofit membership organization (club). But those (c)(6) organizations are generally chambers of commerce or trade associations that promote business interests, and are allowed to endorse political candidates and contribute to political campaigns. That is not us.

Then, in recent years, more and more of our financial supporters, especially individuals, have asked us if their contributions to the OPC were tax deductible.



We have had to tell them no, and we have lost some important contributions because of that.

So, we sought legal advice and our lawyers assured us that, because of the work we do, we actually fit the requirements for a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and donors should be able to deduct their contributions to us. A 501(c)(3) organization is one that, among other things, provides educational programs, scholarships, safety training, etc. Importantly, they do not endorse political candidates or donate to political campaigns. (The OPC does not engage in that kind of political activity and never has.)

The OPC Board is seeking your support to make this transition -- the effect of which will be to encourage more donors to support our organization.

It will require the membership to approve two documents:

1) An amendment to our incorporation status with the State of New York, in order to satisfy IRS requirements for entities exempt under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3).

2) A resolution approving the change in IRS tax status, which the lawyers will then include as part of our application to the IRS.

The upshot of this process, we believe, will be a stronger Overseas Press Club. In practice, nothing else will change. Our mission will remain the same. The only thing that will change is that individuals and companies (media and other companies) that want to donate to continue our work will be able to do so on a tax-deductible basis.

We hope you will vote for these two measures, which are published below. The two proposals will be listed on the same ballot as the slate of governor candidates.

Thank you for considering this and thank you for being members and supporters of the Overseas Press Club of America.

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I. CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Under section 805 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York

The undersigned, being the [Officer Position] of the OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB OF AMERICA, INC., hereby certifies:

I. The name of the corporation is OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

II. The certificate of incorporation was filed by the Department of State on February 13, 1953.

III. The corporation was formed under the Membership Corporations Law.

IV. The certificate of amendment was authorized by a vote of a majority of the members at a meeting.

V. The certificate of incorporation, as now in full force and effect, is hereby amended to effect the following amendments or changes:

a. To amend paragraph 2 of the original certificate of incorporation and change the purposes of the corporation in order to satisfy Internal Revenue Service requirements for entities exempt under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

b. To add a provision relating to the dissolution of the corporation.

c. To add provisions required for certificates of incorporation by the New York Department of State

VI. The certificate of incorporation is hereby restated, as amended or changed, to read in its entirety as follows:

(1) The name of the corporation is OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. (the "Corporation").

(2) The Corporation is a corporation as defined in subparagraph (a)(5) of Section 102 of the NPCL and is a charitable corporation under Section 201 of the NPCL.

(3) This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Notwithstanding any other provision of this certificate, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Sections 170(c)(2), 2055(a)(2), 2106(a)(2)(A)(ii), 2522(a)(2), or 2522(b)(2) of the Code. Except as permitted by law, no substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall this corporation participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

The purposes for which the corporation is formed include but are not limited to: to bring together people whose past or present activities in the service of or for journalism abroad have given them mutual interests; to protect journalists in doing the work that is vital to democracy; and to uphold the highest standards in news reporting, advance press freedom and promote good fellowship among colleagues while educating a new generation of journalists.

In furtherance of the foregoing purposes, the Corporation shall have all the general powers enumerated in Section 202 of the NPCL and such other powers as are now or hereafter permitted by law for a corporation organized for the foregoing purposes, including, without limitation, the power to solicit grants and contributions for any corporate purpose and the power to maintain a fund or funds of real and/or personal property for any corporate purpose. The Corporation shall have the right to exercise all other powers which are, or hereafter may be, conferred by law upon a corporation organized for the above purposes or incident to the conferred powers.

(4) The Corporation is not formed to engage in any activity or for any purpose requiring consent or approval of any state official, department, board, agency, or other body. No consent or approval is required.

(5) The territory in which the operations of the corporation will be principally conducted is the State of New York

(6) The office of the corporation shall be located in New York County, State of New York.

(7) The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the Corporation upon whom process against the Corporation may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary shall mail a copy of any process against the Corporation served upon him or her is [INSERT CORPORATE ADDRESS].

(8) In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the organization, after payment of all necessary expenses thereof, shall be distributed to organizations that qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, or to the federal government or state or local governments for a public purpose, subject to the approval of the New York State Attorney General or a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

II. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

The members (the “Members”) of The Overseas Press Club of America, Inc., a New York not-for-profit corporation organized and existing under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York, at a meeting duly noticed in accordance with Section 605 of the New York Not-For-Profit Law, does hereby approve, adopt, and consent to the following resolutions:

Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation

WHEREAS the corporation is a non-charitable not-for-profit organization currently tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

WHEREAS the corporation desires to transition to a charitable not-for-profit organization and apply for federal tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

WHEREAS in order for the corporation to pursue charitable purposes, the Members have determined that it is in the best interests of the Corporation to amend and restate its Certificate of Incorporation as set forth in the attached proposed amended and restated Certificate of Incorporation with the form of officers’ certificate attached hereto as Exhibit A (together, the “Certificate”).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Certificate is hereby approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER that Members approve the change of the corporation to a charitable not-for-profit organization tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the officers of the corporation are hereby authorized and directed to execute, and to file or cause to be filed, the Certificate to make the amendment legally effective.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Secretary of the corporation is hereby directed to notify the corporation’s tax preparer and provide a copy of the filed Certificate to him or her, to facilitate proper reporting of these changes, if applicable.

OPC Calls on U.S. Government to Rescind Rules Severely Restricting Journalist Visas for Foreign Press

The Overseas Press Club of America joins other journalism organizations in calling on the Department of Homeland Security to immediately rescind rules that would severely restrict visas for foreign journalists and would have the effect of placing significant limits on foreign correspondents living in the United States and working as journalists here.

We join groups including the National Press Club, the Society of Professional Journalists and others in opposing these anti-free press practices. The concern, among others, is that such restrictions could be used to punish foreign journalists whose reporting the administration and government does not favor.

Also, limiting foreign journalists to effective 240-day “stays” in the U.S. curtails their ability to write, report and edit in the U.S. and creates significant uncertainty for such journalists. It also places an undue burden on foreign and global news organizations in planning their U.S. coverage. The more severe limit of 90 days for Chinese nationals places even more hardship on these journalists and their news organizations.

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A further concern is that other governments, including China, could retaliate and place similar restrictions on U.S. journalists working in their countries.

The OPC strongly supports the right of overseas media to report unhindered in the U.S. given the right to press freedom embedded in the U.S. Constitution. We urge the U.S. government to immediately rescind these proposals and evaluate visa requests from overseas journalists in a fair way that supports press freedom.

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Upcoming Events

Sept. 9: OPC Annual Meeting at 6:00 P.M. ET at CPJ Headquarters and on Zoom

Time: 6:00 p.m. ET

Location: CPJ Headquarters and Zoom

All members are invited to attend the OPC's annual meeting on Sept. 9 when the results of the 2026 election for the board of governors will be announced. It will be held at the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) headquarters in the Henry Hall Commercial building at 509 West 38th Street between 10th and 11th Avenues. Those who cannot attend in person will be able to join the meeting via



Zoom. Registration is required. After the formal meeting ends, members are invited to stay for complimentary appetizers and beverages.

If you are attending in person or online please RSVP.

The deadline to register for in-person attendance is **Friday, Sept. 2** until noon. The maximum capacity for in-person attendance is 40, and registration is first-come, first-served. Members can register to attend online anytime.

[RSVP Now](#)

Non-OPC Event

Sept. 9-10: The Forever War and the First Amendment

Time: Sept. 9 & 10

Place: Lee C. Bollinger Forum at Columbia University

This September will mark 25 years since 9/11 and the dawn of what became known as the War on Terror—a seemingly endless proliferation of open-ended conflicts waged against poorly defined enemies in North Africa, the Middle East, South and Central Asia, and even here inside the United States. A quarter of a century later, the forever war continues to shape our laws, politics, speech and democracy today.



On September 9th and 10th, the Knight Institute and Li Center will convene journalists, scholars, lawyers, and activists to explore the ongoing impact of the “Forever War” on democratic rights, including the freedoms of speech and the press. How did the war on terror remake us — our laws, our institutions, our democracy? And How does it continue to influence the freedoms of speech and the press—and our right to know what our government is doing — and funding — in our names?

[Speakers](#) include Alberto Mora, Alex Abdo, Assia Boundaoui, Astha Sharma Pokharel, Aziz Rana, Azmat Khan, Brett Max Kaufman, David Cole, Emily Tripp, Hari Kunzru, Jameel Jaffer, Lydia Polgreen, M. Gessen, Mohamedou Ould Slahi, Nadine Farid Johnson, Nicole Hemmer, Phil Klay, Prem Thakker, Rozina Ali, Sharif Abdel Kouddous, Shirin Sinnar Shourideh Molavi, and Steve Coll.

A reception will follow the program on September 9, and lunch will be provided on September 10.

Registration is required.

[Register Here](#)

Welcome New Members

Mike Chinoy

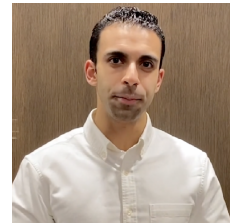
Freelance Writer
Taipei, Taiwan
Active Non-Resident



People by Cathy Manso

SCHOLARS

Akash Pasricha, the 2021 OPC Foundation Scholar, is marking one year as anchor of The Information's daily news YouTube show, which has produced 250 episodes and roughly 1,000 interviews with CEOs, entrepreneurs, investors and reporters. The Information, founded in 2013, is a subscription-based publication focused on deeply reported coverage of the technology industry, with reporting on companies, investors, deals and trends. In a [LinkedIn post](#) marking the anniversary, Pasricha reflected on how much the technology landscape has changed over the past year and what he has learned from building and anchoring the show. Among his advice: continually improve, iterate questions to get better answers, provide more context, ask follow-up questions and pitch ideas even when the first few fall flat. "Don't accept anything as status quo," he wrote, encouraging journalists to be scrappy, seek advice and "move mountains."



Reva Abrol, a 2026 Overseas Press Club Foundation Scholar winner, has been named one of the [2026 Pulitzer Center Reporting Fellows](#). Through a partnership between Columbia Journalism School, the Simon and June Li Center for Global Journalism and the Pulitzer Center, Abrol will receive funding and mentorship for her reporting project examining the relationship between AI data center expansion and water scarcity in Querétaro, Mexico. Her reporting will explore the impact of the technology boom in a region where 17 of 18 municipalities experienced severe drought in 2024. Abrol, a 2026 M.A. Politics graduate of Columbia Journalism School, previously led trust and safety initiatives at Meta and focuses her journalism on immigration, borders and technology.



Rose Gilbert, a 2021 Overseas Press Club Foundation Scholar Award winner, has been named the [2026 Tony Horwitz Fellow](#) by Columbia Journalism School. Her fellowship project, "Who Is Anita Garibaldi?," will examine the competing legacies of one of Brazil's enduring revolutionary figures and what they reveal about the country as it heads toward its general election. Gilbert earned her

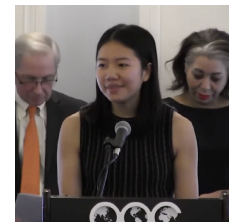
M.S. from Columbia Journalism School in 2021 and was the recipient of the OPC Foundation's Stan Swinton Fellowship.



Jinger Zhang, a recipient of the 2026 Overseas Press Club Foundation Scholar Award, recently reported on India's evolving data privacy rules and what they could mean for U.S. financial institutions. In her [latest story](#), Zhang examines the compliance requirements facing financial firms as India's Digital Personal Data Protection Act moves toward active enforcement, including potential requirements for data protection officers, audits and impact assessments. She notes that institutions that fail to comply could face significant penalties.



Sarah Wu, who won the Roy Rowan Scholar Award from the Overseas Press Club Foundation in 2019, recently reported The Economist's [cover story](#) on how China's rapid adoption of AI is reshaping the world's largest workforce. Wu spoke with government advisers, economists, business leaders and workers across the country, including a semi-autonomous truck driver in Shanghai, humanoid robot makers in Shenzhen and blue-collar workers working alongside machines that could replace them. She also returned to Wuhan, where she reported two years ago after a Baidu robotaxi struck a pedestrian, to examine how China is balancing its push for technological dominance with concerns over jobs and social stability. In a [LinkedIn post](#), she reflected on the reporting behind the story and how quickly AI is changing the nature of work in China.

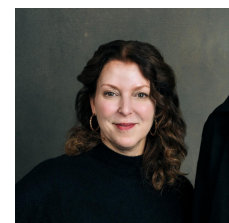


UPDATES

OPC member **Will Cathcart**'s book, *This Is How People Die*, was published in April, and Literary Hub featured a free excerpt this summer. Cathcart, an American writer, journalist and war correspondent, has covered Russia's wars in Georgia and Ukraine and worked as a consultant and producer for Anthony Bourdain's *Parts Unknown*, National Geographic's *Drugs, Inc.* and ITV's *On Assignment*. The excerpt, which recounts a chaotic journey through Georgia, is available [on Literary Hub](#).



Raney Aronson, executive producer of FRONTLINE and recipient of OPC's 2026 President's Award, marked a major milestone for the PBS documentary series as its YouTube channel reached 1 billion views. FRONTLINE has built its channel over the past eight years with a mix of feature-length documentaries and shorter films, expanding the reach of its investigative journalism to a global online audience. On LinkedIn, Aronson credited FRONTLINE's filmmakers and journalists, as well as PBS, GBH, local public media stations, foundations, individual funders and viewers, for helping the channel reach the milestone. In a statement, FRONTLINE called the achievement an affirmation of continued public demand



for “tough, fair and context-rich journalism” amid growing threats to the news media.

Juan Arredondo photographed the celebrations marking the 250th anniversary of U.S. independence for The New York Times, including a parade of ships in New York Harbor. His images appeared in the Times’ July 4 photo essay documenting celebrations across the country, where extreme heat and storms disrupted some events as President Trump delivered a weather-delayed speech in Washington ahead of a fireworks display.



OPC Governor **Lauren Zelenko** co-wrote Bloomberg's Women, Money & Power Report newsletter on [July 17](#) examining the women reshaping Europe’s political landscape as the continent confronts changes in security, migration and trade. Zelenko and Bloomberg colleague Jacqueline Simmons wrote “The Female Leaders Shaping Europe’s Reset,” which looks at the growing influence of female political leaders across Europe and considers whether France’s Marine Le Pen could be next.



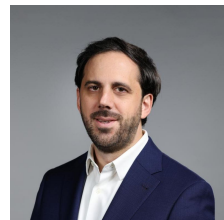
OPC Governor **Marcus Yam** photographed and reported from Taiwan for The Globe and Mail in a [July 25](#) story examining the growing movement among civilians preparing for a crisis they hope never comes. “State of Readiness” looks at civil defense groups training for potential disasters as concerns over a possible conflict with China persist. Yam’s photographs from Taipei accompanied the report.



Ahmed Baider is an Emmy Award-winning journalist, producer from Yemen and a member of the Overseas Press Club of America. He came to the United States on an O-1 visa for individuals with extraordinary ability and has recently become a U.S. permanent resident with supporting documentation from the OPC. Throughout his career, he has worked with leading international news organizations including PBS NewsHour, ABC News, BBC News, Sky News, ITV News, VICE News, and many others. His reporting has been recognized with three Emmy Awards, a Peabody Award, the Overseas Press Club’s Edward R. Murrow Award, and other international journalism honors. He is currently producing international news coverage and developing documentary projects focused on conflict, human rights, and cultural heritage in the Middle East.



On July 23, OPC Governor **Stephen Kalin** reported for The Wall Street Journal on “a landmark U.S.-Saudi agreement” to develop a civilian nuclear program in the kingdom. The multibillion-dollar, 30-year deal would give American companies a central role in developing Saudi Arabia’s nuclear infrastructure and could allow the construction of a uranium enrichment facility if a joint U.S.-Saudi study determines it is warranted. Read more of Kalin's report [here](#).



OPC Governor **Alexis Okeowo** wrote “[The Man Who Was Kidnapped Twice](#),” published in The New Yorker on Aug. 3, about a Nigerian professor who escaped a bandit group that held him for ransom, only to be kidnapped again.

The story examines the growing threat of kidnapping in Nigeria, where thousands of people have been abducted by armed groups. An estimated 4,700 Nigerians were kidnapped between July 2024 and June 2025, with more than 700 killed, according to a study cited by Okeowo.



New Resources

RESOURCES

The **International Consortium of Investigative Journalists** (ICIJ) and the **Global Investigative Journalism Network** (GIJN) have published a guide to help reporters investigate cryptocurrency and follow the movement of money through blockchain transactions. The guide covers the basics of crypto tracing and analysis, including how to find cryptocurrency addresses, use publicly available blockchain analytics tools, work with tracing experts and analyze transaction data at scale. [Read more here.](#)

The **International Press Institute** (IPI) has digitized 75 years of its flagship IPI Report, making more than 18,000 pages of press freedom history available online. The archive includes reports covering media freedom around the world and can be searched through Arcanum's digital platform, which is currently available by subscription or through more than 200 educational and partner institutions. The digitization is the first step toward making IPI's broader archive, including books, correspondence, data and speeches, available online. Digital copies of the IPI Reports will eventually be accessible for free through the Blinken OSA Archivum. [Read more here.](#)

GRANTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Action Against Hunger is offering a grant to help photographers, videographers and other creators to explore new narrative and iconographic processes. The winner will receive €10,000 to carry out their proposed project. The deadline to apply is Aug. 31. [Read more and apply here.](#)

The **National Press Foundation (NPF)** is offering two all-expenses-paid fellowships for the annual Wharton Seminars for Business Journalists at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania from Oct. 19 to Oct. 21. The fellowship includes full tuition, housing, most meals and round-trip transportation. If you do not receive an NPF fellowship, you may be eligible for funding opportunities through the Wharton School. The deadline to submit applications is Sept. 2. [Read more and apply here.](#)

The **Fund for Investigative Journalism** (FIJ) is accepting applications for grants to support freelance journalists, staff reporters and media outlets producing investigative stories for print, online or broadcast, as well as books, documentaries and podcasts. Regular grants provide up to \$10,000, while seed grants of up to \$2,500 support preliminary reporting. Both grant programs have a Sept. 14 deadline. FIJ also offers follow-up grants of up to \$2,500 and regular grants of up to \$10,000 for previous seed grantees. [Read more and apply here.](#)

The **Overseas Press Club Foundation** is accepting applications for its Reporting Grants Program, which provides former OPC Foundation Scholar Award recipients with \$1,000 to \$5,000 in funding for international reporting projects. The grants are primarily geared toward freelance journalists seeking seed money for projects in print, photo, video or audio, including long-form pieces, investigations and books. Applicants may combine the grants with funding from other organizations. The deadline to apply is Oct. 1. [Read more and apply here.](#)

The McGraw Center for Business Journalism is once again calling for applications for its McGraw Business Journalism Fellowship. The program provides experienced journalists with grants up to \$15,000 and the editorial support needed to produce deeply reported enterprise and investigative stories that delve into critical economic, financial or business issues across a wide array of subjects. The fall deadline is Oct. 12. [Read more and apply here.](#)

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