

## J2J LUNG HEALTH FELLOWS 2010



**Marina Artamonova**

*Radio of Russia/UNICEF, Russia*

Marina Artamonova has 14 years of experience in broadcasting, including four years as a national talk radio host on one of the largest state broadcasting stations, Radio of Russia. Her own talk show is about social problems in Russia. Marina discusses important social issues, including public health and well-being, and solutions for social and ethnic conflicts. In May 2010, Marina became a Consultant for UNICEF. Her job is to write articles on social issues for UNICEF's website and the UN Bulletin. Her articles focus on children's health and development, inclusive education, family support, orphan children, and HIV prevention. Marina has a law degree from Udmurtskiy State University Law School. She also graduated from the Moscow School of Television with a journalism degree.



**Jittima Jantanamalaka**

*Citizen News Service (CNS), Thailand*

Jittima Jantanamalaka (Jay) writes, broadcasts radio programs and produces multimedia short-films and graphics on a range of health, development and environment issues including tuberculosis (TB), lung health, diabetes, tobacco control, HIV/AIDS, and sexuality/gender. She is the Managing Director of the JICL Media and Communication Services Company that also hosts the Citizen News Service (CNS). Jay supported the Health & Development Network's (HDN) Key Correspondent (KC) program until 2008. She has worked with lead institutions including the Stop TB Partnership, the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), World Diabetes Foundation (WDF), HDN, Healis Sekhsaria Institute of Public Health, Salaam Bombay Foundation, and ACT India.



**Zipporah Karani**

*Kenya Television Network, Kenya*

Zipporah Karani is a journalist specializing in Health Reporting. She is currently the TV features reporter for the Television Network in Kenya. Zipporah writes TV reports for news bulletins and submits scripts in English and Kiswahili for KTN Prime News and KTN Leo News Bulletins respectively. She is also a mentor journalist for the British Council for the BBC School News project. For the last seven years, she has been a reporter for both English and Kiswahili news bulletins. She was a CNN Journalist of the Year Award Finalist Nominee in 2010 in the HIV/AIDS.



**Bibiana Melzi**

*Freelance, Peru*

Bibiana Melzi, a Peruvian national, is an independent producer and a professional journalist with 16 years of experience working for TV as a reporter, researcher and as a producer and director of documentary films and institutional and social marketing videos. She currently works as stringer for FUJI TV News and is frequently hired to assist in news productions for CNN as well as different international news TV programs both in Spanish and English. She shares her time working as local producer for international documentary film companies that produce films for prestigious broadcasting companies such as National Geographic, Discovery Channel, BBC, and Channel 4. Since 2005 she has worked as a consultant with the World Bank preparing videos, TV and radio spots, and more recently radio soap operas. In addition to her experience with the Bank she has been called to assist in several UNICEF programs that are covered by international media.



**Henry Neondo**

*Africa News Service, Kenya*

Henry Neondo is a health journalist based in Nairobi, Kenya. He writes for Africa News Service and Health and Development Network of Thailand. He has a background in animal science.



**Constance Ngenda**

*Community Initiative for TB/HIV and Malaria Plus (CITAM), Zambia*

Constance Ngenda works with the Community Initiative for TB/HIV and Malaria Plus (CITAM). CITAM was formed in 2005 to advocate for TB/HIV patients' rights, especially women and children. It is also a platform for those impacted by MDR/XDR Tuberculosis. Her work involves supervising treatment supporters in carrying out the Directly Observed Treatments Short course (DOTS), and carrying out intensified TB case finding in Kamwala, Kabwata and Misisi. She has been involved in the TB/HIV research project in health institutions in Lusaka, Western and Central Provinces under TALC/ OSI.



**Olayinka Oyegbile**

*Timbuktu Media, Nigeria*

Olayinka Oyegbile has been a journalist for over twenty years. He has written extensively on health, environment and corruption. His stories have won him awards both locally and internationally. In 2009 his story on the prevalence of cancer and lack of care in Nigeria won him a nomination in the prestigious Nigeria Media Merit Award (NNMA). He is an anti-tobacco activist and has used his stories to draw attention to the epidemic of tobacco smoking and the antics used by the manufacturers to hook young smokers. He is a winner of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Public Health Journalism Fellowship. He has also won the Knight Journalism Fellowship at the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, USA (2005), where he did critical studies on the role of journalists in combating cancer. He has written for several foreign publications.



**Jasvinder Sehgal**

*Free Speech Radio News, India*

Jasvinder Singh Sehgal is an India based Freelance Broadcast Journalist who reports for US based Free Speech Radio News, Indonesian Asia Calling and the Hindi service of Radio Deutsche Welle, Germany. He also contributes as a News Anchor for the state owned Television and Radio Station. He contributes as a Media advisor and runs advocacy and communication campaigns with NGOs working on TB, Tobacco and AIDS.

Jasvinder specializes in Health Journalism and provides capacity building trainings for vernacular journalists on effective “HIV, TB and Tobacco Reporting”. Jasvinder was recently nominated as a Global Leader by Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health to participate in the International Global Tobacco Control Leadership Program. He is also a part of the Partnership for Tuberculosis Care and Control in India, a coalition committed to the eradication of TB, facilitated by “The Union”.



**Shobha Shukla**

*Citizen News Service (CNS), India*

Shobha is the Editor of Citizen News Service (CNS), a Thailand-based media and communication company, which syndicates content in 4 languages to a diverse range of media and produce radio programs. She writes extensively on health and development issues in English and Hindi languages. Her articles have been published widely in national and international media like Asian Tribune (Thailand/ Sri Lanka), The Colombo Times (Sri Lanka), The Seoul Times (South Korea), and Modern Ghana (Ghana), to name a few. She has reported on-site locally and internationally with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), World Diabetes Foundation (WDF), International Diabetes Federation (IDF), and the World Health Organization (WHO).



**Godsway Shumba**

*International HIV/AIDS Alliance Key Correspondent, Zimbabwe*

Godsway Shumba is community-based writer with the International HIV/AIDS Alliance. He writes about the everyday experiences of people impacted by AIDS and TB in his community. He has written and published articles in Zimbabwean newspapers on TB/HIV co-infection, multi-drug resistant (MDR) TB and integrating TB and HIV services. He wants to use his writing to advocate for greater government commitment on the response to TB, and also to raise public awareness about TB and HIV.



**Ashutosh Singh**

*Indian Media Centre for Journalists, India*

Ashutosh Singh has been a freelance reporter in rural north India for more than 13 years. He has reported extensively on public health issues for major Hindi newspapers including Hindustan, Dainik Bhaskar, and Navbharat Times. He has also developed media advocacy plans for several campaigns like the Right to Clean Water campaign, Save the Girl Child project and National Blindness Prevention project. He is currently the President of Indian Media Centre for Journalists, a network of 2,000 vernacular journalists. Based in Lucknow, IMCFJ provides training to journalists on research, analyses and reportage on development issues.



**Jen Skerritt**

*Winnipeg Free Press, Canada*

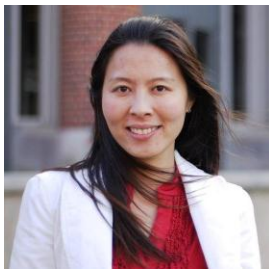
Jen Skerritt was born and raised in Winnipeg, Canada, and initially joined the Winnipeg Free Press as a gossip columnist in 2005. Since then, Skerritt has won multiple awards for health reporting, and was nominated for a National Newspaper Award, one of the highest honors in Canadian journalism, for her beat coverage in 2008. Her shocking series, Tuberculosis: The Forgotten Disease, revealed the abject poverty in many First Nation communities, and prompted critics to call the disease a “national embarrassment.” The series won two major Canadian journalism awards and pushed the Canadian government to respond by issuing a new strategy to combat TB on northern reserves.



**Anso Thom**

*Health E-News Service, South Africa*

Anso Thom is the Print Editor of Health-e News Service in South Africa, a news agency dedicated to reporting on developmental health issues in southern Africa. Anso has been with Health-e since its establishment in 1999 prior to which she was the chief health reporter at The Star newspaper in Johannesburg. Anso is responsible for the newspaper and magazine print articles and the Health-e website, while the agency also produces for the broadcast – television and radio – media. Anso has won the Henry J Kaiser Family Foundation Award for Excellence in Health Journalism, the CNN African Journalist Award for HIV/AIDS reporting, the 2010 South African Discovery Health Journalist of the Year Award and was the runner-up in 2010 Lilly MDR-TB Partnership / Red Cross TB Media Award. She is a passionate health reporter and believes the critical role of health journalists is to ensure that the voices of those affected are heard. She is currently completing her Master’s Degree at the University of Cape Town.



**Xiuli Wang**

*Peking University, China*

Xiuli Wang is currently an assistant professor of mass communication in School of Journalism and Communication, Peking University, Beijing, China. Her research interests include health communication, media advocacy, international news and new media. She is now taking charge of Gates Foundation’s TB media advocacy project in China, working with top health journalists and TB experts in improving the media coverage, public awareness and government’s attention of TB and the related health issues. She also worked for Global Health Strategies as a consultant for its TB media scan project in 2009. Previously, she worked for Business Week Beijing Office, and interned in several news organizations in China. She holds a doctoral degree in mass communication from S. I. Newhouse School of Public communication, Syracuse University, a master’s degree in journalism, and double bachelor’s degree in economics and international politics, all from Peking University.



**Sarah Wildman**

*Politics Daily, United States*

Sarah is the Foreign Policy Correspondent for Politics Daily. She is also the 2010 Peter R. Weitz Prize Winner from the German Marshall Fund for excellence in reporting on Europe, a prize awarded for a five part series she wrote for Slate.com. Over the last decade, she has lived in and reported from Europe and the Middle East, reporting stories at the intersection of culture and politics, health and policy. She regularly contributes to New York Times and the Guardian, and acts as the contributing editor at the Forward. She has been on staff at the New Republic magazine, a senior correspondent at the American Prospect and the Washington Correspondent for the Advocate. Her stories have appeared in Slate, the Washington Post, Travel and Leisure, the Christian Science Monitor, New York, Elle, The Jerusalem Report, and more. She has lectured both in the United States and abroad.



**Henry Zakumumpa**

*International HIV/AIDS Alliance Key Correspondent, Uganda*

Soon after graduating from Makerere University with a social sciences degree in 1999, Henry Zakumumpa joined Straight Talk Foundation, an adolescent HIV prevention NGO based in Kampala. Together with a BBC World Service Radio journalist, and with DFID funding, they produced a weekly radio-for-health adolescent program syndicated on several radio stations in Uganda. Following the smashing success of the radio program, he was contracted by UNICEF to help set up similar radio projects in three districts of Uganda. Since 2007, he has written articles on development issues published in the Ugandan press with some being translated into French and Spanish. His interests in HIV/AIDS center around access to anti-retroviral medicines. In February 2010, he became a Key Correspondent (KC) in Uganda for the International HIV/AIDS alliance. He holds a Masters' degree in Social Sector Planning and Management and has attended the Universities of Oldenburg and Kassel in Germany.

**Muhammad Mansour**

*Daily News Egypt, Egypt*

Muhammad Mansour is a journalist based in Egypt. He holds a degree in linguistics with a major in simultaneous translation. Muhammad started off his career in 2002 as a freelance reporter for several English-language newspapers based in Egypt, including Cairo Times and Daily News. He also worked as a part-time broadcast producer for Al-Hurra TV, OTV and freelanced for Al-Jazeera English. Most recently, he has worked as a full-time journalist for the Middle East bureau of Sankei Shimbun, a Japanese-language daily based in Tokyo, Japan. He also freelances for Strategic Readings Monthly, a publication of the Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies. His beat is Egypt, and interested in reporting on health-related issues, with a particular focus on chronic diseases such as HIV/AIDS, diabetes, cancer, hepatitis C, and lung health issues. He reported on public health in Egypt, such as diabetes, complementary medicine, with a focus on bee stings, cancer, Hepatitis C and many others, and aspires to do an in-depth coverage on lung health issues.

**Lungi Langa**

*Health-e News Service, South Africa*