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Annual Report 2019

We Make Good Journalists Better.

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The landscape for U.S. media continued to deteriorate in 2019, a year marked by mistrust in media, fear of made-up news and newsroom layoffs. Against this grim background, the National Press Foundation's mission — making good journalists better — has become more necessary than ever.

In 2019, NPF helped our hard-working journalist fellows seed the troubled information ecosystem with accurate, nuanced, sensitive and timely coverage of issues critical to an educated public. NPF stepped up in 2019, running a record nine in-depth training programs in the United States, as well as providing webinars and digital curriculum to help journalists communicate today's complex issues to the public. Topics ranged from food and agriculture to criminal justice, from dementia to vaccines, from how to report from Washington, D.C., to how to cover statehouses across the nation.

In June, NPF brought 20 Asia-based journalists to Hong Kong for a program on covering international trade. The fellows are now applying insights they gleaned, including understanding supply chains and how to access detailed trade data, to their coverage of the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In October, we brought 25 journalists from the United States and the European Union to Paris for a program on communicating scientific issues. Within 90 days of the training, the fellows published 140 stories, reflecting both a nuanced presentation of the facts and an appreciation for how to convey complex scientific material to a skeptical public. This program will continue for the next three years.

This year marks a transition for NPF. My predecessor Sandy Johnson has retired after two decades of service to NPF, and Donna Leinwand Leger has succeeded Kathy Gest as board chair.

NPF's work would not be possible without the generosity of our friends, sponsors, and donors, and without a large corps of unsung volunteers:

- The speakers who have given so much of their time and expertise;
- The institutions that have shared their staff and resources;
- The board members who have offered unstinting help and guidance;
- And the award juries, who help us identify and celebrate the best in journalism.

Your work on behalf of better journalism supports the infrastructure of democracy.

Sincere thanks,

Sonni Efron

From NPF's New Board Chair

Dear Friends of the National Press Foundation,

It is with immense gratitude that I begin my term as chair of the National Press Foundation. I am grateful to all the journalists who insist on the highest standards of news gathering amid hostility and tight budgets, to the editors and publishers who allow time for training despite a non-stop news cycle and understaffed newsrooms, and to the staff and leadership at the National Press Foundation who deliver top-notch, topical programs to make good journalists better.

All of this comes together because of you — our supporters, our funders, our volunteers and our cheerleaders. Thank you for sponsoring programs, sharing your expertise, submitting your contest entries, and for buying a ticket — or perhaps a table — to our annual dinner. Your commitment to the National Press Foundation ensures the future of professional journalism and the health of our democracy.

Sincerely,

Donna Leinwand Leger
2019 Metrics

Nationalpress.org Pageviews

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Twitter Impressions

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NPF Fellow Work

2,218 Articles Published

3,481 Articles Republished

Number of news reports published by fellows who participated in 2019 NPF programs in the first 90 days following their training. This does not include work by the Paul Miller fellows.

TOP 4 VIEWED VIDEOS OF 2019

- Aquaponics on the Farm: 722 views
- Criminal Justice Reform: 301 views
- A Focus on Vaccines: 153 views
- Addressing Health Inequalities: 100 views
The National Press Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that produces free professional development programs for journalists. We aim to increase their knowledge of complex issues and their ability to convey that knowledge across media platforms to the public. Better journalism leads to improved public understanding.

Since 1976, the National Press Foundation has provided in-person training to thousands of editors, producers and reporters in print, broadcast and online media. Our programs educate journalists in the nation’s capital, around the country and overseas.

**Domestic Programs**

Located in Washington, D.C., NPF is ideally situated to provide programs for journalists highlighting the issues of our time. These include: the Paul Miller Washington Reporting Fellowships, Capitol Hill Issues Briefings and one-day programs for Washington reporters. NPF also hosts longer programs on various topics that bring together journalists from across the U.S. Those selected to participate are provided transportation and lodging in addition to the program at no cost.

**International Programs**

Internationally, and with international journalists, NPF works under the banner “Journalist to Journalist” to convey the idea of journalists around the world learning together across borders. J2J training programs are often in collaboration with an international conference, allowing participating journalists to attend the conference after specific media training on that subject matter.

**Our Online Content**

NPF’s website showcases the rapidly expanding curriculum from our training programs, which includes video, audio, slide presentations, photos and stories from each speaker. See more at nationalpress.org.

**Webinars**

In 2019, NPF produced and broadcast five webinars and video tutorials on topics including clean energy and politics.
When journalists are well trained, it’s better for our democracy.

Caroline Cummings
Sinclair Broadcast Group (Des Moines, Iowa)
Statehouse Reporting 2019

To date, no program that I know of has done this for statehouse reporters. The fact that it happened was amazing in itself, but the fact that it was insightful and beneficial to each of us is a true testament to the National Press Foundation.

Joel Ebert
The Tennessean
Statehouse Reporting 2019
Speakers at 2019 NPF Trainings

Laura Abshire
Lori Achman
Monica Alba
Hope Allen
John Aloysius Farrell
Dr. Halima Amjad
Christina Animashaun
Allison Aubrey
John Auerbach
Sandy Aylesworth
Tara Bahrampour
Lolita Baldor
Chet Barber
Katherine Barrett
Dr. Eileen Barry
Jane Black
Matthew Beaudin
Michael Beckel
Erika Becker-Medina
Lois Beckett
Edwin Bender
Dr. Marie A. Bernard
John C. Besley
Larry Bird
Timothy Blute
Dr. Bettina Borisch
Helena Bottemiller Evich
Isabelle Boutron
Knute Brekke
Michaela Browning
Wändi Bruine de Bruin
Rod K. Brunson
Mick Bullock
Dr. Jay Butler
Dr. James Campbell
Susan Campolongo
Alex Capri
John Carter
Dr. Jorge Castilla
Julien Chaisse
Francesca Chambers
Dr. Jean-François Chamson
Francis Chan
Vijay Chauhan
Dr. Wilbur Chen
Ian Cole
Stewart Cole
Andrea Collins
Jill Colvin
Helene Cooper
Roderick Corriveau
Brett Creech
Graham Cullen
Heidi Cullen
Heather Dahl
Thomas Dail
Daniel Dale
Marla Dalton
Jon Doggett
William Douglas
William J. Douros
Angie Drobnic Holan
Lt. Col. David W. Eastburn
Ron Elving
Nicholas Empey
Dr. Eve Essery Stooey
Jessica Fanzo
David Farenthold
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Benjamin Houlton
Meghan Hoyer
Chris Impy
Eric Jackson
John Jansen
John Johnson
Tara Joseph
Jocelyn Kaiser
Megan Kaiser
Elaine C. Kamarck
Rui Kaneya
Kakani Katija
Tamara Keith
Glenn Kessler
Marie-Paule Kiency
Kristin Kleisner
Charis E. Kubrin
Nancy La Vigne
Marisa Lagos
Keith Laing
Charles Lambert
Jonathan S. Landay
Elizabeth Landers
Dr. Kenneth Langa
Dr. Matthew Laurens
Joel Layman
Randy Leka
Fiona Lethbridge
Peter J. Levesque
Carrie Levine
Dr. Petros Levounis
Peter A. Lichtenberg
David Lightman
Mari Lundberg
Dr. Susan Mayne
Dr. Peter Marks
Sir Michael Marmot
Mike Mastrian
George I. Matsumoto
Kevin McGovern
Gary E. McDonald
Frank McPhillips
Martha Mendoza
Bryan Mercurio
Paul Michel
Dr. Jens Modvig
Andrew Mueth
Tyler Mueth
William Mueth
Debbie Mukamal
Rick Myrge
Alexandra Natapoff
Dr Kathleen Neuzil
Katherine Pertlik
Dr. E. Albert Reece
William Reeves
Bob Reiter
Susan Resnick
Victoria Holt
Anne Marie Roanette
Barb Rosewicz
Polly Ruhiand
John Ryan
Lisa Safarian
Monica Sala
Randy Sargent
Tatman Savio
Terry Sawyer
Dr. William Schaffner
Christopher Scholin
Marisa Schultz
Janis Searles Jones
Liz Seegert
Alana Sherman
Rebecca Silbert
Andrew Singleton
Judge Charles A. Smiley
Dr. Nathaniel Smith
Heather M. Snyder
Jim Sutter
Susan Swain
Dr. Robert Tauer
Rebecca Thiess
Barry Thom
Christie Thompson
Jeffrey Timmermans
Kurt W. Tong
Jenny Town
Dr. R. Scott Turner
Dirk van Duym
Susan von Thun
Derek Wallbank
Darren Wallis
Huiyao (Henry) Wang
Anne Weismann
Tyson Weister
Dr. Leana Wen
Patrick Westhoff
Rebecca Wexler
Dr. John Wiesman
Kevin Willmann
Dr. Garen Wintemute
Elin Wong
Sue-Lin Wong
Margo Wootan
Paul Miller 2019-2020
Washington Reporting Fellowship

Fellows

- Alana Abramson | Time
- Zach C. Cohen | National Journal
- Elizabeth Crisp | The Advocate, The Times-Picayune
- Lauren Dezenski | CNN
- Lauren Egan | NBC News
- Caitlin Emma | Politico
- Teaganne Finn | Bloomberg Government
- Story Hinckley | The Christian Science Monitor
- Willie James Inman | Newsy
- Sanjana Karanth | HuffPost
- Ellie Kaufman | CNN
- Emma Kinery | Bloomberg
- Zach Montague | The New York Times
- Daniel Moore | Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
- Juliette Rocheleau | NPR
- Katie Suiters | Cox Media Group
- Sophie Tatum | ABC News
- Adam Taylor | The Washington Post
- Elizabeth Thomas | ABC News
- Jazmine Ulloa | The Boston Globe
- Laura Weiss | CQ Roll Call

2019—2020 Topics

- September 9: Covering the Courts
- October 7: Covering the Budget, the Economy – and Impeachment
- November 4: The Regulatory Process and FOIA
- December 16: Polling, Elections and Solutions Journalism
- January 6: Congressional Reporting
- March 9: National Security
- April: Money and Politics
- May: Multimedia
- June: Investigative and Enterprise Reporting
One-Day Programs in Washington, D.C.

Capitol Hill Issues Briefing: Dietary Guidelines and Menu Labeling
May 10, 2019

This one-day training was hosted by NPF, the American Beverage Association, the Beer Institute and the University of Maryland’s Philip Merrill College of Journalism. Journalists heard from food experts about the 2020 dietary guidelines and menu labeling, and heard from other reporters about their experiences covering food issues. Speakers included Helena Bottemiller Evich of Politico, Allison Aubrey of NPR, Jane Black of the Washington Post, Dr. Susan Mayne of the U.S. Food and Drug Association, Laura Abshire of the National Restaurant Association and Margo Wootan of the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

Journalism Under Attack: Protecting Yourself
June 28, 2019

NPF co-hosted this one-day training with the National Press Club Journalism Institute. Journalists learned to manage the heightened dangers they face in newsrooms, in the field and online. The first session featured representatives of Orbis Operations speaking about "advanced situational awareness training" to help reporters and newsrooms recognize early warning signs of danger and what to do in an active threat situation. The second session covered how to defuse threatening situations when they arise and how to take pre-emptive action. The panel was moderated by John Donnelly, senior writer at CQ Roll Call and chair of the club’s Press Freedom Team. It included Danny Spriggs, vice president of global security for The Associated Press; Margaux Ewen, executive director of the James W. Foley Legacy Foundation; and Cmdr. Guillermo Rivera, head of special operations for the Washington Metropolitan Police Department. Julie Moos, executive director of the National Press Club Journalism Institute, moderated a discussion on online threats and harassment, strategies for defending yourself and building a supportive cyber community.
The Pacific Ocean provided an enchanting and educational backdrop for journalists to learn about forces that are putting pressure on oceans and the marine life within them. Making sense of these issues was the framework of a National Press Foundation fellowship March 17-21 in San Francisco and Monterey for 20 journalists from across the U.S. NPF drew on the knowledge and insights of 30 experts in 21 sessions, including four field trips, over five days.

Fellows

Marc Arcas-Salvador | Agencia EFE
Nathan Eagle | Honolulu Civil Beat
Katie Frankowicz | The Daily Astorian
Doug Fraser | Cape Cod Times
Sarah Gibbens | National Geographic
Nathaniel Herz | Alaska Public Media
Jamie Hopkins | Center for Public Integrity
Rob Hotakainen | E&E News
Pien Huang | Freelance: NPR, BBC and PRI
Tal Kopan | San Francisco Chronicle
Frances Kuo | CGTN America
Erika Mahoney | KAZU Monterey Bay
Danielle Muoio | Politico
Amanda Paulson | The Christian Science Monitor
Faimon Roberts | The Advocate (Louisiana)
Julia Rosen | Los Angeles Times
John Ryan | KUOW Puget Sound
Carlos Serrano | BBC News Mundo

Support for this program was provided by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.
The race to prevent, diagnose and treat dementia and its insidious permutations is urgent as the U.S. and global populations age into years of higher vulnerability. Understanding these issues was the focus of a National Press Foundation training April 28-May 1 in Washington, D.C., for 20 journalists from across the U.S. NPF drew on the knowledge and insights of 19 experts in 13 sessions, including two field trips, over four days.

Support for this program was provided by AARP.
The international trade war between the United States and China—and its fallout—provided an electrifying backdrop to the National Press Foundation’s inaugural training program with our partner, the Hinrich Foundation. Making sense of these issues was the focus of a National Press Foundation training June 17-20 in Hong Kong for 20 journalists from across Asia. NPF drew on the knowledge and insights of 20 experts in 16 sessions, including two field trips, over four days.

Support for this program was provided by the Hinrich Foundation.
An alarming outbreak of measles, a disease once virtually eliminated in the U.S., was the backdrop of urgency for a National Press Foundation training on vaccines that ranged from the history of vaccines through the public health response to the outbreak. This NPF program, brought 20 journalists from across the U.S. to Washington, D.C., from July 29-31. NPF drew on the knowledge and insights of 18 experts in 13 sessions, including a field trip to Baltimore, over three days.

Support for this program was provided by GSK.
Trade wars and the impact of tariffs on farmers provided a timely framework for the National Press Foundation’s 2019 training for journalists on food and agriculture. The program, held Sept. 15-18 in St. Louis, Missouri, educated 20 journalists from across the U.S., featuring 29 experts and two field trips over four days.

**Fellows**

Diana Louise Carter | Rochester Business Journal  
Gowri Chandra | Vice  
Emery P. Dalesio | The Associated Press  
Casey Fabris | The Roanoke Times  
Corryn La Rue | RFD-TV  
Mackensy Lunsford | Asheville Citizen Times  
Ryan McCrimmon | Politico  
Rachel McDevitt | WITF  
Daniel Neman | St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
Maddie Oatman | Mother Jones  
Nathan Owens | Arkansas Democrat-Gazette  
Todd A. Price | USA Today  
Susan Selasky | Detroit Free Press  
Elina Shatkin | LAist/KPCC  
April Simpson | Stateline at Pew Charitable Trusts  
Alexandra Talty | Forbes  
Emily Teel | The Statesman Journal (Salem, Oregon)  
Megan Ternquist | Red River Farm Network  
Brandi Vincent | Nextgov  
Christopher D. Walljasper | Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting

Support for this program was provided by Bayer.
The first-ever Paris Accords of Science Communication paired journalists with scientific experts to explore urgent issues such as the neuroscience of hate, social determinants of health, childhood trauma and the lasting impact of torture. The training Oct. 21-24 in Paris gathered 25 journalists from across the United States and European Union. They heard from 23 scientific experts and visited the Institute Pasteur and the Musee Curie.

**Fellows**

Lilian Anekwe | United Kingdom | New Scientist
Deborah Becker | United States | WBUR
Eric Boodman | United States | Stat – Boston Globe Media
Clea Chakraverty | France | The Conversation
Catherine Collins | Belgium | Freelance, Horizon
Andrew Curry | Germany | Freelance: Science, National Geographic
Brian Dabbs | United States | National Journal
Alexenia Dimitrova | Bulgaria | 24 Hours Daily, Trend Magazine
Katie Feather | United States | Science Friday
Roseanne Gerin | United States | Radio Free Asia
Marc Gozlan | France | Le Monde
Andrew Green | Germany | The Atlantic, The New York Times
Alexandra King | United States | CNN
Anna Larsson | Sweden | Swedish National Radio Company
Shayla Love | United States | Vice
Amina Manzoor | Sweden | Dagens Nyheter
Katelyn Newman | United States | U.S. News & World Report
Guillaume Pajot | France | Freelance: Usbek Et Rica
Linda Poon | United States | CityLab – Atlantic Media
Keith A. Spencer | United States | Salon
Neil Swidey | United States | The Boston Globe
Mico Tatalovic | United Kingdom | Freelance: Guardian, BBC, Spectrum
Emily Underwood | United States | Freelance: Science

Support for this program was provided by Fondation Ipsen under the aegis of the Fondation de France.
More than 2 million people are behind bars in the United States, at a cost of $80 billion a year. From those stark numbers, NPF built a training program to educate journalists on all facets of the criminal justice system and reforms. The training was a package deal: 20 reporters received three days of backgrounding on criminal justice issues from Nov. 10-12, and then used that expertise to cover the American Society of Criminology annual conference from Nov. 13-16.

Support for this program was provided by Arnold Ventures.
The public is losing essential coverage of democracy in action as the number of statehouse and local government reporters dwindles. NPF provided a five-day training for these journalists to give them data, research and information to report on critical issues with a state and local angle. The NPF program, held Dec. 8-12, in Washington, D.C., educated 20 journalists from across the U.S. and included 30 experts and field trips to the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Fellows

Andrew Atterbury | Politico (Tallahassee, Florida)
Brigid Bergin | WNYC
Keshia Clukey | Bloomberg Law (New York)
Caroline Cummings | Sinclair Broadcast Group (Des Moines, Iowa)
Alison Dirr | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Will Doran | The News & Observer
Joel Ebert | The Tennessean
Scott Franz | KUNC (Denver)
Anthony Izaguirre | The Associated Press (Charleston, West Virginia)

Robert Jimison | Georgia Public Broadcasting
Christine Mai-Duc | The Wall Street Journal
Lawrence Mower | The Tampa Bay Times/The Miami Herald
Maria Polletta | The Arizona Republic
Rick Rouan | The Columbus Dispatch
Alexandra Samuels | The Texas Tribune
Jonathan Shorman | The Wichita Eagle
Brooke Staggs | The Orange County Register
Conrad Swanson | The Gazette (Colorado Springs, Colorado)

Support for this program was provided by Arnold Ventures.
Webinars and Video Tutorials

Videos of our webinars are posted on our website and our YouTube channel as a resource for all journalists.

Making Technology Work For Your Reporting
Kashmir Hill and Surya Mattu, Gizmodo Media Group

Covering Impeachment
Dan Balz, The Washington Post

Reporting on Childhood Trauma
Jonathan Bullington, NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune
Brett Duke, NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune

Covering Clean Energy and Politics
Jennifer Layke, World Resources Institute
Ryan FitzPatrick, Third Way
Blake Sobczak, E&E’s Energywire

Book Talk: Tales of a Foreign Correspondent
Peter Copeland, author, "Finding the News: Adventures of a Young Reporter"
What Our Journalists Say

“I’ve been impressed with the depth and breadth of the analysis that we’ve gotten. ... I’m going to be going home with a much clearer, broader picture after a foundation on which to cover this story.”

Nile Bowie
Asia Times (Singapore)
International Trade

“One amazing aspect of this fellowship is how well it is curated. Like good journalism, it presents information from all angles on a wide range of topics.”

Marisa Venegas
Freelance
Dementia

“Often I have a hard time getting to sources that are national in stature. I’m looking forward to taking advantage of these new contacts.”

Lindy Washburn
NorthJersey.com / USA Today
Vaccines

“I have a much better sense of the technology and the potential change to this part of the U.S. economy, as I look for stories to tell about this sector and what it’s doing in the United States and the rest of the world.”

Emery Dalesio
The Associated Press
Food and Agriculture

“I have a notepad full of ideas, a lot of contacts from different parts of the world and a new network of science journalists. I’ve learned a lot this week and I think it’s going to help my reporting a lot.”

Amina Manzoor
Dagens Nyheter (Sweden)
Paris Accords of Science Communication
The National Press Foundation Annual Awards Dinner recognizing journalistic achievement is one of the largest media dinners in Washington, bringing together more than 1,000 journalists, media, public relations and corporate executives, policy makers and trade groups.

Awards and Winners:

**Judy Woodruff and Al Hunt**
PBS NewsHour and Bloomberg
W.M. Kiplinger Award for Distinguished Contributions to Journalism

**Rick Hutzell**
Capital Gazette
Benjamin C. Bradlee Editor of the Year Award

**Christopher Flavelle**
Bloomberg News
The Feddie Reporting Award

**The Washington Post**
Innovative Storytelling Award

**John Donnelly**
CQ Roll Call
Everett McKinley Dirksen Award for Distinguished Coverage of Congress

**Lester Holt**
NBC News
Sol Taishoff Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism

**Elisabeth Bumiller**
The New York Times
Chairman’s Citation

**Nancy Ohanian**
Clifford K. & James T. Berryman Award for Editorial Cartoons

**Kashmir Hill and Surya Mattu**
Gizmodo Media Group
Technology in Journalism Award
Inaugural Hinrich Foundation Award for Distinguished Reporting on Trade

In 2019, NPF and the Hinrich Foundation established a new award honoring excellence in international trade reporting. This award recognizes exemplary print, broadcast or digital journalism that illuminates and advances the public’s understanding of international business and trade.

Paul Wiseman, Joe McDonald and Anne D’Innocenzio of The Associated Press won the inaugural award in 2019 and were honored at the 2020 NPF awards dinner.

Carolyn C. Mattingly Award for Mental Health Reporting

NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune won the Carolyn C. Mattingly Award for Mental Health Reporting for a project exploring the long-term impact of violence on children in a poor neighborhood in New Orleans.

The winning team included Jonathan Bullington, Richard Webster, Brett Duke, Emma Scott and Haley Correll.

Thomas L. Stokes Award for Best Energy and Environment Writing

High Country News won the Thomas L. Stokes Award for Best Energy and Environment Writing for its reporting on the aftermath of a fracking site explosion in Colorado.

The winning project was created by Daniel Glick and Jason Plautz.

Wharton Seminars for Business Journalists

Each year, the National Press Foundation offers two all-expenses-paid fellowships for the annual Wharton Seminars for Business Journalists at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

The selected fellows for 2019 were Lydia Beyoud of Bloomberg Law and Sam Dean of Los Angeles Times.
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Johnson has been president and COO since 2014. Johnson has held senior management positions at several national news organizations, including The Associated Press, AARP Bulletin, the Center for Public Integrity and Stateline. For most of her career, she managed news coverage for The Associated Press in Washington, the wire service's largest bureau. She was Washington bureau chief for 10 years, overseeing AP's coverage of the federal government, elections and politics. She directed AP's political coverage for 22 years, including 14 years of exit poll expertise and calling races. She was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for refusing to call the 2000 presidential race for George W. Bush after all the networks had done so. She served on NPF's Board of Directors from 2001-2014 and was Chairman of the Board from 2006-2008. Johnson retired in March, 2020.

Chris Adams  
Director of Training and Content  
cadams@nationalpress.org

Adams joined NPF in 2015 after more than 25 years as an investigative, political and business reporter and editor. He worked for the McClatchy and Knight-Ridder Washington bureaus; The Wall Street Journal's Pittsburgh and Washington bureaus; and The Times-Picayune in New Orleans. He was named a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize three times (2010, 1999 and 1996), and in 2000 was part of a six-person Journal team that won the Pulitzer for coverage of military spending issues. Adams won numerous other honors including the Gerald Loeb Award for outstanding business reporting (twice), George Polk Award, Robert F. Kennedy Award, Worth Bingham Prize and Clark Mollenhoff Award.

Jenny Ash-Maher  
Director of Operations  
jenny@nationalpress.org

Ash-Maher, who joined NPF in 2013, manages the foundation's finances, including assets of $4.2 million and a $1.2 million annual operational budget. She oversees human resources, ensures the success of NPF's Annual Awards Dinner and assists with development. Previously, Ash-Maher was convention manager for the Travel Industry Association's annual international trade show, bringing journalists and tour operators from throughout the world to the United States.

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