

The National Press Foundation

Annual Report 2019



We Make Good Journalists **Better.**

From the President & COO



March, 2020

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 news rooms, and to the staff and leadership at the National Press Foundation who deliver top-notch, topical programs to make good journalist 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.




Donna Leinwand Leger

2019 Metrics

Nationalpress.org Pageviews

JAN-MARCH	45,321	+25% 
APRIL-JUNE	32,392	
JULY-SEPT	52,593	
OCT-DEC	40,310	
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2019 TOTAL:	170,616	
2018:	136,279	

Twitter Impressions

JAN-MARCH	326,800	+4% 
APRIL-JUNE	346,900	
JULY-SEPT	392,300	
OCT-DEC	340,400	
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2019 TOTAL:	1,406,400	
2018:	1,355,100	

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



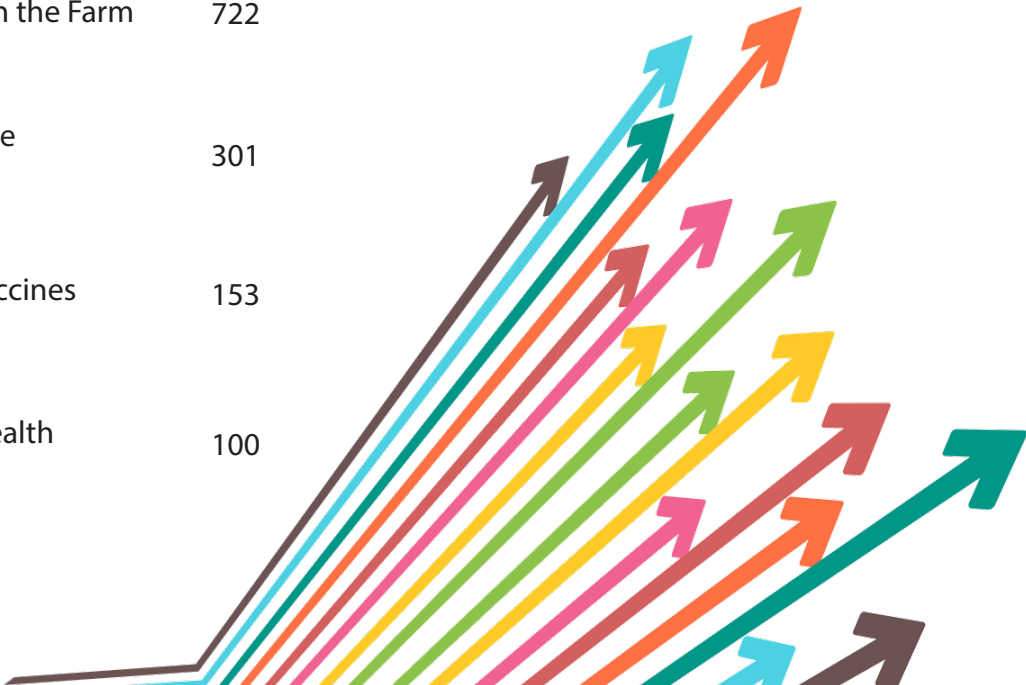
Criminal Justice Reform 301



A Focus on Vaccines 153



Addressing Health Inequalities 100





WHAT WE DO

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. [2] 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.

2019 Programs

Paul Miller Washington Reporting Fellowship

Washington, D.C.

Making Technology Work For Your Reporting

Webinar

February 20

Understanding Fishing and Conservation Challenges

San Francisco and Monterey, California

March 17-21

Understanding the Latest on Dementia Issues

Washington, D.C.

April 28-May 1

Capital Hill Issues Briefing: Dietary Guidelines and Menu Labeling

Washington, D.C.

May 10

Reporting on Childhood Trauma

Webinar

May 21

International Trade Training

Hong Kong

June 16-20

Journalism Under Attack: Protect Yourself from Threats

Washington, D.C.

June 28

Understanding Vaccines and Health

Washington, D.C.

July 29-31

Book Talk: Tales of a Foreign Correspondent

Webinar

September 3

Innovations in Food and Agriculture

St. Louis, Missouri

September 15-18

Paris Accords of Science Communication

Paris

October 21-24

Covering Clean Energy and Politics

Webinar

November 5

Reporting on Criminal Justice

San Francisco, California,

November 10-12

Spotlight on Statehouse and Local Reporting

Washington, D.C.

December 8-12



“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 Bahrapour
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
Knut 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 Chambon
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 Drobic Holan
Lt. Col. David W. Eastburn
Ron Elving
Nicholas Empey
Dr. Eve Essery Stoodly
Jessica Fanzo
David Farenthold
Dr. Anthony S. Fauci
Dr. Kristen A. Feemster
Charlene Finck
Sherry Flumerfelt
Dr. Arnaud Fontanet
James Alan Fox
Sarah Frey
Dr. Leonard Friedland
Judge Margaret J. Fujioka
Kim Fulton-Bennett
Cary Funk
Henry Gao
Alicia Garcia Herrero
Ted Gest
Larry Gilbertson
Kevin D. Grant
Mark Greenblatt
Richard Greene
James Grimaldi
Dr. Rahul Gupta
Andrew Hait
Andrew Harnik
Shannon Hauf
Lisa Heinzerling
Jonelle Henry
David Hiles
Tessa Michelle Hill
Merle A. Hinrich
G. William Hoagland
Ryan Hoffman
Benjamin Houlton
Meghan Hoyer
Chris Impey
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 Kieny
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 McConway
Gary E. McDonald
Frank McPhillips
Martha Mendoza
Bryan Mercurio
Paul Michel
Dr. Jens Modvig
Andrew Mueth
Tyler Mueth
William Mueth
Debbie Mukamal
Rick Myrour
Alexandra Natapoff
Dr. Kathleen Neuzil
Peter Nicholas
Amanda Nickson
Steven Okun
Paul Olin
Carolyn Olson
Stephen Olson

Leon E. Panetta
Brian Perkins
Barbara Perry
Insha Rahman
Dr. E. Albert Reece
William Reeves
Bob Reiter
Susan Resnick
Victoria Holt
Anne Marie Roantree
Barb Rosewicz
Polly Ruhland
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 Tauxe
Rebecca Thies
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

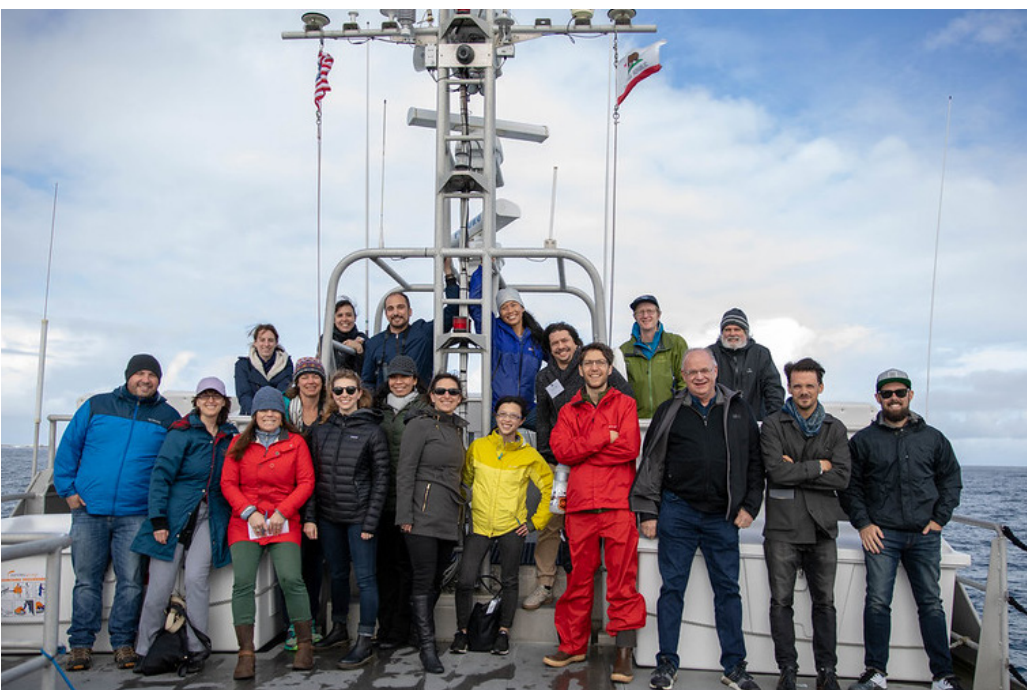
June 28, 2019

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.

Understanding Fishing and Conservation Challenges

San Francisco and
Monterey,
California
March 2019



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
Eric Fernandez | Freelance: The New York Times,
The Economist and The Guardian
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
Bonnie Tsui | Freelance: The New York Times, The Atlantic and
National Geographic

Support for this program was provided by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

Understanding The Latest on Dementia Issues

Washington, D.C.
April - May 2019



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.

Fellows

Mayra Acevedo | WIPR-TV

Ayanna Alexander | Bloomberg Law

Susan Berger | Freelance

Maria Clark | NOLA.com, The Times-Picayune

Lois M. Collins | Deseret News

Lisa Esposito | U.S. News & World Report

Katherine Ellen Foley | Quartz

Mary Kane | Kiplinger's Retirement Report

Ron Leuty | San Francisco Business Times

Cynthia McCormick | Cape Cod Times

Barbara Morse Silva | NBC 10 WJAR

Rachel Nania | WTOP-FM

Maria Ortiz-Briones | Vida en el Valle (California)

Leslie Renken | Journal Star (Peoria, Illinois)

Gary Rotstein | Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Paula Spencer Scott | Parade

Robin Seaton Jefferson | Forbes

Marisa Venegas | Freelance

Veronica Villafañe | AARP, AARP en Español

David Wahlberg | Wisconsin State Journal

Support for this program was provided by AARP.

International Trade Training

Hong Kong
June 2019



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.

Fellows

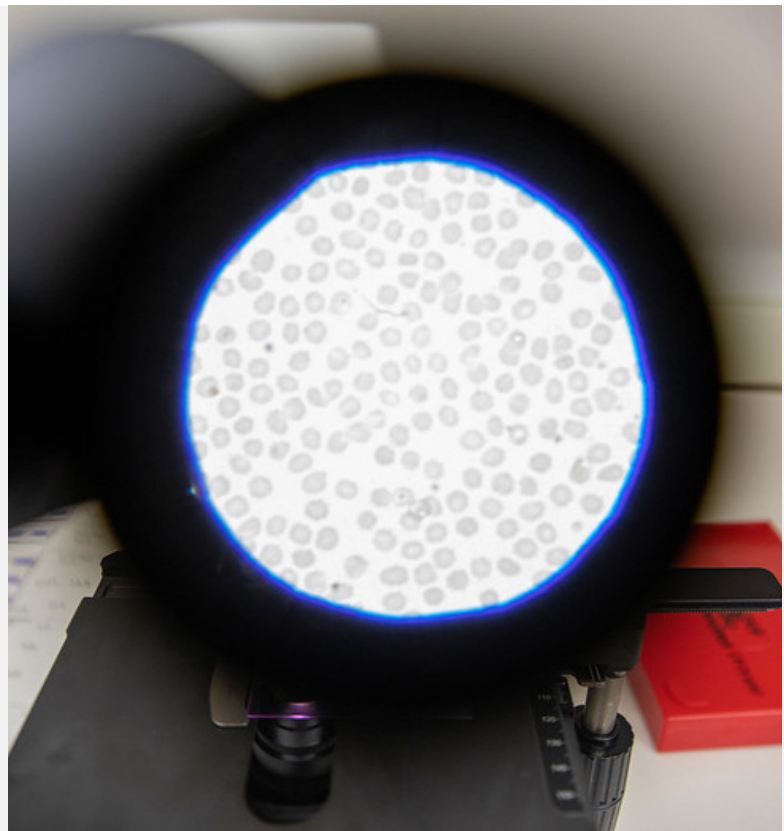
Fira Abdurachman | Indonesia | Freelance
Pamela Ambler | Singapore | Forbes Asia
Shashank Bengali | Singapore | Los Angeles Times
Nile Bowie | Singapore | Asia Times
Danson Cheong | China | The Straits Times
Miao Han | China | Bloomberg News
Marifi S. Jara | Philippines | BusinessWorld
Publishing Corp.
Amanda Lee | China | South China Morning Post
Linda Lew | Hong Kong | South China Morning Post
Asit Ranjan Mishra | India | Mint

Rupali Mukherjee | India | The Times of India
Dư Nhật Đăng | Vietnam | Tuổi Trẻ Newspaper
Ronna Nirmala | Indonesia | Beritagar.id
Ralf Rivas | Philippines | Rappler
Amiti Sen | India | The Hindu Business Line
Gunjan Sharma | India | Press Trust of India
Shannon Teoh | Malaysia | The Straits Times
Sabrina Toppa | Pakistan | Freelance
Cathy Yang | Philippines | ABS-CBN Corporation
Archie Zhang | China | Financial Times

Support for this program was provided by the Hinrich Foundation.

Understanding Vaccines and Health

Washington, D.C.
July 2019



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.

Fellows

Emily Baumgaertner | Los Angeles Times

Susan Berger | Freelance

Hilary Brueck | Business Insider

Clytie Bunyan | The Oklahoman

Helen Chickering | WCQS (Asheville, North Carolina)

Nicole Hayden | The Desert Sun, USA Today

Gwynne Hogan | WNYC (New York)

Jaclyn Jeffrey-Wilensky | Freelance

Steven Ross Johnson | Modern Healthcare

Kristen Jordan Shamus | Detroit Free Press

Jacquie Lee | Bloomberg Law

Steffi Lee | Nexstar Media Group, KXAN (Austin, Texas)

Ashley McCallum | The Gazette (Janesville, Wisconsin)

Sarah Oweremohle | Politico

Anne Saker | The Cincinnati Enquirer

Sara Shouhayib | Eyewitness News KBAK/KBFX
(Bakersfield, California)

Kat Stromquist | Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

Devin Tomb | Prevention.com

Lindy Washburn | NorthJersey.com, USA Today

Sam Whitehead | WABE (Atlanta)

Support for this program was provided by GSK.

Innovations in Food and Agriculture

St. Louis, Missouri
September 2019



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.

Paris Accords of Science Communication

Paris, France
October 2019



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

Michelle Andrews | United States | Freelance: Kaiser Health News, NPR, The Washington Post, The New York Times
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
John R. Quain | United States | Freelance: Digital Trends, The New York Times
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.

Reporting on Criminal Justice

San Francisco, California
November 2019



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.

Fellows

Jamal Andress | Newsy
Gina Barton | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Deborah Barfield Berry | USA Today
Kate Brumback | The Associated Press
Megan Cassidy | San Francisco Chronicle
Noelle Crombie | The Oregonian (Portland)
Uriel J. Garcia | The Arizona Republic (Phoenix)
Henry Gass | The Christian Science Monitor
Angie Jackson | Detroit Free Press
Cassandra Jaramillo | The Dallas Morning News
Melissa Lewis | Reveal from The Center for Investigative Reporting

Nichole Manna | Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Shannon McCaffrey | The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Chris Palmer | The Philadelphia Inquirer
Sarah Ruiz-Grossman | HuffPost
Josh Shaffer | The News & Observer
(Raleigh, North Carolina)
Jeff Simon | CNN
Andy Sullivan | Reuters
Annie Sweeney | Chicago Tribune
Alene Tchekmedyian | Los Angeles Times

Spotlight on Statehouse and Local Reporting

Washington, D.C.
December 2019



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

Reporting on Childhood Trauma

Jonathan Bullington, NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune

Brett Duke, NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune

Book Talk: Tales of a Foreign Correspondent

Peter Copeland, author, "Finding the News: Adventures of a Young Reporter"

Covering Impeachment

Dan Balz, The Washington Post

Covering Clean Energy and Politics

Jennifer Layke, World Resources Institute

Ryan FitzPatrick, Third Way

Blake Sobczak, E&E's Energywire

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



Annual Awards Dinner

Washington, D.C.
February 13, 2019

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.



Award 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 Freddie 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

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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](#).

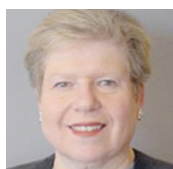
Wharton Seminars for Business Journalists

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.

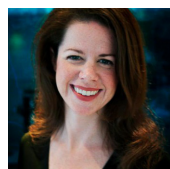
The selected fellows for 2019 were [Lydia Beyoud](#) of Bloomberg Law and [Sam Dean](#) of Los Angeles Times

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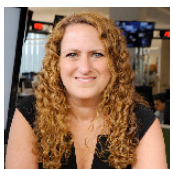
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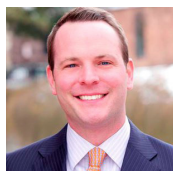
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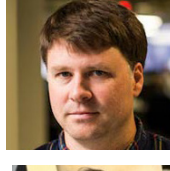
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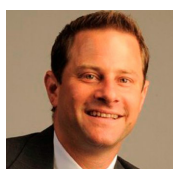
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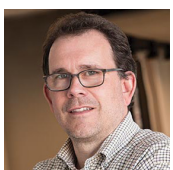
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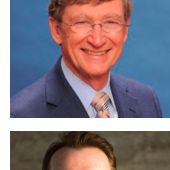
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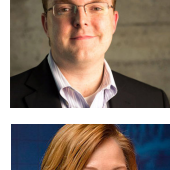
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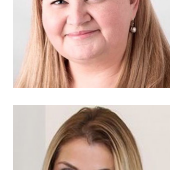
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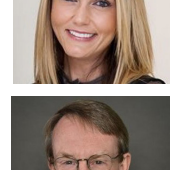
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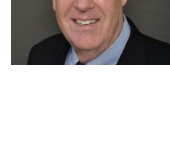
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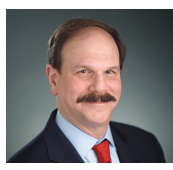


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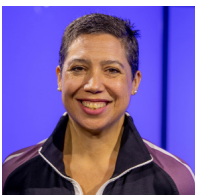


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Adams joined NPF in 2015 after more than 25 years as an investigative, political and business reporter and editor. He worked for the McClatchy and Knight-Ridder Washington bureaus; The Wall Street Journal's Pittsburgh and Washington bureaus; and The 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.

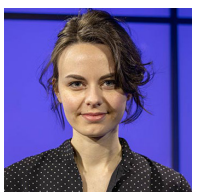


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Ash-Maher, who joined NPF in 2013, manages the foundation's finances, including assets of \$4.2 million and a \$1.2 million annual operational budget. She oversees human resources, ensures the success of NPF's Annual Awards Dinner and assists with 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.

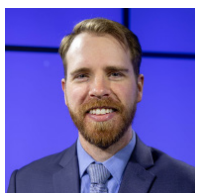


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Black joined the National Press Foundation in July of 2018. As program manager, she coordinates logistics for NPF's programs. Prior to joining NPF, Black served as an account representative and customer service specialist for Gourmet Gorilla, a local start-up in Chicago, Illinois. During her time at Gourmet Gorilla she oversaw quality control and helped manage day-to-day operations for the company.



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Mertins joined NPF in 2016. He produces media content for the NPF website, including video, audio, photos and graphics. He also manages the Evelyn Y. Davis Studios at NPF. Previously, Mertins was a video producer for West Virginia Radio Corp., and he worked for the city of Laurel, Maryland, as an editor, reporter and production assistant.



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