

## THE FUTURE OF JOURNALISM



**FIRST PRIZE**  
**MATTEO LONARDI**

Originally from Milan, Matteo Lonardi came to New York for the first time as an undergraduate in 2008. He attended the photography program at Parsons, The New School for Design and after living between Casablanca and Milan came back to New York to obtain his Master's at Columbia School of Journalism.

In 2010, he interned at an arts and culture magazine in New Delhi, India where he was assigned to photograph the art of a series of senior Delhi based visual artists. As he toured those studios, he discovered that he was more interested in the stories that he was being told rather than the work itself. He became interested in the way in which artists could be used by journalists as doors in misconstrued cultures and countries.

His story about the artists of Morocco appeared in Il Corriere Della Sera on a six page spread featuring his article and photos. At Columbia he is working on the production of an online interactive documentary about Iranian artists residing inside and outside of Iran.



**SECOND PRIZE**  
**YUN LU**

Yun Lu, originally from Beijing, is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Business and Economic reporting at New York University. She earned her undergraduate degree at Fudan University in Shanghai where she studied Communications and International Economics.

Previously, Yun interned for three major news organizations in China: China Daily, China Central Television and Global Times. Those experiences gave her insight into how the state-owned media works in China and helped to enhance her skills.

Her study at NYU and internship at CNN helped her gain a global perspective in journalism. In the future, Yun aspires to bring her experiences back to China and become a multimedia investigative reporter. She has an interest in startups and small businesses and a genuine passion in data journalism and new business models to help quality journalism thrive.



**SECOND PRIZE**  
**SALMA AMER**

Originally from Egypt, Salma Amer is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Journalism from Columbia University. Salma received her undergraduate degree in Broadcast Journalism at the American University in Cairo in 2010.

Before coming to New York, she worked as a journalist in Egypt covering the revolution and political challenges that followed. She worked as an investigative producer for ONTV where she was awarded second prize in 2012 for Best TV Investigation by Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism. The award was granted to Salma and her colleague for their work on Gas Wars, a political investigation revealing Egypt's rights to discovery of extensive natural gas in the Mediterranean Sea between Egypt, Cyprus and Israel. She worked, as well, with Al Jazeera English on the Academy Award nominated film, *The Square*.

Upon graduation in May 2014, Amer plans to continue her career as a broadcast journalist and documentary filmmaker covering the MENA region.

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### THIRD PRIZE JAMES GACHAU

Having lived in his native home of Kenya during the repressive regime of President Daniel Arap Moi, and seeing how members of the press sacrificed life and limb to give voice to the frustrations and privations experienced by the majority of the population, James Gachau was convinced that journalism should always and everywhere play the role of watchdog against the powers that be.

James is therefore currently working on his PhD at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland with the aim of becoming a journalism educator and researcher who can help mold and turn out a cadre of professionals dedicated to the democratic function of a free press.

The majority of people in the Global South remain voiceless amid government corruption and the hegemonic globalization of dominant Western cultures. James hopes his PhD will help him articulate the yearnings and dreams of such populations.



### THIRD PRIZE MARIANA MARCALETTI

Mariana Marcaletti is a Fulbright student from Buenos Aires, Argentina enrolled in a Master of Arts in Journalism at the City University of New York. She worked as a journalist for the past eight years, with the BBC, The Independent and Newsweek.

Mariana was Google's Latin American Spanish Language specialist ascertaining that Google products were relevant to the region. Prior to that she was a digital producer at Argentina's most popular news channel, TN.com.ar. of Grupo Clarin and part of the Buenos Aires Herald for three years. She is creating *Latin American Radar*, a platform of news and research on Latin American entrepreneurship by forming a network of contributors across countries.

Mariana has worked in the Philippines, Europe and the United States as part of several fellowships and she has written several award winning essays in Buenos Aires.

## SAVE THE DATE

The **FPA Scholarship Awards Dinner** will take place on  
Wednesday, May 14h, 2014  
at The Roosevelt Hotel.

### Couvert:

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## FPA FORUM

One of the main goals of the FPA is to help you build and maintain a good network and be informed about media related events that are relevant to our members.

With this goal in mind, we formed the FPA FORUM, an on-line forum where members are invited to post media related information such as press releases and invitations.

If you are not already part of the forum, we would like to invite you to join us.

Once you are part of the forum you are welcome to e-mail anything you think will be of interest to other members and is media related.

Postings on the forum are NOT endorsed by the FPA. This is only a tool to improve communication among all of us.

If you are interested in joining (must be an FPA member), please e-mail Hador Harel at [h\\_h\\_v@yahoo.com](mailto:h_h_v@yahoo.com)

## IN MEMORIAM

by Suzanne Adams

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of world renowned journalist, **Garrick Utley**. Garrick was a veteran international correspondent and had an illustrious career beginning in 1964 in Saigon where he covered the entry of the United States into the Vietnam War. He served as a correspon-

dent for NBC for many years and was the moderator of Meet The Press.

In May of 2005, he was the Keynote Speaker at the FPA Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner. He told the young students who were the recipients of our Awards that the technological explosion had forced new tasks upon reporters, first and foremost of which is to be

trustworthy gatekeepers between the endless stream of information and the public who feel overwhelmed by the massive amount of news.

The world of journalism has lost a keen observer who exemplifies the highest standards of the profession of journalism.

## LESTER HOLT, KEYNOTE SPEAKER FPA AWARDS DINNER 2014

Lester Holt is the weekend anchor for the flagship broadcast "NBC Nightly News," and is also the co-anchor of the weekend edition of "Today." Holt was named Principal Anchor of "Dateline NBC" in September 2011. In addition, Holt serves as fill-in anchor and correspondent for "NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams" and the weekday "Today" program. He also contributes to MSNBC, NBC's 24-hour cable news network.



Holt joined the NBC News family in 2000 and has reported from many of the world's hot spots. In 2003 he reported from the Kuwait/Iraqi border as US forces prepared to launch their invasion of Iraq. In 2006, he reported from the front lines in Lebanon on the war between Israel and Hezbollah and from London on the terror threat to U.S. bound-airliners from the UK. In early 2010 Holt traveled to Haiti where he reported on the immediate aftermath and response to the devastating earthquake. In early 2011, Holt reported

from the streets of Cairo on the latest political and civil unrest in Egypt. In March 2011, Holt travelled overseas to cover the earthquake and nuclear crisis in Japan. Other major international stories he has covered include the mysterious 2009 crash of an Air France jetliner over the South Atlantic.

Holt was also among the early wave of reporters to cover the oil leak disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. He was in the same region in 2005 when both

hurricanes Katrina and Rita came ashore.

Before becoming co-anchor of "Weekend Today," Holt anchored "Lester Holt Live," a daily news show on MSNBC in which he covered breaking news and provided news updates and analysis. Holt has also served as the lead anchor for daytime news and breaking news coverage on MSNBC. He has served as a primary anchor for MSNBC's coverage of the biggest news events of the last several years, including Operation Iraqi Freedom and the war in Afghanistan, and he was the lead daytime anchor for MSNBC's coverage of Decision 2000. Holt also served as anchor of "Countdown: Iraq," a nightly news telecast concentrating on the latest developments surrounding the war with Iraq, from October 2002 through March 2003.

Holt studied government at California State University in Sacramento. He resides in New York City with his wife.

## COMMITTEE TO PROTECT JOURNALISTS AFRICAN ADVOCACY COORDINATOR

by Mohamed Keita

Sunday March 2nd marked a prison milestone for two award-winning Ethiopian journalists who have been serving harsh sentences on trumped-up terrorism charges since their convictions in 2012: the American-educated veteran editor Eskinder Nega and Woubshet Taye, former deputy editor of the independent publication Awramba Times.

For Eskinder Nega, the 2012 laureate of PEN American Center's Freedom to Write Award and a finalist of the 2013 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought, it was his 900th day of imprisonment for an 18-year prison sentence in retaliation to his columns about the implications of the Arab Spring for long-suppressed democratic reform in his country. Just before his arrest, Eskinder published a column

expressing indignation at his government's imprisonment of fellow journalists, who he branded terrorists. Salman Rushdie, Pulitzer prize winning journalist Carl Bernstein, and John Kerry have all paid homage to Eskinder's courage.

Woubshet Taye turned 36 a few days ago while suffering from a kidney infection and being denied medical care. He was sentenced to 14 years in prison in retaliation to articles in which he criticized the absence of democracy and the repression in his country.

CPJ has sent direct appeals to the Ethiopian government, and the human rights institutions of the UN and the African Union, but authorities have thus far ignored all appeals, along with previous international legal rulings. CPJ is gravely concerned about the well-being of the journalists given the precedent of the death of journalist

Abay Hailu in an Ethiopian prison in 1998 after being denied timely medical care. A total of 8 journalists are currently imprisoned in Ethiopia. In Africa, only Eritrea holds more journalists in detention. CPJ is leading social media campaigns to raise awareness about the plight of Ethiopian journalists to sustain international attention and to put pressure on the Ethiopian government. CPJ would like to solicit the participation of more journalists in supporting the campaign. We appeal for your solidarity via tweets and facebook posts expressing support for the jailed journalists.

You can get in touch with CPJ Africa Advocacy Coordinator Mohamed Keita at [mkeita@cpj.org](mailto:mkeita@cpj.org) and follow CPJ's Africa account on twitter.

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*If you have not paid your dues for the current year, 2014, we urge you to do so. June 30th is the deadline for payment.*

*Your membership is the strength of our organization.*

## CHRONICLE

*by Suzanne Adams*

Our prolific member, **Joan Ramirez**, has added yet another publication to her increasing credits. Entitled *Go For It. Leadership for all Students*. Good job!

**Bettina Paley** will be portraying the role of "Mary Watson" in a performance by the Investigative Discovery Channel. That's so exciting.

General Secretary and Newsletter Editor, **Agnes Niemetz**, has good reason to be proud. Her son, Daniel Duzdevich has just had his new book published. Believe it or not, it is called *Darwin's On The Origin of Species*. Daniel states that students have great difficulty in understanding Darwin's *Origin*---as do many trained Biologists. Daniels's modern rendition of the 1859 text is a useful addition to the understanding of this major revision in Biology. Daniel, a Biologist himself, has presented a full account of Darwin's ideas in

the original and in a form that makes them more understandable to the reader who is not a specialist in revolutionary theory.

We send our love and best wishes for recovering rapidly to one of the most courageous persons I have ever known. **Sarah Bisconte** keeps her chin up and her spirits soaring in spite of all of the difficulties she has been through.

The March issue of *Suface Magazine* will be featuring photographs taken by **Simon Chaput** of the new E!Blok Hotel in Vieques, PR. Nice assignment and great photos.

And our wonderful former President, **Alan Capper**, is undergoing intensive Physical Therapy and we all send our best wishes for his recovery. Why not send him a note addressed to Alan at Queens Center for Rehabilitation Room 122 157-15 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Whitestone, NY 11357.

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