

## THE FUTURE OF JOURNALISM



**FIRST PRIZE**  
**NATALIA OSIPOVA**

I started my career in journalism as a 14-year-old intern at a hyperlocal television station in Moscow, Russia. I became a journalist because information is the strongest instrument in uniting people of different cultures, faiths and beliefs. I graduated with honors at Moscow State University where I conducted research on the roles the state and market play in media systems of Russia and France.

For the last four years, I was reporting on international affairs for TV Center, one of the major broadcasting companies in my home country. I decided to quit my job and come to CUNY Graduate School of Journalism to learn about instruments that could make the Russian media more independent. In New York, I freelanced for the New York Times Video, NY Daily News and City Limits. My reporting and multimedia producing experience in the U.S. inspires me for finding ways journalists all over the world can protect themselves against biases.



**SECOND PRIZE**  
**GABRIEL STARGARDTER**

Gabriel Stargardter was born in London. After studying English Literature at Oxford University, he moved to Berlin to work at Bild, Germany and Europe's largest newspaper. In 2010, he moved to Barranquilla, Colombia, where he worked as a staff writer at El Heraldo, a large regional newspaper, covering the 2010 Presidential elections. He returned to Berlin in late 2010, before he came to New York to pursue an M.Sc. at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. Upon graduation, he hopes to pursue his dream of working as a foreign correspondent. "My interest in being a foreign correspondent stems from my tumultuous family background. I am particularly interested in covering emerging markets and post-conflict countries when I return to Latin America."



**SECOND PRIZE**  
**CHARU SUDAN KASTURI**

Charu Sudan Kasturi is from New Delhi, India, and is studying at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. He plans to return to the Hindustan Times, India's second-largest English daily, where he was working before joining Columbia. He has previously worked with The Telegraph, India's fourth-largest English daily.

He has frequently appeared on discussions on Lok Sabha TV, a national public broadcaster that reports on social issues and covers live proceedings of India's lower house of Parliament.

He graduated with an M.S. in physics from one of India's most reputed engineering and science schools, the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, in 2006. He is a winner of the 2011 Inlaks Shivdasani Scholarship Award and is a Jack R. Howard Fellow at Columbia University. At Columbia, he is currently taking a China Seminar, and plans to follow the evolving relationship between India and China closely in his career.

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**THIRD PRIZE  
WARANGKANA CHOMCHUEN**

I grew up in a small village in Thailand. My first encounter with journalism left me with a sour taste. On my first day as a Waan college freshman, I was interviewed by a reporter from one of Thailand's top newspapers. The next day I found myself reading a story I didn't recognize. I decided to stay clear of journalism.

That conviction soon faltered. I joined an editorial team of the English department's magazine and it was clear that there was nothing else I wanted to do but to be a journalist. And a good one. I was a researcher/reporter for Japan Broadcasting Company in Bangkok. In 2006, I traveled to New York City to study broadcast journalism at Columbia Graduate School of Journalism. For the past three years I worked at the Bangkok bureau of NBC News covering breaking news and features. I am currently studying Business and Economic Reporting at NYU.



**THIRD PRIZE  
NASTARAN TAVAKOLI-FAR**

I was born in Teheran and raised in London. I now live in New York while I am pursuing a Master's degree at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

I completed an economics degree at the London School of Economics in 2006 and then literally moved across the road to Bush House, home of the BBC World Service radio where I worked on news and current affairs programs.

I enjoy the opportunity journalism gives me to delve into subjects and talk to a wide range of people covering all sorts of topics.

I hope to further my love of economics, innovation and design through journalism and, of course, many lengthy discussions over many pots of tea.

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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 in-

formation 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 Hadar Harel at [h\\_h\\_v@yahoo.com](mailto:h_h_v@yahoo.com)

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## STEVE KROFT 60 MINUTES, CBS NEWS, TO BE THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER

Steve Kroft was named a 60 MINUTES correspondent in May 1989 and delivered his first report that September. The 2011-12 season is his 23rd on the broadcast.

Kroft reported two of the biggest news stories of 2011, getting the only interview of President Barack Obama on the killing of Osama bin Laden and revealing that author and humanitarian Greg Mortenson lied in his best-selling book, "Three Cups of Tea," and misrepresented the achievements of his charity. In 2010, he was chosen for the Paul White Award by the Radio, Television and Digital News Association (RTDNA) – the highest honor from the industry's largest peer association. At the same time, he became the only 60 MINUTES correspondent to ever win two Peabody Awards in the same year. One was for a story on the vulnerability to computer hackers of crucial infrastructures like the power grid, and the other for a story examining the enormous sums of money spent prolonging the lives of dying Americans, bringing his total number of Peabodys to five. The year 2010 continued to bring more recognition, as he received a George Polk award for his report attributing wild swings in the price of oil to Wall Street speculation and an Emmy for his report on rising Islamic militancy in Pakistan.

In 2008, he landed what was arguably the biggest interview of the year: the first post-election sit-down with Barack and Michelle Obama. It was



broadcast on 60 MINUTES Nov. 16 to 25.1 million viewers, the largest primetime television audience of the season to that point. His joint investigation with the *Washington Post* exposing the deeply flawed forensic science of bullet lead analysis won the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism award earlier in 2008 and was one of four major awards he won in the space of a year. He won the Sigma Delta Chi award for the same story and the coveted Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University silver baton for an investigation into the disappearance of over \$500 million from Iraq's treasury. He also received the Fred Friendly First Amendment award from Quinnipiac University, one of the industry's most prestigious recognitions, in May 2007. His considerable body of work also was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Emmy in September 2003. And one of his finest

investigative stories, a report examining the conflicts of interest between military contractors and the government in the awarding of contracts, "All in the Family" (April 2003), earned him a Peabody Award.

His exclusive 1992 interview with then-Governor Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary, ended up on the front page of virtually every newspaper in the country, and it is continually cited as one of the defining moments of that presidential election.

He joined CBS News in January 1980 as a reporter in the Northeast bureau in New York. He was named a correspondent in May 1981 and worked out of the Dallas bureau (Jan. 1981 to May 1983).

Before joining CBS News, Kroft was a reporter for WPLG-TV Miami, WJXT-TV Jacksonville, Florida and WSYR-TV Syracuse, N.Y.

He was born Aug. 22, 1945, in Kokomo, Ind., and was graduated from Syracuse University in 1967 with a bachelor of science degree. He was honored by his alma mater in 1992 with the George Arents Medal, the highest honor the university gives to an alumnus. Kroft earned a master's degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Indiana University. He served with the United States Army in Vietnam as a correspondent and photographer for *Pacific Stars and Stripes*.

Kroft is married to journalist Jennet Conant. They live in New York with their son, John Conant Kroft.

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## CHRONICLE

*By Suzanne Adams*

**Gary Weiss** has written another book entitled, *AYN RAND NATION: The Hidden Struggle for America's Soul*. It is being published by St. Martins Press and the publication date is February 28<sup>th</sup>. Can't wait to read it.

**Michael Anne Rowe** has been nominated to receive the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tasty Award for best Food & Travel series. Congratulations.

The Italian Embassy of Havana is sponsoring a photo exhibition of the work of **Renato Zacchia**. Very prestigious.

**Laurie Nadel's** book *Happiness Genes. Unlock the Positive Potential Within Your DNA* has won the USA Best Books 2011 award for Best Spirituality Book. Her co-author is Jim Baird.

**Francesca Cernia Slovin** sent me a copy of her new book entitled, *Eretz Israel. A Seed of Time.* Look forward to reading it.

**Gabriel Levicky's** new book of cartoons has just been published. Should be fun.

**Rodney Muhuzu**, our 2011 First Prize Scholarship Award recipient sent greetings from Uganda. He says his book project is progressing and he is writing for several outlets such as the Global Post, Think Africa Press and The East African. If you go to our Web Site at [www.nyforeignpress.org](http://www.nyforeignpress.org) you will be able to read one of his brilliant articles.

The South Street Seaport, which reopened on January 25, 2012, has on view a photograph by **Nazan Isik**. Her focus is on the area surrounding Liberty Plaza. Bravo.

## HILLARY CLINTON VISITS MYANMAR

*By Kinue Imai Weinstein*

The 3-day visit by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, was welcomed by everyone here; the Myanmar government, National League for Democracy (NLD) lead by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and the general public. The conservative daily newspaper, New Light of Myanmar, reported the visit on the front page and spared several inside pages, saying "US wants to be Myanmar's partner." The paper did not mention the meeting between Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and her 11 NLD party members but NLD made a statement on December 2 that, while the party welcomes Mr. Clinton, it asks her to further watch Myanmar's political process concerning the political prisoners, conflict in the border regions and continuous watch of the new government of Burma.

The NLD vice chairman, U Thein Oo, who met this reporter, was present at the meeting with Mr. Clinton and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. He stated that he was satisfied with the meeting. The NLD's immediate tasks still remain in the areas of human

rights, release of 600 political prisoners, and permanent peace settlement with minorities living in the border regions.

Myanmar citizens who were interviewed by this reporter all expressed their happiness of the visit by Mrs. Clinton and the recent political development that NLD to register as a political party. However, everyone is still cautious about their acts and speeches because of his/her mistrust of the current Myanmar government and the military. There has been no car drivers willing to take me to the NLD headquarters. They claim that there are secret polices watching them. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has made regular appearances at the NLD headquarters, where she also made her National Day speech but to attend the meeting, this reporter had to walk to the place. Every one whom I interviewed said that they liked the direction of the NLD and that they respected and loved Daw Aung Sang Suu Kyi but they never wanted to their names mention or attend her speeches in person.

## SAVE THE DATE

The **FPA Scholarship Awards Dinner** will take place on Tuesday, May 8th, 2012 at The Roosevelt Hotel.

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