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We are proud to share with you this update on the activities of the Daniel Pearl Foundation, and thank you for your interest in our mission and accomplishments. A safer world is our goal – Journalism, Music and Dialogue are our tools – Daniel's legacy is our strength. Please forward this newsletter to others who might be interested in the Foundation's activities.

*With gratitude,
Judea and Ruth Pearl*
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TRIBUTES AND AWARDS

DANIEL PEARL FREEDOM OF THE PRESS ACT SIGNED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA



President Barack Obama signs the Daniel Pearl Freedom of Press Act in the Oval office; left to right Congressman Adam Schiff, Martin de la Serna, Danny's son Adam, his widow Mariane, parents Judea and Ruth Pearl; Sen. Chris Dodd, sisters Tamara and Michelle.

On May 17, 2010, President Obama signed the Daniel Pearl Freedom of Press Act into law, reinforcing our nation's belief that an unfettered press is a vital component of promoting freedom worldwide and that acts of press repression must be held up to world opinion. The bill (which unanimously passed in the Senate) amends the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to require inclusion of specific freedom of the press information in the Department of State's annual Country Reports on Human Rights.

President Obama stated that "All around the world there are enormously courageous journalists and bloggers who, at great risk to themselves, are trying to shine a light on the critical issues that the people of their country face; who are the frontlines against tyranny and oppression." "What this act does is it sends a strong message from the United States government and from the State Department that we are paying attention to how other governments are operating when it comes to the press."

The President thanked the Pearl family "for sending a clear message that, despite Daniel's death, his vision of a well-informed citizenry that is able to make choices and hold governments accountable; that that legacy lives on." The Bill was championed by Congressmen Adam Schiff (D-CA) and Mike Pence (R-IN), co-chairs of the Congressional Caucus for Freedom of the Press, and Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT). [View press coverage](#)

DANIEL PEARL AWARD FOR COURAGE AND INTEGRITY IN JOURNALISM



ANNE GARRELS
photo by Steven Voss

On Sunday June 27, 2010, Anne Garrels will be the 2010 recipient of the Daniel Pearl Award for Courage and Integrity in Journalism to recognize her selflessness in reporting difficult, often dangerous stories for decades around the world.

Ann was a senior foreign correspondent at NPR for 23 years, until her retirement in March 2010. She will continue covering special events and occasional assignments for NPR. Judea and Ruth Pearl will present the award during the [52nd Annual SoCal Journalism Awards Gala in Los Angeles](#)

**DANIEL PEARL AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING**

[Daniel Pearl Awards for Outstanding International Investigative Reporting](#) were created in 2008 to specifically honor cross-border investigative reporting.

The competition, held biennially, is open to any professional journalist or team with two first prizes awarded to a reporter or news organization; one U.S. based and the other a non-U.S.-based.

On April 24, 2010, two Daniel Pearl Awards were given to:

- **A journalist team** composed of [Norwegian Broadcasting Corp's](#) Kjersti Knudsson and Synnove Bakke, [The Guardian's](#) David Leigh, [BBC Newsnight's](#) Meirion Jones and Liz MacKean, and de Volkskrant's Jeroen Trommelen for the story "Trafigura's Toxic Waste Dump," which exposed how a powerful offshore oil trader tried to cover up the poisoning of 30,000 West Africans.
- **[The Nation's](#) Aram Roston** for "How the U.S. Funds the Taliban," recounting how Pentagon military contractors in Afghanistan routinely pay millions of dollars in protection money to the Taliban to move supplies to U.S. troops

**DANIEL PEARL PRIZES
AWARDED TO THREE JOURNALISM STUDENTS IN PARIS**

The Wall Street Journal, in collaboration with Paris' Ecole de Journalisme de Sciences Po, presents the [Daniel Pearl Award](#) annually to students whose reporting best embody Danny's commitment to journalistic excellence.

The 6th Annual Daniel Pearl Award was presented on May 20, 2010.

- First Prize: Agnes Bun "Identities in Exile."
Second Prize: Ozal Emier "Immigrant Workers Hostels: Living in France Without Being There"
Third Prize: Yemeli Ortega "Persecuted by China's Government, Ignored by France's."
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MUSIC

9TH ANNUAL DANIEL PEARL WORLD MUSIC DAYS - OCTOBER 1 - 31, 2010



[Interactive Map Of Daniel Pearl World Music Days](#)

Now in its 9th year, Daniel Pearl World Music Days, is a month-long global network of concerts each October, promoting peace and cross cultural understanding through the universal language of music. Coinciding with Danny's October 10 birthday, this global symphony welcomes the participation of all music events from every genre. We set a new record last October, with musicians at 1,558 events in 79 countries, empowering audiences with a sense of unity and purpose under the common banner of "Harmony for Humanity." This year, with your help, we hope to increase the impact on every continent..

There is no financial obligation to participate, all that is required is a [dedication](#) made from the stage, or listed in the printed program, and a simple registration of the event on www.danielpearlmusicdays.org. Once registered, all performances will be promoted on our website, with artist pages, bio's and external links.

Led by our [Honorary Committee](#) World Music Days is open to all - professionals, amateurs, student groups, non-profit organizations, embassies and religious groups of every faith. Participating events include already scheduled performances or specifically organized events. Please note that concerts held outside the October 1-31, 2010 time frame are welcome to be registered as "Tribute Events."

To register an October performance, or learn more about the benefits of this unique global music network, please visit www.danielpearlmusicdays.org

JOURNALISM

2010 DANIEL PEARL JOURNALISM FELLOWS AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The [Daniel Pearl Journalism Fellowship](#) brings promising, mid-career journalists from South Asia and the Middle East to work for six months at major U.S. newsrooms and experience the dynamics of a free press. Fellows also spend one week at *The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*. The fellowship is in partnership with [Alfred Friendly Press Fellowships](#).

THE 2010 FELLOWS



Nasry Ahmed Esmat, 29, is currently working at ProPublica, a non-profit newsroom for investigative journalism in the public interest, and will go on to work for six weeks at the Los Angeles Times beginning in mid July.

He has been a reporter and copy editor at Al-Ahram newspaper in Cairo covering judicial events as well as an interactivity editor and trainer for Filbalad.com, an independent news portal and a news provider for mobile phones.



Aoun Sahi, 27, is currently working at the Atlanta Bureau of the Wall Street Journal where Danny first worked. He has been a reporter for The News on Sunday, the weekend magazine of The News International.

Based in Lahore, Pakistan, he covers crime, environment, militancy, politics, security, and social issues.

On August 12, 2010, Nasry and Aoun will participate in a free public discussion, where they will share their personal experiences and shed light on how America is viewed from abroad. The discussion will be held at the Los Angeles Press Club's Steve Allen Theater, and will be moderated by Rob Eshman, editor in chief of [The Jewish Journal](#).

PAST DANIEL PEARL FELLOWS NEWS

The 2003 inaugural Daniel Pearl Journalism Fellow, Fasih Ahmed, is currently the editor of Newsweek Pakistan, the first licensed international news magazine in Pakistan. Ahmed was the winner of the New York Press Club's Best Spot News Award 2008 for coverage of the Benazir Bhutto assassination for Newsweek.

2005 Daniel Pearl Journalism Fellow Ammara Durrani, is currently a Strategic Communications Specialist at the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of Pakistan. She drafted and played a key role in the implementation of the government's Counter-Terrorism Communications and Public Outreach. On June 9, 2010, she will be speaking at the Wilton Park Conference and the UK Parliament.

2005 Daniel Pearl Journalism Fellow Walid Al-Saqaf, is the first Yemeni national to be awarded the TED fellowship for his innovative technology in fighting Internet censorship, as well as the 2010 Democracy Prize from Örebro University, Sweden. His anti-censorship project alkasir -'the circumventor' in Arabic- allows users across the world to access blocked news and opinion websites.

2008 Daniel Pearl Editor Fellow Mahim Maher is currently working as the Karachi City Editor for The Express Tribune that was launched in April in Pakistan with the International Herald Tribune. She launched the Karachi metropolitan section of the Daily Times. Recently she started blogging for the Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles on life in Pakistan as she sees it.

For Additional Information, [click here](#).

LECTURES AND DIALOGUES

8TH ANNUAL DANIEL PEARL MEMORIAL LECTURE AT UCLA WITH CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS

Co-sponsored with Hillel and the Burkle Center



On May 3, 2010, Christopher Hitchens, author and Vanity Fair columnist, delivered the 8th Annual Daniel Pearl Memorial Lecture series at UCLA, to a full capacity auditorium. Speaking on "Varieties of Anti-Semitism." Hitchens cited authors, historians, and intellectuals to illustrate how anti-semitism is rising again around the world. The lecture was followed by a lively, thought-provoking question and answer session with the students and audience. Press coverage, video and a written transcript are [available here](#).

JUDEA PEARL LECTURES AND OP-EDS

Judea Pearl, president of the Daniel Pearl Foundation, has delivered numerous public lectures this year on various topics including:

- "A World in Need of Healing - Creating A Path for Interfaith Dialogue"
- "The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: A Personal Perspective"
- "Being a Western, American and Jewish in the Post 9/11 Era"

His most recent [Op-Ed pieces](#) include:

- "Seeking Honesty in the Middle East"
- "We Need a New Legal Regime to Fight the War on Terror."

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