

Alex Newman

Deputy editor, interactive and mobile

Alex Newman is an interactive journalist specializing in data visualization, multimedia and user experience. She currently works on the interactive team at Al Jazeera America, where she is responsible for special projects using audio, video, data or graphics (or all of the above) and is the editorial lead for AJAM's award-winning mobile app.

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[Philly's invisible youth](#)

The city's child welfare and emergency shelter systems continue to fail homeless kids — just as they did this reporter 17 years ago

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[Sack, cloth and ashes](#)

The Children's Place CEO's 'reign of terror' has seen staff fired, activists arrested. Second story in a two-part series.

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[In Bangladesh, the sham of Shams Factory](#)

Mega-chain The Children's Place continues to source clothes in unsafe sweatshops. First story in a two-part series.

multimedia | August 15, 2015

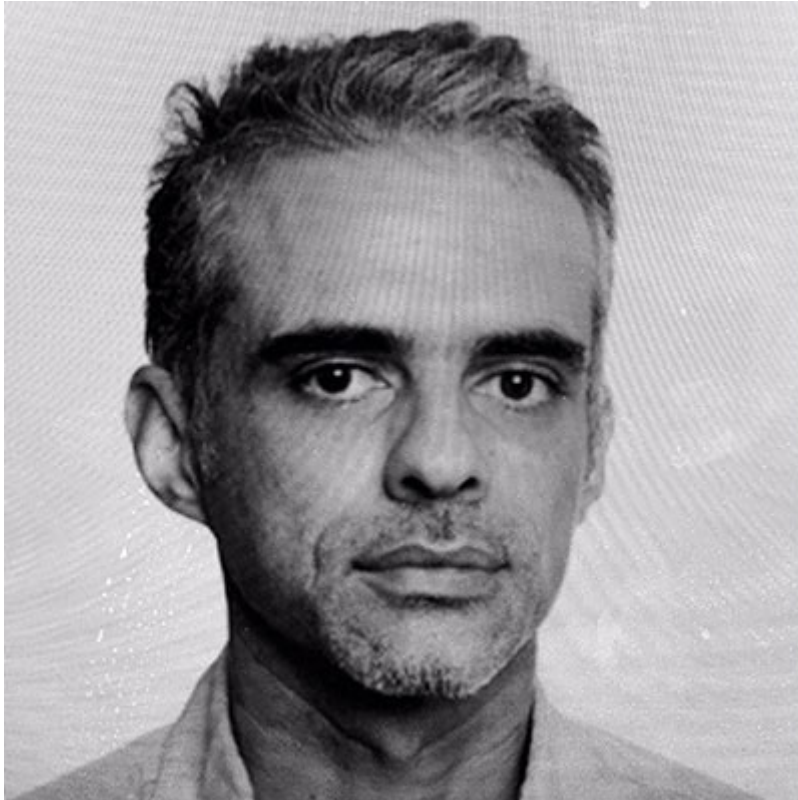
[Child obesity in Mexico](#)

US sends its supersized diet to kids south of the border

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[Hard trucking](#)

Independent truckers say new safety rules threaten their livelihood



Alfonso Serrano  
News Editor

Alfonso Serrano is a news editor at Al Jazeera America, where he writes and edits feature stories focused on Latin America, the drug war and immigration. Previously, he was a senior editor at TIME.com and an editor at Conde Nast Portfolio. His essays and commentary have appeared on National Public Radio, The Chicago Tribune, and Pacific News Service. He has received an Editor & Publisher EPPY award for coverage of the Nicaragua canal project and a PASS Award from The National Council on Crime and Delinquency for his reporting on San Francisco gang-related crime.

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[Parents of foreign fighters accuse Belgian police of inaction](#)

Federal prosecutor demands maximum sentence for alleged recruiter for armed groups in Syria

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[France's Hollande: Change constitution to tighten security powers](#)

State-of-emergency powers not enough, constitution should be changed to counter threats, French leader says

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[Afghan police sex abuse charges raise legal question for US aid](#)

Experts say US military should have reported rampant abuse of boys by Afghan police to the State Department

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[Cuba's isolated act of faith](#)

As Pope Francis visits the island, remote town builds the first new Catholic church since the revolution

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[With tear gas and razor wire, EU countries skirt international refugee law](#)

Human rights experts question Europe's heavy-handed approach to growing refugee crisis



Amel Ahmed

Digital News Producer/Reporter

Amel Ahmed is a New York-based journalist. As a reporter at Al Jazeera America (AJAM), she has focused on immigration, the ongoing conflict in Yemen, race issues in the U.S. legal system, public health and other topics. Before joining AJAM, she helped produce a documentary on gentrification in New York City entitled 'The Changing Face of Harlem.' In 2011, she traveled to Yemen, where she covered the revolution as a special correspondent for Al Jazeera English. She has also worked for Democracy Now. She obtained her B.A. from New York University, where she studied Journalism and Middle East & Islamic Studies. She also obtained a law degree from Brooklyn Law School.

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[Sandra Bland, Samuel DuBose and the rise of 'vehicular stop and frisk'](#)

Racially based stops for minor traffic violations on the rise because of court action and police practice, say activists

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[The 1997 law that limits compensation to victims of railway accidents](#)

Analysis: By capping damages, Amtrak 'reform' hobbles judges' ability to compensate victims of mass railway accidents

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[Stranded Yemeni-Americans consider alternate escape routes](#)

Two stranded Yemeni-Americans consider fleeing by sea or dangerous back roads as airstrikes grip Sanaa and Aden

news | March 11, 2015

[Univ. of Oklahoma expulsions infringe free speech rights, experts say](#)

Analysis: The Univ. of Oklahoma's expulsion of students over a racist chant raises First Amendment, due process concerns

news | December 18, 2014

[Cuban-Americans in NJ's 'Havana on the Hudson' torn over new Cuba policy](#)

Cuban-Americans in a New Jersey enclave express deep ambivalence over decision to renew relations with Cuba



Atossa Araxia Abrahamian  
opinion editor

Atossa Araxia Abrahamian is an opinion editor at Al Jazeera America, a longtime editor and contributor at The New Inquiry, and a contributing editor to Dissent magazine. Her first book, 'The Cosmopolites,' was published in 2015 by Columbia Global Reports. Her writing has appeared in The New York Times, New York magazine, the London Review of Books, and other publications.

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[Nothing's more patriotic than a declaration of independence](#)

We love to secede from everything, even the US of A

opinion | June 4, 2015

[Why we love to hate the wife bonus](#)

Americans have a fraught relationship with dependence – particularly when it concerns women

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[Democratize FIFA now!](#)

Don't blame the global south for corrupting soccer's organizing body

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[Down Syndrome isn't just cute](#)

How the Down community sugarcoats difficult realities about the condition

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[Brechtomania](#)

Why Marxist playwright Berthold Brecht is theater's hottest old name



Azure Gilman

Reporter

Azure Gilman is a reporter for Al Jazeera America in New York City. She writes news stories and longer features about climate change, environmental threats to marine life, women's rights, and poverty in the United States. She often takes her own pictures and produces online videos to accompany her articles. Before coming to Al Jazeera America, she worked as a reporter at City & State Magazine, a research assistant for investigative journalist Wayne Barrett, and a writer for the Freakonomics blog. She received a Masters from Columbia Journalism School, and B.A. from the University of Chicago.

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[In warming ocean, record number of seals and sea lions sicken and starve](#)

Ailing or dead seals and sea lions washed up on California beaches in record numbers in 2015; this year could be worse

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[‘We are excelling in every field’: Black students rebuff Justice Scalia](#)

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's remarks about African-Americans and higher education cause pain and anger on campus

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[Orca capture trade has moved to Russia, China, activists say](#)

Demand from aquatic theme parks in Russia, China fueling new market for wild orcas, marine experts say

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[A California crab ban reveals trouble in the Pacific Ocean](#)

Crab fishing is delayed, and poisoned sea lions are washing ashore, with toxic algae to blame

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[Decision expected in Illinois over trans rights in locker rooms](#)

An Illinois school district has defied federal regulations to give unrestricted locker room access to a trans female



Ben Piven

Planning Editor

Ben Piven is an online editor and journalist with a combined 5 years at Al Jazeera America in New York City and Al Jazeera English in Doha. He reports on a range of international and domestic news, from global geopolitics and national security issues to economic and cultural material. Previously, Ben worked at PBS Worldfocus. He holds a master's degree in digital media from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. In 2007, he studied the caste system as a Fulbright scholar at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai, India.

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[California politicians to don donor logos if ballot initiative succeeds](#)

Shock political campaign aims to make legislators' corporate and union sponsors known to voting public

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[America's new militia movement: Patriot groups explode under Obama](#)

Occupation of Oregon federal facility highlights growth in armed anti-government groups

news | December 9, 2015

[Trump's untruths woo working-class whites who 'want to be proud again'](#)

Citing erroneous 'facts' about race and religion, candidate emphasizes economic, security failings

news | December 3, 2015

[Gun companies lock up billions in sales, boosted by calls for tougher laws](#)

Almost half the guns made in the US are produced by three companies: Smith & Wesson, Freedom Group and Sturm, Ruger

news | September 9, 2015

[Being 'hafu' in Japan: Mixed-race people face ridicule, rejection](#)

Among Japanese, the perception of pure ethnic background is a big part of belonging to the culture



**Bianca Clendenin**

**Headline Writer, Social Media**

Bianca writes and curates social media posts for Al Jazeera America's TV programming.



Caroline Preston

Features Editor

Caroline Preston is a features editor at Al Jazeera America.

• • • features | January 19, 2016

[When officers rape: The police brutality chiefs ignore](#)

Most departments are doing little to stop police officers from sexually assaulting civilians.

features | August 24, 2015

[Kenya's dark path to justice](#)

People affiliated with the ICC proceedings against top Kenyan leaders are turning up dead

features | August 3, 2015

[Court fees trap ex-inmates in a prison of debt](#)

In Washington, formerly incarcerated men and women face massive debts and a 12 percent interest rate

photo | May 26, 2015

[Amazon tribes fight against \\$9 billion dam](#)

The Munduruku tribe fights a gigantic government project

features | April 22, 2015

[Return of the fish wars: Hatchery pits environmentalists against tribe](#)

Can anything wild still exist in a Washington river that has been plugged for 100 years?





Courtney Brooks  
Planning Editor

Courtney Brooks is a news and features editor who specializes in international diplomacy and issues in the United States, Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa and the former Soviet bloc. She has nine years of experience as a reporter, writer and editor. Her work has also appeared in World Policy Journal, The Associated Press, Agence France-Presse, The Irish Times, and Radio Free Europe, among others.

• • • features | December 22, 2015

[In Texas, insured and uninsured alike struggle to pay drug costs](#)

In part 8 of 'America left behind,' Al Jazeera looks at the human impact of skyrocketing prescription drug prices

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[Mississippi's lost babies](#)

In part 4 of 'America Left Behind,' Al Jazeera examines why black infant death outpaces Botswana

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[Navajo Nation's nutrition crisis](#)

In Part 1 of our America Left Behind series, Al Jazeera looks at a community where 1 in 3 are diabetic or at risk

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[Nearly a quarter of Philadelphia's adult population lacks basic literacy](#)

In part 2 of our 'America left behind' series, Al Jazeera explores the vicious cycle of poverty and lack of education

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[Route of Division](#)

In Birmingham, Alabama, a public bus takes about a dozen housekeepers from their low-income, mostly black neighborhood to a wealthy white suburb



D. Parvaz

Senior Producer, Human Rights

D. Parvaz is the Senior Producer for Human Rights, based in New York. She was previously the Special Projects Editor at Al Jazeera English in Doha, Qatar. She has reported from Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Syria, Japan, Afghanistan, Europe and the U.S.

- investigative | December 15, 2015

[Selling American Girls](#)

Sex trafficking of minors in the US

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[Selling American Girls](#)

Sex trafficking in the US

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[Finally heard: Former Guantanamo detainee 'beamed' into art installation](#)

Mohammed el Gharani beamed into NY art installation

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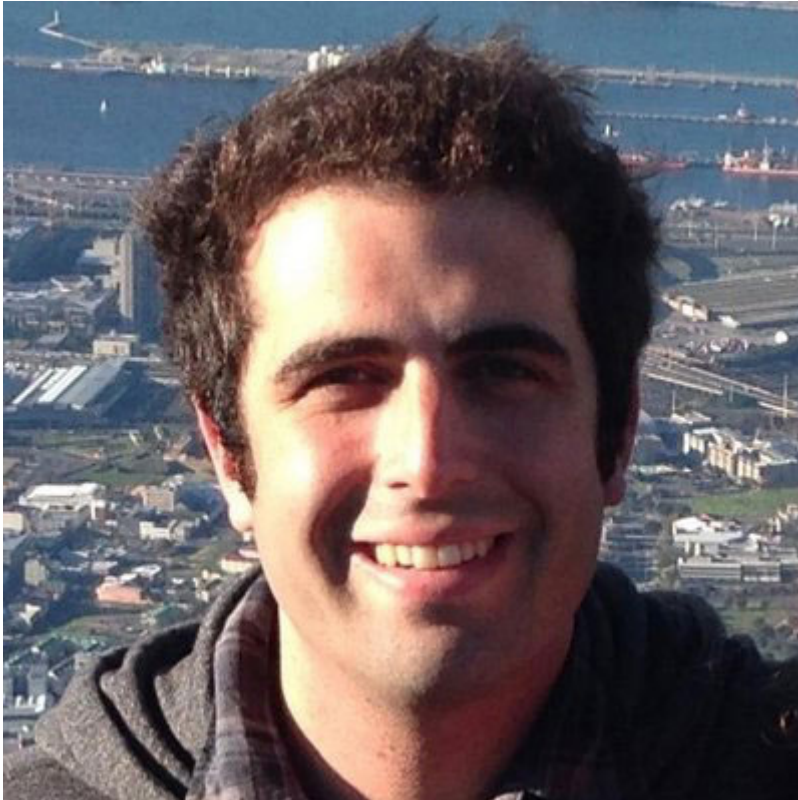
[Life after Ebola: Liberia's invisible babies](#)

Lowered birth registrations owing to fear of hospitals

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[The death penalty: How we kill](#)

Various methods of execution legal in the US and what it really means to kill an inmate using any one of them.



David Klion  
Opinion Editor

David Klion is an opinion editor for Al Jazeera America based in New York. He was previously features editor for World Politics Review and recruited international guests, hosted interviews and edited videos for Bloggingheads.tv. His work has also appeared in The New Republic, The New Inquiry and other publications. A native of Washington, DC, he has a master's degree in history from the University of Chicago and has lived, worked and researched in Russia and the former Soviet Union.

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[The new 'Star Wars' isn't a rip-off, it's a classical epic](#)

In reworking moments from the original trilogy, 'The Force Awakens' participates in an ancient narrative tradition

opinion | January 7, 2016

[Trump's bigotry tests the limits of free speech](#)

The US is unusual in its tolerance for hate speech, but the alternative may be worse

opinion | December 23, 2015

[Inequality is destroying American democracy](#)

The very rich support unpopular economic policies and often get their way

opinion | December 16, 2015

[The real cultural explanation for school shootings](#)

Teenagers raised in relentlessly competitive environments are learning a dangerous lesson

opinion | December 14, 2015

[Real police reform is unlikely in Chicago](#)

The only whistleblower from inside the police accountability system, among other experts, is skeptical



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Dean Visser  
News Editor

Dean Visser is a news editor who has also worked as a foreign correspondent and regional editor in Asia for The Associated Press, The Wall Street Journal, Newsweek magazine and other publications. He has managed news teams in the office and reporters in the field, and has also done freelance work for radio and magazines.

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[World's largest 'tax-funded mass grave' might be turned into a park](#)

NY City Council discusses turning Hart Island, where more 1 million poor and unclaimed people are buried, into a park

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[Parents of foreign fighters accuse Belgian police of inaction](#)

Federal prosecutor demands maximum sentence for alleged recruiter for armed groups in Syria

features | November 25, 2015

[As US politicians protest, security officials brush off refugee 'hysteria'](#)

At Halifax security forum, military officials and security experts say blocking refugees carries its own risks

news | November 14, 2015

[Orca capture trade has moved to Russia, China, activists say](#)

Demand from aquatic theme parks in Russia, China fueling new market for wild orcas, marine experts say

news analysis | November 5, 2015

[Wariness, accusations surround this weekend's China-Taiwan summit](#)

First leaders' meeting since 1940s civil war sparks fears about China's intentions toward democratic, self-ruled Taiwan



Dexter Mullins  
Former Reporter

Dexter Mullins is an award winning multimedia journalist. He reports on race, education, inequality and issues impacting the LGBT community.

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[Survivors of infamous 1921 Tulsa race riot still hope for justice](#)

Witness to the destruction of their world, they are dying before reparations can reach them  
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[Study: Black college grads have double the unemployment rate](#)

More than half of black college graduates are underemployed, according to the Center for Economic Policy and Research  
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[New Orleans to be home to nation's first all-charter school district](#)

In September the Recovery School District will close its remaining non-charter schools, and other cities are watching

features | March 3, 2014

[For homeless gay teens in Little Rock, few places to turn](#)

Arkansas ranks third-worst in the nation for homeless children, and few shelters will take in LGBT teens

news | February 23, 2014

[Desegregation funding dries up in Little Rock, but problems remain](#)

Recent settlement to dismantle the desegregation efforts that had historic start in 1957



E. Tammy Kim

Staff writer, Features

Tammy writes about labor and poverty and arts and culture.

• • • features | October 31, 2015

[Up close and personnel: Neither workers nor bosses, human resources professionals straddle two worlds](#)

The neglected back-office world of HR

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[The taxi wars: Uber is 'destroying the taxi industry'](#)

Houston cabbies say the UberX model, with drivers who dabble, is an insult to the profession

features | September 6, 2015

[A Los Angeles poet's revolution of everyday life](#)

As gentrification sweeps the city, Sesshu Foster has quietly become the poet laureate of a vanishing neighborhood

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[Court fees trap ex-inmates in a prison of debt](#)

In Washington, formerly incarcerated men and women face massive debts and a 12 percent interest rate

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[Baltimore: The divided city where Freddie Gray lived and died](#)

The protests in Baltimore aren't just about Freddie Gray's death and police brutality. They're about the racialized poverty and dearth of opportunity in parts of the city, such as the Sandtown neighborhood where Gray grew up. The numbers tell some of that tale: The city's median household income is well under the Maryland average, the number of abandoned houses swelled in the past decades and the city's public schools are 'hypersegregated' by race.



Ehab Zahriyeh  
News Producer

Ehab Zahriyeh is a news producer and reporter for Al Jazeera America's digital live desk. He covers breaking news and specializes in Palestine/ Israel coverage. He is also one of the digital team's 'CMS Power Users' — working closely with the product/ development to identify issues, brainstorm solutions, and provide further support for the editorial team.

- news | January 28, 2016

[Palestinian journalist to continue hunger strike despite risk of death](#)

Mohammed al-Qeq has so far refused food for 65 days in protest of his detainment without charge in Israeli prison

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[NGOs warn changes to visa waiver program will affect aid efforts](#)

Aid groups call for exceptions to the amendment, which requires a US visa for people who have visited Iraq, Syria

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[Mass shootings by the numbers: More than 350 in 2015](#)

If it seems as if there has been a mass shooting in the US nearly every week this year, that's because it's true

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[Young Palestinians sound off on current unrest, Israeli occupation](#)

With talk of third intifada, Palestinians under the age of 30 discuss where they see latest violence heading

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[Lauryn Hill joins black, Palestinian activists in solidarity video](#)

Video, featuring dozens of artists and activists, draws comparisons between black and Palestinian struggles for justice



Elizabeth Blish Hughes

News Editor, nights

Beth Hughes is a digital news editor based in San Francisco and New York who has worked in Hong Kong and Tokyo for The Wall Street Journal and Bloomberg. She was the Tokyo correspondent for The San Francisco Examiner.

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[Southern California Pakistanis shaken by shooters' identities](#)

San Bernardino killers were Pakistani and Muslim – news that has devastated Pakistani Muslims in the area

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[Pre-dawn raid in Paris suburb unearths new 'jihadist' cell, police say](#)

Massive firefight leaves two dead, but fate of alleged planner of Friday's attacks remains unclear

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[Prime-time Republican debaters spar on the issues and clash with Trump](#)

Each of the 10 top candidates aimed to break free from the pack and take the wind out of the front-runner's sails

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[Bernie Sanders spars with gun-control activist](#)

Campaign notebook: An exchange reveals how the progressive Democrat's gun-control views may disappoint some supporters

news | May 25, 2015

[California gardeners struggle for work during drought](#)

Mexican immigrants, the mainstay of residential gardening services, lose work as homeowners remove lawns to save water





Erica R. Hendry

Digital Producer/Reporter, "America Tonight."

Erica R. Hendry is a digital producer for America Tonight. She specializes in producing her own videos, multimedia and graphics to accompany her stories — and in helping reporters and producers take their on-air stories and tell them better online. Before coming to Al Jazeera America, Hendry was a digital producer for The Diane Rehm Show, and a writer, editor and producer at Smithsonian Magazine. She also spent three years running a local, and then regional, news bureau in Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. for AOL/Patch.com.

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[What have we learned from 500 concussions in 3 years of college football?](#)

In two of the last three seasons, almost half the major college football programs didn't publicly report a concussion

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[Meet the real-life Golden Girls](#)

After Bonnie Moore got a divorce, she thought she'd have to give up her dream home for good. Instead, she got creative. She opened her home up to roommates, fellow baby boomers who wanted to pool resources, too. Today, she helps other older adults find roommates through Golden Girl Network, an online resource that matches roommates throughout the country. Moore, her roommates and others like them told America Tonight why more baby boomers should consider the Golden Girl lifestyle.

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[For many Medicaid patients, hepatitis C wonder drugs are out of reach](#)

With the cost of pills spiking as much as 5,000 percent, state insurers struggle to pay for lifesaving treatment

features | December 1, 2015

[No man's land: When concussions force a college football player to retire](#)

Casey Cochran is one of at least 26 players in college football to have retired in recent years because of concussions

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### [How one biracial student journalist is covering race protests on campus](#)

The racially driven protests at Ithaca College this fall have rocked the upstate New York campus like few other events in the school's 123-year history. For many student journalists, covering a conflict that has made national headlines would be a dream. But for Kira Maddox, the college newspaper's editor-in-chief, leading the coverage has come with mixed feelings. As a biracial woman, she empathizes with student protestors of color. As a journalist, she's charged with getting all sides of the story right.



Evan Hill  
Former Reporter

Evan Hill is a researcher and writer based in Beirut and focusing on the Middle East. He has lived in Egypt, where he reported for Foreign Policy, the Economist, the Atlantic, the Guardian, the Times, and others. As a staff writer for Al Jazeera America, he wrote about the lasting damage of America's crack cocaine laws, the fall of the Silk Road online black market, and the aftermath of Egypt's coup in 2013. His reporting in Egypt — from the Tahrir front lines to Mubarak's resignation – helped win an Online News Association award for breaking news. In Libya, he followed the revolt from the fall of Benghazi to the plight of trapped migrants in Tripoli. He helped cover the Syrian government's crackdown on dissent in 2011.

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[Off the grid, onto the mesa](#)

Pajarito, N.M., is 10 miles and a world apart from downtown Albuquerque  
features | July 16, 2014

[The gas company that says it can take your backyard](#)

Sunoco Logistics Partners invokes eminent domain to build a pipeline through Pennsylvania, setting off a legal battle  
news analysis | May 28, 2014

[For Egypt's Sisi, winning will be easier than fixing the economy](#)

The general needs high turnout for a mandate to push through painful economic reforms that could spur new unrest

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[The Mock Prison Riot: Where guards play jail](#)

Weapons, biceps and burgers on display at the annual West Virginia event  
multimedia | April 1, 2014

[Waiting on a Fix: Life without parole is a walking death](#)

Raised by his grandmother, Andre Badley was seduced by the easy money made dealing crack on East Cleveland's streets. Imprisoned in 1997 at age 24, he is now 41 years old and

could spend the rest of his days behind bars while bigger dealers walk free.



Gregg Levine

News Editor

Gregg is National Editor for Al Jazeera America digital & editor of The Scrutineer, AJAM's news blog.

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[President Obama's victory lap runs headlong into 'hot air'](#)

State of the Union and GOP response appear defined by heated rhetoric of Trump campaign news | December 21, 2015

[Amtrak completes train safety upgrade at site of deadly May derailment](#)

Follow up on PTC series shows positive train control, which may have prevented Philadelphia accident, is still absent from most of US railroads news analysis | November 15, 2015

[In post-Paris debate, Hillary Clinton gets religion](#)

While Democrats agree on need for anti-ISIL coalition, former Secretary of State condemns 'jihadist ideology' news | August 6, 2015

[What Emmanuelle Riva saw of Hiroshima](#)

Exclusive interview with star of 'Hiroshima mon Amour' for 70th anniversary of bombing news | June 18, 2015

['Green Ramadan' begins as pope calls for fast action on climate](#)

Islamic holy month commences, with young activists advocating for environmental justice



Hashem Said  
Digital Producer

Hashem Said is a digital producer for Al Jazeera America. He writes for the live news desk and monitors social media for breaking news stories. He has a background as a power user for digital websites, and works closely with the software development team to help test and improve functionality. He also enriches content on the website by creating charts and maps.



Haya El Nasser

Reporter

Haya El Nasser is a news reporter for Al Jazeera America in Los Angeles. Previously, she was the chief demographics reporter for USA Today for 17 years. Prior to that, she was a Los Angeles-based reporter for the national newspaper, covering major stories such as the LA riots and the O.J. Simpson trial.

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[Building boom amid disaster: New housing springs up during Calif. drought](#)

Despite a historic water shortage gripping the state, the need for more housing trumps the need to save water

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[LA Black Worker Center takes new approach to black jobs crisis](#)

Center also trains black workers to be labor rights advocates and has become a model for other cities

news | October 2, 2015

[California's quest to save water may come at an ecological cost](#)

Ecologists question rebates to replace lawns with artificial turf

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[California's new water war pits landlords against tenants](#)

Los Angeles area rent-controlled apartment building owners want tenants to pay for water as rates rise due to drought

news | August 13, 2015

[Police killings of Latinos spark less outrage than when victims are black](#)

Analysis: Families of Latinos killed by police push for a Brown Lives Matter movement



Jayati Vora  
Features Editor

Jayati Vora is a features editor for Al Jazeera America. Previously, she worked as a web editor for the media nonprofit The Nation Institute.

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[Revealed: The malaria crisis India doesn't want to acknowledge](#)

An investigation shows routine manipulation of data, shortages of supplies, understaffing and enduring dysfunction

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[Philly's invisible youth](#)

The city's child welfare and emergency shelter systems continue to fail homeless kids — just as they did this reporter 17 years ago

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[Photo diary: Homs family finds a new home in Illinois](#)

Amid fierce US debate over accepting Syrian refugees, one family in a Chicago suburb is grateful to be here

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[Blood gold: From conflict zones in Colombia to jewelry stores in the US](#)

The trial of Colombian exporter Goldex for money laundering reveals how dirty gold reaches two American companies

features | November 8, 2015

[Kafka in Chhattisgarh: The bureaucratization of violence in India](#)

At ground zero of the Maoist insurgency, surrendering as a guerrilla is the only way of proving one's innocence



Jessica Loudis  
Features editor

Jessica Loudis is an online features editor. She has worked as a news writer at Slate, an associate editor at Bookforum magazine, a senior features editor at T, The New York Times style magazine, and edited the essay collection *Should I Go to Grad School?* which was published by Bloomsbury in 2014.

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[Can a new victims advocacy movement break cycles of violence?](#)

A growing number of organizations are calling for shorter sentences for offenders and better counseling for victims

features | November 22, 2015

[Food allergies on a budget](#)

Researchers who examined data from the 2011 and 2012 National Health Interview Surveys found that more than 20 percent of children with food allergies experienced food insecurity. AJAM wrote about one family with food allergies and how one food pantry in Kansas City is hoping to help others like them.

features | October 31, 2015

[Up close and personnel: Neither workers nor bosses, human resources professionals straddle two worlds](#)

The neglected back-office world of HR

features | October 21, 2015

[In Ireland, abortion debate takes center stage](#)

Once a taboo subject, abortion – and the ban on it – is fast becoming a major issue in the run-up to Irish elections

features | September 27, 2015

[In the jungle, FARC rebels prepare for peace](#)

As Colombia's 51-year conflict winds down, Al Jazeera gets exclusive access to a guerrilla unit





Joanna S. Kao

Multimedia Reporter/Interactive Developer

Joanna S. Kao is a multimedia reporter and interactive developer who covers veterans issues, immigration and homelessness at Al Jazeera America. She also creates immersive longform story templates for the newsroom, experiments with audio storytelling and explores theater-related data in her spare time. She has a bachelors degree in computer science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and enjoys living at the intersection of computer science, design and journalism.

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multimedia | August 4, 2015

[GOP debate finalists chosen, with questions over methodology](#)

Al Jazeera calculated top 10 lists for every combination of five poll result subsets drawn from nonpartisan phone surveys reported on Pollster.com from June and July 2015 and calculated the number of times each candidate made the top 10, on the basis of each combination of polls. Explore how the choice of five polls and method of averaging can affect the top 10 ranking.

multimedia | July 4, 2015

[Loving Across the Border](#)

Vivian de Leon, a 21-year-old nursing student, is one of more than 660,000 people covered under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and one of 5.5 million people in the U.S. with at least one undocumented parent. More than 275,000 parents with U.S.-born children were deported from 2011 to 2013. De Leon and her dad, who was deported to Guatemala in 2011, have lived apart for nearly half her life.

features | May 8, 2015

### [Good enough to fight for the US but missing the mark for citizenship](#)

More than 7,200 members of the military have been caught between two sets of standards: one for military enlistment, another for becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen. The difference means they find themselves unable to become citizens of a country for which they are willing to die. More than a third were turned down because of moral character, according to records obtained through a FOIA request.

multimedia | April 4, 2015

### [Finding a place to stay](#)

Across the country, homeless people struggle to find places to sit, sleep and pass time. Interviews with a dozen homeless and formerly homeless people illustrate the sorts of daily challenges people on the streets face. In this [award-winning](#) multimedia project, listen to the homeless and formerly homeless as they walk through their day and describe those challenges.



Joe Rivera

Digital Video Producer

Joe Rivera is an award winning journalist, who possesses the rare skill set of being able to produce, develop, write in-studio content, tech-manage live shows and create eye-catching content online. He has been part of multiple network and cable show launches in his 20-plus years in television.



Joseph Auriemma  
Producer, Digital Media

Joe Auriemma is an award-winning television producer with strong digital credentials. He has a versatile background with a commitment towards product perfection in all media platforms.

news | May 12, 2014

[Out on the field: Former NFL player Wade Davis opens up](#)

In an extended interview, Davis talks about his struggle to come out and the joy he feels helping LGBTQ youth



Jyoti Thottam  
News Editor

Jyoti Thottam is a writer and editor at Al Jazeera America and a member of the adjunct faculty at the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism. She joined Al Jazeera after 13 years as a writer and editor at Time magazine, including four years as South Asia Bureau chief based in New Delhi. She has reported from seven South Asian countries and covered the conflicts in Sri Lanka and Kashmir and the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, for which she won the Luce Award for reporting, Time Inc.'s highest honor. Her work has appeared in The New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Village Voice, Bookforum and the Believer.

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[Parents of foreign fighters accuse Belgian police of inaction](#)

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[‘We are excelling in every field’: Black students rebuff Justice Scalia](#)

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's remarks about African-Americans and higher education cause pain and anger on campus

news | December 3, 2015

[Gun companies lock up billions in sales, boosted by calls for tougher laws](#)

Almost half the guns made in the US are produced by three companies: Smith & Wesson, Freedom Group and Sturm, Ruger

features | November 16, 2015

[Syrian refugees in Paris fear backlash after attacks](#)

‘They left their country because of war and found it here again,’ activist says of those who fled ISIL and civil war

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Kate Kilpatrick

Planning Editor/Reporter

Kate Kilpatrick is an award-winning reporter, editor and interactive storyteller with 17 years experience in startup, digital and legacy media spanning newspapers, magazines, radio, TV/cable and online news sites.

- news | December 15, 2015

[Nearly a quarter of Philadelphia's adult population lacks basic literacy](#)

In part 2 of our 'America left behind' series, Al Jazeera explores the vicious cycle of poverty and lack of education

multimedia | September 26, 2015

[Remembering Ayotzinapa](#)

Families of the 43 missing Mexican students reflect on an agonizing year

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[Child obesity in Mexico](#)

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[Homeless, drug-addicted more vulnerable amid Puerto Rico debt crisis](#)

On tough San Juan streets, city's most marginalized residents eke out living in precarious underground economy

features | April 16, 2015

[Titanic canal project divides Nicaragua](#)

Critics say world's largest-ever engineering endeavor marks new era of colonization



Katherine Lanpher  
Features Editor

Katherine Lanpher is the Senior Online Features Editor for Al Jazeera America in New York, where she manages a staff of three editors, two staff writers and scores of freelance writers around the globe, producing daily features and long-term projects and investigations, many of them multimedia projects with audio. Awards include a Sigma Delta Chi, a Gracie and an IVOH. She is a past host of "America Abroad," a monthly documentary on foreign policy issues distributed by PRI/NPR Worldwide and heard on 200 stations domestically, with nearly a million listeners on the rest of the globe.

• • • investigative | December 15, 2015

[Selling American Girls](#)

Sex trafficking of minors in the US  
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Kathryn Wheeler

Digital Producer, "America Tonight"

Kathryn Wheeler is a digital producer with "America Tonight", where she brings the team's stories and on-air packages to its audience online. She came to Al Jazeera America by way of Al Jazeera English, where she was production coordinator for shows and documentaries.

Kathryn transitioned into journalism from a career in human rights and humanitarian assistance. She obtained an MSc in International Development from SOAS, University of London and a BA from Bryn Mawr College.

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Lam Thuy Vo

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[Life after Michael Brown and Freddie Gray](#)

Two photographers, one from Ferguson and one from Baltimore, interpret life in their communities one year after the deaths of Michael Brown and Freddie Gray. Collaborating with @echosight, AJAM combined photographs from each photographer into a single, unified visual statement. Together these images tell a story that is more than just the sum of its parts.

multimedia | July 4, 2015

[Loving Across the Border](#)

Vivian de Leon, a 21-year-old nursing student, is one of more than 660,000 people covered under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and one of 5.5 million people in the U.S. with at least one undocumented parent. More than 275,000 parents with U.S.-born children were deported from 2011 to 2013. De Leon and her dad, who was deported to Guatemala in 2011, have lived apart for nearly half her life.

multimedia | June 3, 2015

[The Umbrella Network](#)

When pro-democracy protests began in his hometown, Hong Kong, Jeffrey Ngo, a New York University student originally from Hong Kong, felt compelled to act. This is the story of his involvement in a global protest movement.

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Lan Trinh

Senior Digital Video Producer

Lan Trinh is a Peabody Award-winning multilingual producer/journalist with substantial experience in news, documentaries and entertainment for network TV and web in the U.S. and Asia, including CNN, ABC News and PBS.

features | January 29, 2016

[The Many Faces of Mao Zedong](#)

Chinese artist in New York Zhang Hongtu makes whimsical and satirical depictions of Mao. But this art can only be seen outside of China.

features | September 23, 2015

[Myrtle Beach Lures Chinese Golfers](#)

Jinping's anti-corruption drive in China closed at least 100 golf courses, leaving many to search for places to play



Lisa De Bode

Reporter

Lisa De Bode is a reporter for Al Jazeera America, where she writes about inequality, public health, gender, foreign fighters and European affairs.

• • features | January 20, 2016

[World's largest 'tax-funded mass grave' might be turned into a park](#)

NY City Council discusses turning Hart Island, where more 1 million poor and unclaimed people are buried, into a park

news analysis | December 12, 2015

[Parents of foreign fighters accuse Belgian police of inaction](#)

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[16 detained in Belgium as Brussels stays on high alert](#)

Paris fugitive Salah Abdeslam was not among those detained during 22 overnight raids, Belgian authorities said Monday

news | October 15, 2015

[European ministers consider offshoring refugee reception centers](#)

While idea might pre-empt need for dangerous travel, experts warn plan should not undermine legal protections

news analysis | August 26, 2015

[With tear gas and razor wire, EU countries skirt international refugee law](#)

Human rights experts question Europe's heavy-handed approach to growing refugee crisis



Maia Davis  
News Editor

Maia Davis is a news editor with extensive experience editing and writing news articles and opinion pieces with a focus on politics, government, education and health. She was previously an editorial writer and reporter at The Bergen Record and a reporter at the Los Angeles Times and the Patriot-Ledger. She has won awards for her coverage of the health of racial minorities and education.

- features | January 6, 2016

[In warming ocean, record number of seals and sea lions sicken and starve](#)

Ailing or dead seals and sea lions washed up on California beaches in record numbers in 2015; this year could be worse

news | January 1, 2016

[The growing potential of energy-efficient pot farms](#)

Cannabis industry is a heavy energy user but has potential to go green with the right technology and incentives

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[Biggest El Niño effects on US may be yet to come](#)

NASA scientists say weather pattern hasn't peaked yet, worst impact in US to be seen in next several months

news | December 29, 2015

[DNC restores Sanders' access to voter data as candidates prepare to debate](#)

Democratic National Committee acted hours after Sanders' campaign filed suit; will conflict boost audience for debate?

news analysis | November 15, 2015

[In post-Paris debate, Hillary Clinton gets religion](#)

While Democrats agree on need for anti-ISIL coalition, former Secretary of State condemns 'jihadist ideology'



Marisa Taylor  
Reporter

Marisa Taylor is a reporter for Al Jazeera America in New York, where she has covered public health, science, LGBT- and gender-related stories since 2013. She previously worked as a technology blogger and columnist at The Wall Street Journal, where she also reported for “What They Know,” the Gerald Loeb Award-winning investigative series about online privacy. Her work has appeared in Mother Jones, SmartMoney, MSNBC.com, ABCNews.com and others. She earned an M.S. in magazine writing at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, where her master's thesis about LGBT domestic violence was awarded with honors, and a B.A. in psychology from Stanford University.

• • news | December 2, 2015

[What it's like to volunteer as an escort at an abortion clinic](#)

Profile of Brock Wilbur, an LA comedian, and his experiences as an abortion clinic volunteer features | July 31, 2015

[A new way to treat women's health in prison](#)

A program for violent offenders at California's largest women-only prison features | June 14, 2015

[San Francisco debates controversial mental health law](#)

SF city supervisors debate Laura's Law, which mandates involuntary outpatient psychiatry treatment

news analysis | April 1, 2015

[The growing trend of transgender 'bathroom bully' bills](#)

Analysis of proposed laws to bar trans students from using bathrooms matching gender identities

news analysis | March 30, 2015

[Ellen Pao is a 'Rosa Parks' for women in Silicon Valley](#)

News analysis of the sexual harassment claims against VC firm Kleiner Perks



Mark Rykoff  
Photo Editor

Mark Rykoff has over 30 years of experience in the photo industry. In the digital era, he has brought the storytelling power of photography to the countless possibilities presented by the internet and tablet-based technologies. Before working at Al Jazeera America, he spent most of his career at TIME magazine, working in the field (in the Moscow bureau) and at the magazine headquarters in New York. Among the many awards he has received is a News and Documentary Emmy, in 2009, for a series of videos about the stories behind iconic photos.

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In Liberia, palm oil has set off a dangerous scramble for land

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Massoud Hayoun

Reporter

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• • • news | November 11, 2015

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Exclusive interview: Missouri doctoral student defends research on how state's required abortion wait affects women

news | November 2, 2015

[Did a Chinese mogul beat a Treasury Dept. ban on doing business in the US?](#)

Records reveal NYC building is owned by company linked to man blacklisted for allegedly funding African dictators

news | October 15, 2015

[Perry met with 'suspicious' Chinese tycoons behind Texas methanol plant](#)

New documents reveal that the ex-Texas governor had dinner with Chinese officials seeking to park their money abroad

news | October 2, 2015

[Oklahoma halts all executions after lethal injection drug shipment mix-up](#)

State officials refuse to name company that sent wrong drug hours before scheduled execution of Richard Glossip

news | August 6, 2015

[What Emmanuelle Riva saw of Hiroshima](#)

Exclusive interview with star of 'Hiroshima mon Amour' for 70th anniversary of bombing





Matt Williams  
News Editor

Matt Williams is a news editor. Prior to working at Al Jazeera America he was weekend editor at the Guardian US during the era of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Edward Snowden/NSA stories. The move to news editing followed more than a decade as a reporter based in London, New York and Singapore for Press Association, the Guardian, The Scotsman and others.

• • • news | January 6, 2016

[America's new militia movement: Patriot groups explode under Obama](#)

Occupation of Oregon federal facility highlights growth in armed anti-government groups  
multimedia | October 18, 2015

[Let it bee: Rise of urban apiaries has New York City buzzing](#)

Since 2010, legions of honeybees have taken over the backyards and rooftops of New York City

news | September 28, 2015

[San Francisco moves to cover diaper costs for low-income families](#)

City officials plans to spend about \$479,000 annually to distribute diapers monthly to families in need

news analysis | August 17, 2015

[Forces look to mom-friendly policies to combat US women's military fatigue](#)

While the military is developing generous maternity packages, the country as a whole has no law mandating paid time off

news analysis | August 14, 2015

[US policy shift threatens Cuban loyalty to the revolution](#)

John Kerry's Havana visit caps a seismic shift from hostile policy that helped prop up Fidel and Raúl Castro



Michael Keller

Former Multimedia Reporter/Interactive Developer

Michael was on the Interactive Multimedia team at Al Jazeera where he reported, designed and programmed interactive projects on a mix of breaking news and issues around technology, privacy and surveillance. He has a Masters in journalism from the Columbia Journalism School and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BA in Comparative Literature and Psychology from Georgetown University, Phi Beta Kappa.

• • features | December 30, 2015

[Losing the fight against Big Data](#)

California's formerly strong stance on consumer protection is being stifled by the tech lobby and electoral changes

multimedia | December 19, 2015

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Consumers are used to rating products on their quality, but in the digital economy, the customer is often rated as well. Want to take a vacation? Make sure your Airbnb reputation is good. Want to get a car home at night? Check your Uber score. How do these systems change our behavior? Whom do they help, and whom could they hurt? In this graphic short, we investigate how this developing economy is playing out.

multimedia | May 13, 2015

[Derailed Amtrak train sped into deadly crash curve](#)

Al Jazeera America was the first to report the train's last recorded speed of 106 mph. That was significantly faster than other trains passing through the same curve in the past two and a half months, according to an Al Jazeera America analysis. While 45 other trains traveled above 50 mph in the curve, only one was above 55 mph: Amtrak 180, a train traveling at 55.5 mph on May 8th from Washington D.C. to New York's Penn Station.

multimedia | April 29, 2015

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multimedia | January 7, 2015

[Texas abortion clinics: How far is too far to drive?](#)

Federal appeals court will hear arguments on state's abortion law, which could limit women's options across the state



Michael Pizzi

Reporter

Michael Pizzi is a reporter for Al Jazeera America, where he writes about the Middle East, foreign policy, refugee crises and Internet policy. He reported for AJAM from Jordan and from Paris in the aftermath of the November terror attacks. He previously worked as a reporter and translator in Jordan, covering the Syrian war and its spillover, and at a digital rights organization in Lebanon. His work has appeared in The Atlantic, The Daily Beast, USA Today and others.

• • features | November 25, 2015

[As US politicians protest, security officials brush off refugee 'hysteria'](#)

At Halifax security forum, military officials and security experts say blocking refugees carries its own risks

features | November 16, 2015

[Syrian refugees in Paris fear backlash after attacks](#)

'They left their country because of war and found it here again,' activist says of those who fled ISIL and civil war

news | November 14, 2015

[In wake of attacks, Parisians ask, Why here?](#)

The latest assaults in Paris, Europe's worst since 2004, leave residents asking why their city was targeted again

news analysis | November 5, 2015

[Wariness, accusations surround this weekend's China-Taiwan summit](#)

First leaders' meeting since 1940s civil war sparks fears about China's intentions toward democratic, self-ruled Taiwan

news | October 20, 2015

[Residents in ISIL's Syrian capital fear military conscription](#)

ISIL has reportedly ordered all males aged 15 and older to register their names and addresses with police in Raqqa



Mohammed Ademo

Opinion Editor

Mohammed Ademo is an opinion editor for Al Jazeera America based in Washington, D.C. He is also the founder and editor of OPride.com, an independent news and commentary website on Oromo, Ethiopia and the Ethiopian diaspora. His work has appeared in Foreign Policy, Al Jazeera English, Al Jazeera America, Africa Is A Country, OkayAfrica.com, Think Africa Press, Columbia Journalism Review, the New York Daily News, and various Ethiopian websites. He has dual master's degree in Journalism and International Relations from Columbia University in the City of New York.

• • • • opinion | December 9, 2015

[The making of a terrorist bride](#)

In casting Tashfeen Malik as a radicalized foreign wife, Americans avoid confronting the reality of homegrown terrorism

opinion | November 28, 2015

[We are all terrorists](#)

The debate on terrorism forces Muslims to participate in an unwinnable argument

opinion | October 25, 2015

[Refugees will change Europe for the better](#)

Immigration could help European countries reverse their negative demographic trends and boost their economic growth

opinion | September 4, 2015

[Gaza is already unlivable](#)

The tiny Palestinian enclave is likely to experience a major humanitarian catastrophe long before the 2020 UN estimate

opinion | July 27, 2015

[Most Americans don't vote in elections. Here's why.](#)

The rise of the donor class and the influx of corporate cash have caused many voters to lose faith in politics



Nadeem Muaddi  
News Editor

Nadeem Muaddi is a news editor with 10 years of experience in online media. Prior to joining Al Jazeera America's digital news team, he worked for BBC, Al Jazeera English and U.S. News & World Report. In addition to leading breaking news coverage, he's also fluent in spoken Arabic and has particular expertise in editing and reporting stories about the Middle East. He holds a M.A. from Temple University in Political Science, with a focus in International Relations.

• • news | January 28, 2016

[Palestinian journalist to continue hunger strike despite risk of death](#)

Mohammed al-Qeq has so far refused food for 65 days in protest of his detainment without charge in Israeli prison

news | October 14, 2015

[Lauryn Hill joins black, Palestinian activists in solidarity video](#)

Video, featuring dozens of artists and activists, draws comparisons between black and Palestinian struggles for justice

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[Young Palestinians sound off on current unrest, Israeli occupation](#)

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[US Muslim groups launch fundraiser to help rebuild burned black churches](#)

At least eight predominantly black churches have burned since Charleston shooting; Ramadan fundraiser aims to help

features | June 12, 2015

[Humans of Syria exposes life beyond the headlines and battle lines](#)

Inspired by photo project Humans of New York, photographers in Syria remind us humanity still exists in war



Ned Resnikoff

Reporter

Ned Resnikoff is a reporter for Al Jazeera America, where he writes on issues related to labor, inequality, poverty and U.S. politics. He was previously a reporter at MSNBC. His work has also been featured in Salon and The Baffler, among other publications.

- news analysis | December 8, 2015

[Whatever happens to Donald Trump, Trumpism is here to stay](#)

Analysis: The Republican front-runner is capitalizing on political forces that will outlast his candidacy

news | November 6, 2015

[Outspoken socialist politician declares victory in Seattle](#)

City council member Kshama Sawant urges socialist candidates to follow her lead nationwide

news analysis | July 20, 2015

[Bernie Sanders confronts a deep divide within the progressive movement](#)

Analysis: Confrontation with Black Lives Matter reveals the tension between movements for economic and racial justice

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[Black Lives Matter disrupts Martin O'Malley, Bernie Sanders event](#)

Protesters at Netroots event demand 'a concrete plan' for stopping black deaths at the hands of police

news | June 17, 2015

[Iceland's medical system under strain from all sides](#)

Understaffing, budget shortages and rumors of privatization haunt the small country's hospitals



**Neda Djavaheerian**

**Graphic Designer, Social Media**

Neda Djavaheerian is a graphic designer with experience in broadcast, web and social media. She helped grow engagement on the Al Jazeera America social media platforms by creating infographics and promos.





Philip J. Victor

Reporter

Philip J. Victor is a digital news reporter and producer who specializes in coverage of national and international breaking news for Al Jazeera America. He has also covered several sports stories for AJAM that go beyond the game, including the Washington Redskins name controversy, the NFL concussion lawsuit and the ouster of NBA owner Donald Sterling.

news | March 22, 2015

[MLB pitches Cuba exhibition as Havana balks at idea](#)

Baseball commissioner says a game could be played next year, but Cuban baseball officials say there is no agreement

news | January 21, 2015

[NFL Deflategate probe ongoing as scientists weigh in on controversy](#)

Investigation continues amid report NFL determined 11 Patriots game balls were underinflated

news | September 12, 2014

[California high school drops controversial Arab mascot](#)

School officials collaborate with local community and Arab-American rights group to reach suitable compromise

news | September 5, 2014

[Owner's defiance on Redskins name change could end up costing him](#)

Daniel Snyder has vowed to never rename his franchise, but experts say that may be the wrong play

news | July 9, 2014

[Sri Lanka tells NGOs to keep quiet](#)

Government ministry issues directive telling organizations to not hold press conferences or work with journalists



Renee Lewis

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multimedia | April 27, 2015

[Signed, sealed, delivered](#)

During the Vietnam War, a teenager saw violence, prostitution and heroin addiction take hold of his city, and he saw his friends go to war and die. With his country in turmoil, he knew he had to leave. He decided to start a new life in Germany. What he didn't factor in was that he'd fall for a girl back home in Saigon. Watch a video about a Vietnam War story documented in nine years of love letters.

multimedia | April 4, 2015

[Finding a place to stay](#)

Across the country, homeless people struggle to find places to sit, sleep and pass time. Interviews with a dozen homeless and formerly homeless people illustrate the sorts of daily challenges people on the streets face. In this [award-winning](#) multimedia project, listen to the homeless and formerly homeless as they walk through their day and describe those challenges.



**Rick Freeman**

**Digital Copy Editor**

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Sadaf Syed

Photographer/Photo Editor

Recognized as a leading artist by The White House in 2010, Photojournalist, Sadaf Syed is a photo editor and an award winning photographer, she is best known for breaking down stereotypes as she educates and inspires her audience through the eyes of photography and the perspectives of her subjects.

• • photo | December 8, 2015

[Photo diary: Homs family finds a new home in Illinois](#)

Amid fierce US debate over accepting Syrian refugees, one family in a Chicago suburb is grateful to be here

features | October 13, 2015

[First transgender suicide hotline overcomes growing pains](#)

Until Trans Lifeline, there was no suicide and crisis counseling hotline specifically for transgender people

news | August 13, 2015

[Police killings of Latinos spark less outrage than when victims are black](#)

Analysis: Families of Latinos killed by police push for a Brown Lives Matter movement

news | August 14, 2014

[Calif. counties cope with released prisoners, many homeless](#)

Realignment of state corrections system shifts burden to county jails and probation departments

features | August 9, 2014

[In dry California, water goes to those who drill the deepest](#)

In one of the most regulated states in the nation, no laws apply to groundwater pumping, which means some people go dry



Timothy Bella

Digital Producer/Reporter, "America Tonight"

Timothy Bella is a senior digital producer and reporter for "America Tonight," writing and producing in-depth feature stories for the web. Before coming to Al Jazeera America, Bella was a digital producer for CBS News and a freelance features contributor for The Atlantic. He was the lead researcher for "The System," Armen Keteyian and Jeff Benedict's college football book, which made The New York Times' best-sellers list. His work has appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, ProPublica, Grantland, ESPN The Magazine, Men's Health, Salon and Texas Monthly. He received an M.S. as a Stabile investigative fellow at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism and a B.S. in journalism from TCU.

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[Inside trans bodybuilding](#)

An annual competition gives empowerment new meaning

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[Voices of Baltimore: Life after Freddie Gray](#)

Meet a few of the young black leaders in Baltimore who are trying to help the city heal and move on

features | September 2, 2015

[In Baltimore, 'You make it past 18, you're old'](#)

As one of the bloodiest summers in Baltimore's history wraps up, what's next for Baltimore after Freddie Gray?



Tom Kutsch  
News Editor

Tom Kutsch is a news editor and reporter at Al Jazeera America where he focuses on foreign affairs and political economy.

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['Jihadi John' may be dead, his symbolism gone — but ISIL's potency remains](#)

ISIL's battlehood success more than one figure  
news | October 20, 2015

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news analysis | April 10, 2015

[US says Houthis 'obviously' receive Iran support, but experts not so sure](#)

While Iran has expressed affinity for the Houthi rebels in Yemen, the actual level of support remains unclear





Tristan Ahtone

Reporter

Tristan Ahtone is an award winning journalist and member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. Born in Arizona, raised across the United States, and educated at the Institute of American Indian Arts and the Columbia School of Journalism, he has worked as a door-to-door salesman, delivery driver, telemarketer, and busboy. Since 2008, Tristan has reported for The Newshour with Jim Lehrer, National Native News, Frontline, Wyoming Public Radio, Vice, the Fronteras Desk, NPR, and Al Jazeera America. He serves as Treasurer for the Native American Journalists Association. He dislikes going to bed, getting up, and being left alone, as he tends to get into trouble. He lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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[Navajo Nation's nutrition crisis](#)

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Edmond Andrew Harjo, Battery A, 195th Field Artillery Battalion, was a Native American code talker in WWII. He died in Oklahoma on March 31 after receiving a Silver Star for his participation in the Battle of the Bulge and, later, the Congressional Gold Medal. He was one of the last ties to the code talkers.



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[Up close and personnel: Neither workers nor bosses, human resources professionals straddle two worlds](#)

The neglected back-office world of HR  
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[A Los Angeles poet's revolution of everyday life](#)

As gentrification sweeps the city, Sesshu Foster has quietly become the poet laureate of a vanishing neighborhood

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[Hands Across the Water](#)

Sea-Watch tries to save the migrants Europe ignores  
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[Life after Michael Brown and Freddie Gray](#)

Two photographers, one from Ferguson and one from Baltimore, interpret life in their communities one year after the deaths of Michael Brown and Freddie Gray. Collaborating with @echosight, AJAM combined photographs from each photographer into a single, unified visual statement. Together these images tell a story that is more than just the sum of its parts.

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[Mothers of Intervention](#)

After recruiters lured their sons, grieving parents take to the frontlines of anti-radicalism



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[Optimism running on empty for African immigrants lured by oil dreams](#)

Immigrants in big cities rely on networks from home during a downturn, but community in Williston, N.D., still budding

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[Reporters losing war zone protection as fighters post propaganda online](#)

Journalists have become targets for kidnappings and killings like never before, AP chief said, calling for new war-crime law

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[The Homeless Way of Death: Frozen to the floor, no money for a funeral](#)

Harvey Dell Harmon Jr., homeless in Chicago, died of cold this winter. To family and friends, he was no John Doe

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[Aftermath of a shooting](#)

One Chicago family's experience in a city scarred by gun crime

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[Northern Ireland hears echo of itself in Israel Palestinian conflict](#)

Graffiti show how some affected by the Irish conflict see reflections of Northern Ireland in Gaza



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