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Newsletter



#AAJAFamily proudly celebrated the achievements of our 2021 and 2022 AAJA Awards recipients together at the Opening Reception of #AAJA22 on July 27, 2022. (Photo by Darrell Miho for AAJA.)

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

- Looking Forward to #AAJA23 and a [Post-#AAJA22 Survey](#)
- Board Elections Results
- VOICES Stories
- AAJA Chicago [Internship Application Due Tomorrow](#)
- Kudos and On Our List

From AAJA-HQ: Hearing Your Voices from #AAJA22

#AAJA23 Next year's #AAJA23 convention will be held at the **Capital Hilton** in **Washington, D.C.** on **July 19-22, 2023**. If you're already planning ahead, hotel rooms are planned to be available July 16-23. Save the date and stay tuned for updates!

#AAJA22 Post-Convention Survey Thank you all for an incredible **#AAJA22!** To help make next year's convention even better, please take a brief moment to fill out our [feedback form](#).

Board Elections We're excited to announce the results of our 2022 Board Elections:

- **President:** Nicole Dungca
- **VP of Finance:** Jin K. Ding
- **VP of Civic Engagement:** Marian Chia-Ming Liu

We can't wait to see how **Nicole** and **Jin** bring their past board experiences to these positions and we welcome **Marian** to the board. Outgoing president **Michelle Ye Hee Lee** will depart from her role at the end of the year, having spent a decade on the board, including four years as president. Read a portion from her [closing speech](#) at #AAJA22.

AAJA Awards Celebrate our [2021](#) and [2022](#) AAJA [Journalism Excellence Awards](#) and [Community Awards](#) winners! Learn more about their work on our [awards website](#). Keep an eye on social media for our upcoming #AAJAAwardsAugust highlights on winners.

VOICES Stories This week, we're highlighting our 2022 **VOICES** fellows' work on social media! Explore their stories on the [new VOICES website](#). If you'd like to support VOICES, which is made possible by donations and grants, consider making [a tax-deductible donation](#).

JCamp Reflection Follow a week in the life of **Felicity Chang**, a 2022 **JCamper**, in her [self-made video diary](#). She documented her experiences making new friends, meeting industry professionals and enjoying a surprise trip to Universal Studios. We are so proud of her journey as well as all our other JCampers!

Upcoming AAJA Events

August 23 | [Get the Scoop with AAJA-Arizona](#) | Join **AAJA-Arizona** for a sweet [fundraiser](#) Tuesday, Aug. 23! A percentage of sales from 5 to 7 p.m. at Sweet Republic Ice Cream in Phoenix will help fund journalism scholarships and programs.

News & Resources

entrances and exits In "[Stepping into values-first leadership, in a new way](#)," **Sisi Wei** describes the values she'll bring to her new role as editor-in-chief of [The Markup](#) and reflects on her time at [OpenNews](#).

diversity in journalism VOICES fellows **Brammhi Balarajan, Yiwen Lu, Bahar Ostadan, Omar Rashad** and **Samson**

AAJA In The Media

#AAJA22 reflections

- *ESPN SportsCenter* correspondent and AAJA Sports Task Force board member **Michele Steele** discussed [her team's presence at #AAJA22](#).
- CNN's "Citizen By CNN" conversation with **Amara Walker** and "Erin Burnett

Zhang's article on the lack of diversity in journalism awards' judging committees was [republished](#) in *Objective Journalism*.

broadcast snapshot project AAJA's Director of Programs and Partnerships, **Waliya Lari**, as well as **Juju Chang** and **Michelle Ye Hee Lee**, were featured in a [Marcom Weekly article](#) about our Broadcast Snapshot Project.

news about news Tee Zhuo of Singapore's *The Business Times* [analyzed how newsrooms need to create nurturing environments](#) to uphold the values and ambitions that draw people to join journalism in the first place: "**purpose, passion, meaningful impact, a calling.**"

OutFront" Executive Producer **Susie Xu** is available to [watch](#).

- Northwestern University Medill students Angela Zhang, Julia Richardson and **Brendan Le** [shared their convention experiences](#) with **Jenna Wang**.

about the awardees

- AAJA Excellence in Commentary/Op-Ed/Perspective award winner **Shen Lu** [shared two recipes](#) that appear in her winning essay, "Scallion Dutch Baby" for *ChinaFile*.
- Publications shared support for their **AAJA Journalism Excellence Awards winners**, including [The New York Times](#), [Pacific Daily News](#), [Honolulu Star-Advertiser](#) and [ProPublica, WBUR and partners](#).



Temple's one-year program will familiarize and immerse you in the diverse communities of Philadelphia and beyond. Coursework, as well as reporting and editing projects, focus on the problems and opportunities of urban life. Dive straight into hands-on multimedia work and begin to directly engage with the evolution of journalists' roles and practices. Learn by experiencing what it's like to work in today's ever-changing media environment and develop your journalism career into that of a versatile professional.

Plus, opportunities such as the Steinman scholarship and the Truth, Health, and Environment scholarship can help bring you closer to breaking your first big story. You'll emerge not only as a better writer, but a better photographer, reporter and storyteller. Because Klein graduates are not just innovators; they are experts in embracing change. Don't wait another minute. Jumpstart your career today.

Sponsored Content

👏 AAJA Kudos to...

- **Sisi Wei**, who will be the [next editor-in-chief](#) of *The Markup*.
- **Ramona Diaz** and the team behind "A Thousand Cuts" documentary, who won a [George Foster Peabody award](#).
- **Gia Vang**, who is a new [weekend anchor and reporter](#) at *NBC Bay Area*.
- **Amy Qin**, who is now a [national correspondent](#) at *The New York Times*.
- **Janice Yu**, who is now a [reporter](#) at *ABC7 New York*.
- **Cindy Hsu**, who was named the new [anchor](#) of *WCBS New York 9 A.M. Newscast*.
- **Malaka Gharib**, who is joining *NPR Life Kit* as [digital editor](#).
- **Jennifer Lee**, who joins *FOX Philadelphia* as [anchor and reporter](#).
- **Bao Ong**, who is now a [restaurant columnist](#) at *The Houston Chronicle*.
- **Jin Ding**, who was selected for CUNY's [Executive Program for Global Media Leaders](#).
- **Salgu Wissmath**, who joined *The San Francisco Chronicle* as a Photography Fellow through the [Hearst Journalism Fellowship](#).

On Our List: Member Bylines 🌟 📺 📱 📰 🎧

Follow us on Twitter [@aaja](#) for more works on our radar from the AAJA community.

- "Transcript: Race in America: Giving Voice with Juju Chang" by **Michelle Ye Hee Lee** and **Juju Chang**, [The Washington Post](#)
- "Asian Americans sue Siskiyou County and its sheriff, alleging racial bias" by **Anh Do**, [The L.A. Times](#)
- "'A Slow Death': Egypt's Political Prisoners Recount Horrific Conditions" by **Vivian Yee**, [The New York Times](#)
- "As a cancer patient, 'Cyberpunk 2077' frees me from my mental prison" by **Gene Park**, [The Washington Post](#)
- "Photographic Justice is a tribute to Corky Lee" by **Ti-Hua Chang**, photos by **Xintian Wang**, [AsAmNews](#)
- "\$15 French Fries and \$18 Sandwiches: Inflation Hits New York" by **Nicole Hong**, [The New York Times](#)

- “Biden surveys flood damage in Kentucky, pledges more U.S. help” by **Seung Min Kim**, Chris Megerian and Bruce Shreiner, [The Associated Press](#)
- “Ride-Hailing Drivers Struggle With Crime and Gas Costs” by **Amy Yee**, [Bloomberg](#)
- “Golden Girls’ L.A. pop-up restaurant has the golden touch” by **Terry Tang**, [The Associated Press](#)
- “Requiem for a Hawaii Jazz King: Remembering Gabe Baltazar” by **Heidi Chang**, [Jazziz Magazine](#)
- “Remembering Joy: A Personal Story from ECG” by **Ericka Cruz Guevarra**, [KQED](#)
- “19 states now teach Asian American Studies. More coming” by **Randall Yip**, [AsAmNews](#)



Opportunities

Visit [AAJA Careers](#) or follow [@AAJACareers](#) on Twitter to stay up-to-date on our career, internship and other opportunities. Check in with your AAJA chapters for more opportunities.

AAJA Opportunities

- **AAJA Chicago/Block Club Chicago Linda Yu Internship** | Deadline: **Friday, August 12** | [Apply here](#)
- **Mental Health Funding** | [Request funding here](#)
- **Photo Submissions for AAJA's 40th Anniversary** | [Submit here](#)

External and Partner Opportunities

- **Arab and Middle Eastern Journalists Association (AMEJA)'s Awards** | Deadline: **Sunday, August 28** | [Submit work here](#)
- **Poynter's Power of Diverse Voices: Writing Workshop for Journalists of Color**, directed by **Tom Huang** | Deadline: **Monday, August 22** | [Apply here](#)

Did you produce (or consume) some great journalism recently? [Put your work on our radar](#), so we can feature you in the next member highlights.

Collectively, we can celebrate 40 years of impact and contribute towards 40 more years of AAJA's mission of supporting and uplifting AAPI journalists. [Donate today](#).

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