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Scenes from the 2021 Fourth Estate Award Gala. Photos by Melissa Lyttle.

# Welcome!

This year's Fourth Estate Award Gala brings together journalists, communicators, and supporters from around the world to recognize excellence in a year in which journalism has faced extraordinary challenges. We are glad to host you at the National Press Club for this exciting night.

Tonight, we honor:

**Clarissa Ward**, CNN's multi-award winning chief international correspondent based in London and author of "On All Fronts: The Education of a Journalist" Fourth Estate Award

## **PBS FRONTLINE**

Neil and Susan Sheehan Award for Investigative Journalism

**Josh Renaud**, a Missouri reporter and developer for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
John Aubuchon Press Freedom Award (domestic)

**Rana Ayyub**, an investigative journalist living in India and a Washington Post Global Opinions contributor  
John Aubuchon Press Freedom Award (international)

We are grateful to the members of the National Press Club Board of Governors, the Board of Directors of the National Press Club Journalism Institute, the Fourth Estate Awards selection committee, and our Fundraising Committee led by Danielle Coffey. We celebrate together this evening because of their hard work. Thank you to the sponsors whose messages of congratulations you'll see in the pages that follow. Their support makes our work possible.

Thank you, and here's to a memorable evening!

**Jen Judson**

President, National Press Club

**Gil Klein**

President, National Press Club Journalism Institute



## **Shireen Abu Akleh** **A fearless journalist silenced**

Shireen was a courageous and passionate Al Jazeera journalist who devoted her life to reporting on pivotal issues and unfolding stories within the occupied West Bank, Jerusalem and in Israel.

Shireen's ruthless killing violates all international laws and is a blatant violation of press freedom.

Her killers attempted to silence a fearless journalist. But as she did in her life, even her death continues to inspire a generation of young journalists to tell stories that matter and to be objective, impartial and accurate in their reporting. With the killing of Shireen, the world lost a brave and courageous female journalist. However, her legacy will live on.



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# Tonight's program



## WELCOME

**Jen Judson**, award-winning journalist covering land warfare for Defense News and 2022 president of the National Press Club



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**Gil Klein**, resident director of the University of Oklahoma's Washington Journalism Program, 2022 president of the National Press Club Journalism Institute, and former president of the National Press Club

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Named in honor of former National Press Club President John Aubuchon, this award acknowledges those who have worked to advance the cause of press freedom and transparency.



## DOMESTIC HONOREE

**Josh Renaud**, a St. Louis Post-Dispatch journalist



## INTERNATIONAL HONOREE

**Rana Ayyub**, an investigative journalist living in India and a Washington Post Global Opinions contributor



## FOURTH ESTATE AWARD

Each year, the esteemed Fourth Estate Award honors the person whom the National Press Club's Board of Governors decides has achieved distinction for a lifetime of contributions to American journalism.

**Clarissa Ward**, CNN's award-winning chief international correspondent based in London

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**Jen Judson** and **Gil Klein**



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**2019:** Amanda Bennett, *Voice of America*  
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**2013:** Andrea Mitchell, *NBC News*  
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**1974:** James Reston, *The New York Times*  
**1973:** Walter Cronkite, *CBS News*





# About **Clarissa Ward**, CNN chief international correspondent

## Fourth Estate Award honoree

Clarissa Ward is CNN's chief international correspondent. She has spent nearly two decades reporting from front lines in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, and Ukraine for CNN, ABC, CBS, and Fox News.

A recipient of multiple journalism recognitions including nine Emmy Awards, two George Foster Peabody Awards, two Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Awards, two Edward R. Murrow Awards, and one George Polk Award, Ward is the author of "On All Fronts: The Education of a Journalist" (Penguin Press), which details her singular career as a conflict reporter and how she has documented the violent remaking of the world from close range.

Known for her in-depth investigations and high-profile assignments, Ward and her team were the first foreign journalists permitted to enter Myanmar nearly two months after a military coup in 2021. She has since reported from Afghanistan in the weeks leading up to and after the fall of Kabul and most recently from Ukraine, where she has spent more than 10 weeks this year covering the ongoing Russian invasion.

In late 2020, Ward led the two-time Emmy Award-winning investigation of Russian opposition leader Alexey Navalny's poisoning, confronting a suspected member of the elite Russian toxins team at his home outside Moscow.

In 2019, her months-long, Emmy Award-winning investigation into Russia's growing use of mercenaries – Putin's Private Army – included the first on-camera interview with a former fighter for Wagner, Russia's most notorious private military contractor. After visiting a diamond mine with ties to a Russian oligarch in the Central African Republic, Ward and her team were followed and intimidated by a car full of Russians. After their reports came out, they were targeted by a Russian media propaganda campaign trying to discredit their reporting.

Ward has reported extensively in Syria since the start of the civil war in 2011, making multiple undercover assignments to the country. As one of the last Western reporters to visit rebel-held Aleppo, Ward was asked to address a UN Security Council meeting on the embattled Syrian city in 2016, stating "there are no winners in Aleppo."

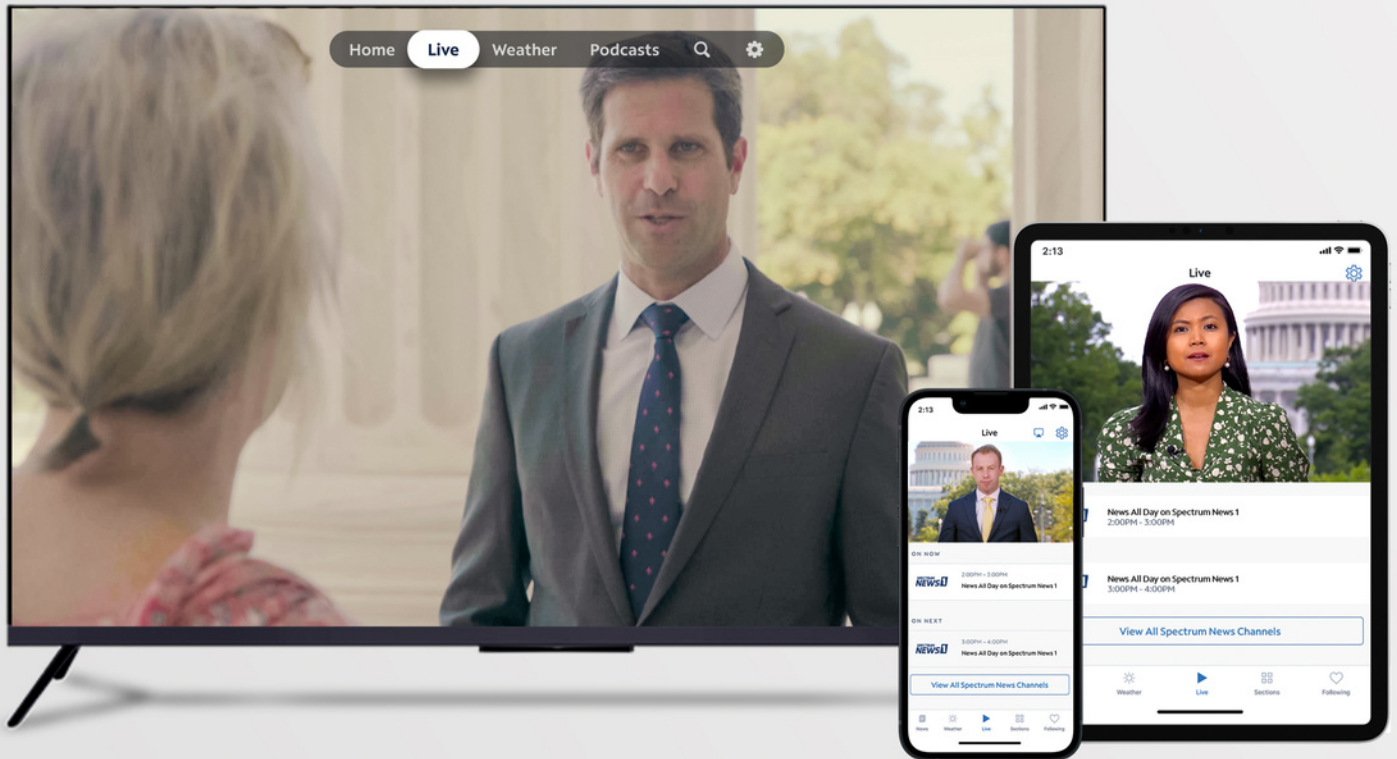
She has conducted many interviews with world leaders like British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov as well as former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and former CIA Director and retired U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus.

Ward graduated with distinction from Yale University, and in 2013 received an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Middlebury College in Vermont. She speaks fluent French and Italian, conversational Russian, Arabic and Spanish, and basic Mandarin.





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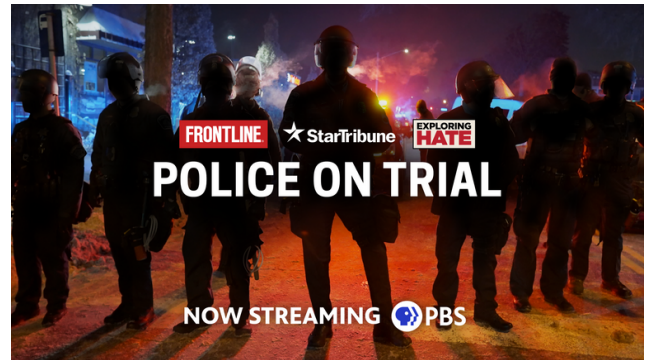


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## PBS FRONTLINE

**PBS FRONTLINE** has long been recognized with journalism's highest honors for its exceptional news and documentary programs. The Sheehan award honors FRONTLINE for its Local Journalism Initiative, in particular. The Initiative supports investigative journalism done by local and regional news organizations by providing funding, editorial support, and strategic guidance. This year, the Tampa Bay Times was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting for a project supported by FRONTLINE.



## John Aubuchon Press Freedom Award

*Named for a former Club president who fervently advocated for press freedom, this award is given each year to an honoree in the United States and an honoree overseas who bravely pushes to disclose the truth in trying circumstances.*

### Josh Renaud, St. Louis Post-Dispatch reporter

#### DOMESTIC HONOREE

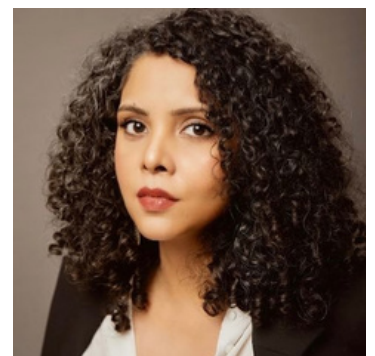
**Josh Renaud** is a St. Louis Post-Dispatch reporter who was threatened by the Missouri governor with criminal charges for uncovering a security flaw in a state database that left the Social Security numbers of public educators exposed. His diligence led to the security flaw being corrected but also drew scorn and threats from Gov. Mike Parson, who announced a criminal investigation into Renaud's work and called his public service reporting "a hack" and accused the Post-Dispatch of having a vendetta against him. No charges were filed; in fact, Renaud had alerted Missouri public education officials to the security flaw in advance of story publication and agreed to hold the story until officials had time to fix it.



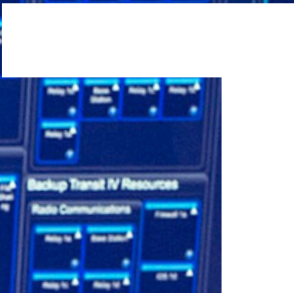
### Rana Ayyub, investigative journalist living in India

#### INTERNATIONAL HONOREE

**Rana Ayyub** is an investigative journalist living in India and a Washington Post Global Opinions contributor whose criticism of the government has been met with an unwelcome assault on her rights and freedom of expression. The Indian government has made burdensome and invasive requests for Ayyub's personal financial information, along with restricting her travel in and out of the country and freezing her assets on dubious charges. It appears at least some of this harassment is being initiated and supported by the government.







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