

Global Press Leadership

Cristi Hegranes, Chief Executive Officer & Publisher



Cristi Hegranes is the CEO of Global Press and the Publisher of Global Press Journal. She founded Global Press in 2006 to create a new form of ethical, accurate global news. Her values-driven approach to journalism prioritizes newsroom representation to create a dignified, precise news product.

In her role as CEO, Cristi leads the business side of the organization, which is committed to keeping editorial processes 100 percent independent. Cristi is an expert in local journalist security. She created the award-winning, industry-leading Global Press Duty of Care program to provide for the physical, emotional, digital and legal security of its journalists. The program, which establishes best practice for care of local journalists in challenging markets, won the Chester M. Pierce Human Rights Prize from the American Psychiatric Association in 2020 and the SOS International Remote Resilience award in 2021. Cristi is also the lead author of the Global Press Style Guide, which is now used by dozens of other media outlets to ensure greater precision and dignity in journalism.

Previously, Cristi worked as a journalist for Village Voice Media in New York and San Francisco. She has a Master's degree in journalism from New York University and a Bachelor's degree from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Cristi served as a fellow-in-residence at the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Florida and has taught courses in entrepreneurship and journalism at San Francisco State University and California State University. Cristi was the Social Entrepreneur-in-Residence at the Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford University.

Cristi has received a wide range of prestigious social entrepreneurship and journalism accolades. She is the recipient of the Society of Professional Journalists Journalism Innovation Prize, the Grinnell College Young Innovator for Social Justice Prize, the Jefferson Award for Public Service and the Ida B. Wells Award for Bravery in Journalism, among others. She became an Ashoka Fellow in 2012 and was awarded the Distinguished Young Alumni of New York University in 2015. In 2019 Global Press was named one of Inc. Magazine's best places to work and received a Stevie Award for the Best Women-Led Business.

Originally from Santa Fe, New Mexico, Cristi now lives in Washington D.C. with her son Henry and their mischievous English Bulldog, Louise.

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Laxmi Parthasarathy, Chief Operating Officer



Laxmi Parthasarathy is the Chief Operating Officer of Global Press. She leads global operations across each Global Press brand, spearheads the global expansion strategy to build new bureaus, and develops new partnership strategies to bolster the organization's reach and long-term sustainability. Over her career, she has led initiatives at the intersection of media and development in Canada, India, Rwanda, Mexico, Spain, Argentina and the UK. In 2019, Laxmi was appointed a

Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Mentor.

Laxmi served as Director of Global Media Partnerships and Change Leader at Ashoka, the world's largest association of social entrepreneurs. Over her seven years at Ashoka, she led the organization through a major strategic shift and forged deep partnerships with leading media outlets around the world. She is the author of the University of Michigan report, "The Bottom-Up Media Revolution: How Social Entrepreneurs Are Building Trust Between Communities and the Media," which analyzed data on 200 media innovators across 22 countries.

Previously, Laxmi worked in Swaziland as the communications leader for the country's only gender-based violence prevention NGO, where she orchestrated a national effort to successfully campaign for the Children's Protection and Welfare Bill and Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill and co-produced a national radio program providing support to survivors of sexual assault. Laxmi is also the founder of "My Roots," a Toronto-based media start-up and quarterly print publication that achieved a circulation of over 5,000 and was distributed across Toronto public and private schools.

From 2013 to 2018, Laxmi served on the board of Crossroads International, a leading Canadian international development organization, concluding as vice-chair. She has lectured widely on social entrepreneurship, media development and the future of journalism, including at Harvard, Oxford, and Georgetown University. Laxmi holds a Master's degree in Media, Communications and Development from the London School of Economics and did her undergraduate studies at Carleton University, where she was named one of Canada's Top 20 under 20. She lives in Washington, D.C.

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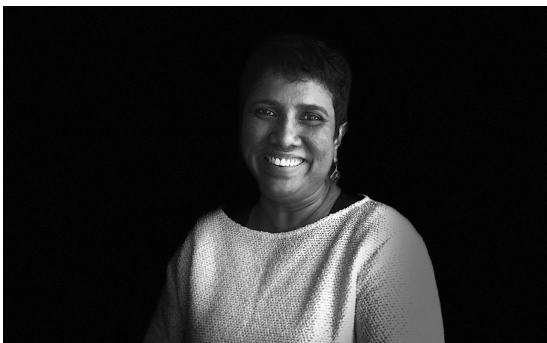
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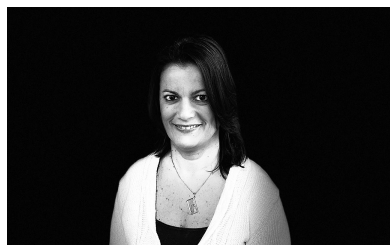
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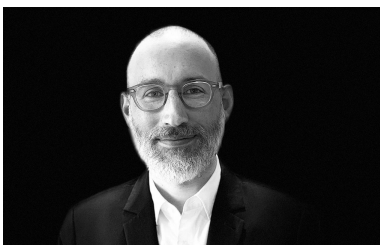
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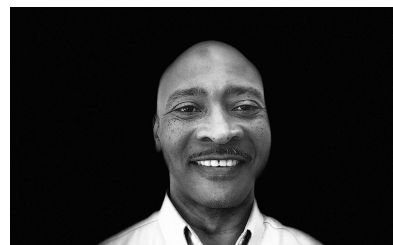
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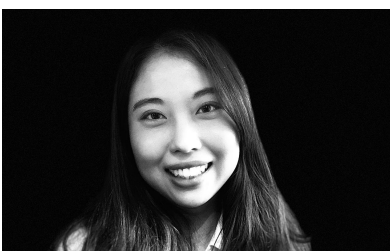
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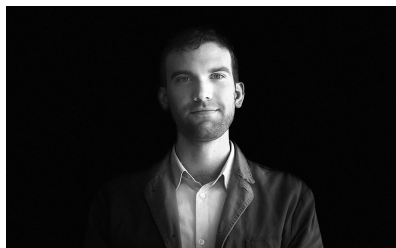
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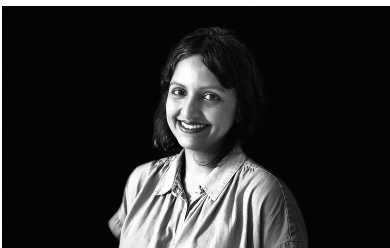
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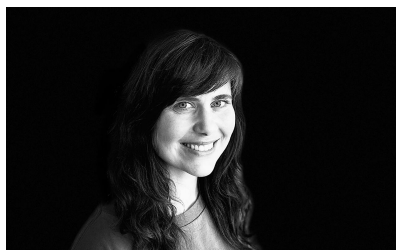
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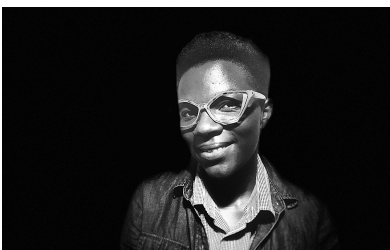
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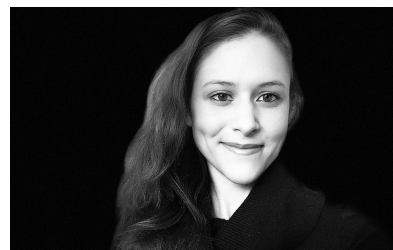
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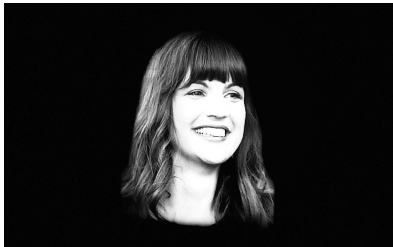
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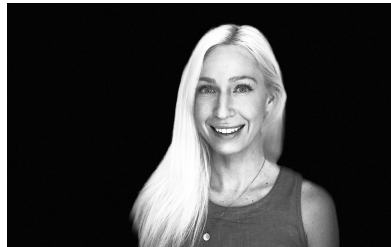
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