ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

The institute is jointly organized by the Center for Global Communication Studies at the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania and The Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy (PCMLP) at the Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies.

Arsenault, Amelia

Amelia Arsenault serves as the George Gerbner Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania, Annenberg School and as the Media and Democracy Research Fellow at the Center for Global Communication Studies. Her research areas include: communication and power; media and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) ownership; media and ICT for development; and public diplomacy, with a focus on southern Africa. She is currently working on a book project on the role of donors and other foreign actors in the media and ICT development process in southern Africa. She holds a B.A. in Film and History from Dartmouth College and an MSc in Global Media and Communication from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a PhD from the University of Southern California Annenberg School. Prior to her academic career, she spent several years as the film coordinator for the Zimbabwe International Film Festival Trust, a non-profit visual literacy organization in Harare, Zimbabwe. She will be joining the faculty of Georgia State University as an Assistant Professor of Communication in the Fall of 2011.

Manisha Aryal

Manisha Aryal has over a decade of experience strengthening the capacity of local media in developing countries. Her expertise includes design and implementation of media development programs in conflict and post-conflict countries; and conceptualization and development of vibrant and sustainable local media programs.

Over the past decade years, she has worked all over South and Southeast Asia, and in the past 8 years primarily in Pakistan and Nepal. In Pakistan, Manisha rolled out the USAID/OTI funded multi-year media development project focusing on the northwest Pakistan that worked with universities, local media outlets and journalism associations. Previous to that, she was the Resident Journalism Advisor and lead trainer on a Department of State
(DRL) supported project that trained journalists from Pakistan to report on human rights and rule of law issues.

Prior to joining Internews, she headed Antenna Foundation, a non-profit organization that produced public service programs for local television and FM radio stations in Nepal. She has also reported from South Asia for a range of radio programs, including those produced by NPR, PRI and the BBC. Manisha has a Masters degree in Journalism from the University of California, Berkeley.

**Powers, Shawn**

Shawn Powers is an Assistant Professor at Georgia State University and an Associate Director at the Center on International Media Education. Dr. Powers has previously served as a research fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He received his Ph.D from USC's Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism and specializes in the geopolitics of information and information technologies. Shawn’s research interests include mass media and society, new and social media technologies, diasporic communities, globalization and traditional and public diplomacy. He has conducted field research in Asia, the Middle East, North Africa, Eastern and Western Europe and North America. Shawn’s work has been published in several journals, including: Media, War & Conflict, Global Media & Communication, Ethnopolitics and Media Development. In 2007, Shawn was the co-recipient of a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation to study global news broadcasters and in 2008 Shawn designed and managed an evaluation of Alhurra, the US-supported international broadcaster in the Middle East, for the State Department. He’s also co-led projects for Internews (on media development) and Deutsche Welle (on news framing). Shawn is currently working on a book titled: *Network States: Geopolitics in the Information Age*.

**Price, Monroe**

Monroe Price serves as Director of the Center for Global Communication Studies at the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania and Director of the Stanhope Centre for Communications Policy Research in London. Professor Price is the Joseph and Sadie Danciger Professor of Law and Director of the Howard M. Squadron Program in Law, Media and Society at the Cardozo School of Law, where he served as Dean from 1982 to 1991. He graduated magna cum laude from
Yale, where he was executive editor of the *Yale Law Journal*. He clerked for Associate Justice Potter Stewart of the U.S. Supreme Court and was an assistant to Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz.

Price was founding director of the Program in Comparative Media Law and Policy at Wolfson College, Oxford, and a Member of the School of Social Sciences at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. He was deputy director of California Indian Legal Services, one of the founders of the Native American Rights Fund, and author of Law and the American Indian. Among his many books are *Media and Sovereignty; Television, The Public Sphere and National Identity*; and a treatise on cable television.

**Schwartz-Henderson, Laura**

Laura is the new Program Coordinator for the Center for Global Communication Studies (CGCS) at the Annenberg School for Communication. Laura moved back to Philadelphia after graduating from McGill University in Montreal, where she obtained an honors B.A. in International Development and English.

She concentrated her studies on media policy and development, writing her thesis on Broadband Infrastructure Development in sub-Saharan Africa. Previously, she worked in finance and communications for several local elections, and has served internships for One World Children’s fund, a non-profit in San Francisco, and the public diplomacy sector of the U.S. Department of State.

**Scott, Louise**

Louise joined PCMLP as the administrator in 1998. She previously worked at Glasgow Caledonian University and the BBC in London. Louise is responsible for all administration related to PCMLP’s summer programmes in media law, moot court competitions and other events, as well as to the on-going research activities at the programme.
Stremlau, Nicole

Dr. Nicole Stremlau is Co-ordinator of the Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy and a Research Fellow in the Centre of Socio-Legal Studies. Nicole Stremlau’s current research is in on media policy in post-war situations. She has conducted extensive research in Ethiopia and lived there for several years. She also worked at a local newspaper in Addis Ababa. Dr. Stremlau has studied the communication strategies of guerrilla movements and their approach to media policy after seizing power. Her current research is on information flows in Somaliland and Somalia examining how they affect the nation and state building process. She recently started an ESRC research project on China’s media policy in Africa that explores the role of Chinese media as well as Chinese support to local media.

Prior to coming to PCMLP, Dr. Stremlau was director of the Africa programme at the Stanhope Centre for Communications Policy Research. Further information can be found on the CSLS website.

Nicole Stremlau's blog on the Huffington Post.