

## BIOGRAPHIES

**Aasra Bramdeo** has worked with SABC News since 2008, as news research editor and executive producer at SABC Digital News. She has been involved with elections training and coverage on all platforms.

**Adi Eyal** (@soapsudtycoon), founder of Code for South Africa is a data geek working towards creating an open data movement in South Africa. He came over from the data dark-side, collecting personal data for nefarious purposes. He now believes the data can be used to encourage public discourse in a country with a historically disengaged citizenry.

**Alex Eliseev** is a multi-award winning journalist and *Eyewitness News* reporter, who has covered stories from around the globe. He has worked for South Africa's top newspapers, including *The Star* and *Sunday Times*. Alex has appeared on CNN, BBC, Sky and Al Jazeera and is one of the *Mail & Guardian's* 'Top 200 Young South Africans' (2013).

**Anim van Wyk** joined Africa Check as deputy editor in July 2014. Previously she edited an award-winning national supplement in the Afrikaans papers *Beeld*, *Die Burger* and *Volksblad* and also worked as a newspaper reporter, magazine writer and television producer.

**Anina Mumm** is a science communication and digital media consultant at Science Link (Pty) Ltd. She is the co-founder of local popular-science hub SciBraai.co.za, and regularly conducts training for journalists in the use of new media and data journalism tools, with a particular focus on how to analyse and visualise data.

**Anya Schiffrin** is the director of the International Media, Advocacy and Communications specialisation at Columbia University's School of International Affairs, New York, USA. She worked as a journalist in Europe and Asia and now writes about journalism and the media in Africa and the extractive sector. She is on the advisory board of the Open Society Foundation's

Program on Independent Journalism and of the Revenue Watch Institute. Her most recent book is *Global Muckraking: 100 Years of Investigative Reporting from Around the World*.

**Arnaud Dressen** is the founder of Honkytonk Films and co-creator of Klynt, the interactive editing and publishing app. At Honkytonk, Arnaud has been leading the company's award winning approach to web-documentaries since 2007, gathering filmmakers, journalists, interactive designers and creative coders to explore new narrative formats to cover current affairs and environmental issues. ([www.honkytonk.fr](http://www.honkytonk.fr))

**Athandiwe Saba** is an award winning *City Press* journalist with a keen focus on data journalism. Coming from an investigative background her interests lie in accessing information through the Promotion of Access to Information Act. She is also interested in coding and using Excel to crunch large data stories.

**Billy Einkamerer** is the founder of Assemble. He has spent many years in the web development industry, starting out when Netscape was a common name. He later formed Assemble, growing a small tight team to focus on excellence, value and innovation in web technologies.

**Brant Houston** is Knight Chair in Investigative and Enterprise Reporting at the University of Illinois. He worked as an investigative reporter, has taught investigative and computer-assisted reporting around the world for the past 20 years, and was executive director of Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE). He is currently chair of the board of the Global Investigative Journalism Network and of the Investigative News Network. He is co-author of *The Investigative Reporters' Handbook* and has just completed the fourth edition of his *Computer-Assisted Reporting: A Practical Guide*.

**Craig McKune** has revealed how Julius Malema was able to dish out tenders to his friends, prised open

Cape Town's mob scene, been a thorn in the side of presidential contenders and shown how a US investment fund financed Robert Mugabe's electioneering in 2008. He joined *amaBhungane* in 2011, and was a CNN Multichoice African Journalist Award winner in 2012.

**Daniel Öhman** is an investigative reporter for Swedish Radio, focusing on the environment, arms trade, trafficking and corruption. His recent book on how Sweden helped Saudi Arabia build and develop an arms factory, *Saudiweapon*, won numerous national and international awards, including the Prix Europe and the Investigative Reporters and Editors's medal in 2013. He has reported from around the world.

**Dapo Olorunyomi** is editor-in-chief at Nigeria's *Premium Times*. He has degrees in literature and law. His journalistic work in the difficult years of military dictatorship in Nigeria earned him, as co-recipient, the International Editor of the Year Award in 1995.

**Dario Milo** is a partner in the Dispute Resolution Practice at Webber Wentzel. He studied for his law degrees at Wits University and University College London, where he read for his PhD. He qualified as a solicitor in the UK and taught Media and Entertainment Law at University College and for BPP Professional Education plc.

**David Fig** is a political economist, and a researcher and writer on questions of environment, energy, corporate accountability and global politics. He is a Fellow of the Transnational Institute in Amsterdam, a research associate of the Environmental Evaluation Unit at UCT and the Society, Work and Development Institute at Wits. He sits on a national task team on fracking in the Karoo.

**David Smith** is the Africa correspondent of *The Guardian* and *Observer* newspapers in the UK. He lives in Johannesburg. He has covered the overthrow of Muammar Gaddafi in Libya, civil war in Ivory Coast

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and South Sudan, religious violence in Nigeria, Somalia and the Central African Republic and elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

**Dylan Jones** is a technologist (Microsoft, Yahoo!) and former journalist (Agence France-Presse, *USA Today*) who has contributed to Internews's digital privacy-awareness projects since 2006. He currently trains journalists around the world and most recently co-authored SaferJourno, a curriculum designed to help journalists learn about basic privacy practices on their computers and phones.

**Fabio Pietrosanti** has been working in digital security since 1998. He is the co-founder of the Hermes Center for Transparency and Digital Human Rights and the whistleblowing site GlobalLeaks. He is working with the African Network of Centers for Investigative Reporting (ANCIR) to roll out Afrileaks.

**Franz Kruger** is an adjunct professor and director of the Wits Radio Academy, a centre for learning, research and public engagement around radio, based in the journalism programme of Wits University. He has worked as a journalist in South Africa, Namibia and the UK. He is the ombud for the *Mail & Guardian*, and the author of *Black, White and Grey: Journalism Ethics in South Africa*.

**Gillo Cutrupi** manages tech projects and digital campaigns for organisations such as Greenpeace International, Médecins Sans Frontières and Amnesty International. He works with the Hermes Center for Transparency and Digital Human Rights on the PubLeaks initiative in the Netherlands.

**Greg Kempe** (@longhotsommer) is principal technologist at Code for South Africa where he uses technology and data to support informed decision-making and drive social change. He believes in civic technology that delivers value, works well and is fun

to use. Before Code for South Africa he spent six years building Amazon's cloud computing platform, EC2.

**Izak Minnaar** is Editor: SABC Digital News and regularly presents courses in online journalism, social media, data journalism, election coverage and results reporting. He is a Sanef council member, serving on the Online Convergence, Broadcast, and Education and Training committees; and is a member of the IAB SA publishers' council.

**Jane Duncan** is a professor in the Department of Journalism, Film and Television at the University of Johannesburg. Previously she was chair in Media and the Information Society at Rhodes. She worked for many years at the Freedom of Expression Institute.

**Jeanne van der Merwe** is an investigative journalist with *City Press* and *Rapport*. She joined Media24 Investigations in 2011 and writes about public sector spending, ethics in the public sector and the interface between the public and private sector. She has a strong interest in data journalism and access-to-information law.

**Jim Nichol** is a UK solicitor/advocate practising in criminal defence and miscarriages of justice. He represents 36 of the families of those who died at Marikana at the Farlam Commission.

**Jock McCulloch** is a professor of History at RMIT University in Australia. His main interests are in contemporary African history and the politics of health. He has done field work in Algeria, Kenya, Swaziland, Lesotho, Malawi, Botswana, South Africa and Zimbabwe. He is the author of a number of books including: *Asbestos Blues: Labour, Capital, Physicians and the State in South Africa* (2002), and *South Africa's Gold Mines and the Politics of Silicosis* (2012).

**Kate Wilkinson** joined Africa Check in July 2013. She was previously a media officer at Equal Education, a non-profit organisation working for quality and

equality in education. The *Mail & Guardian* named her one of its 'Top 200 Young South Africans' (2013).

**Laura Grant** is associate editor, digital and data projects, at the *Mail & Guardian*. Her data projects include 'Taking to the streets: Who is protesting and why?', 'Who wants to live in SA', and 'South Africa's drugs of choice'. She also worked on the paper's live elections map with Code4SA and created the iPad edition, and the Marikana HTML5 project.

**Lionel Faull** joined the *Mail & Guardian* in 2010 and made the transition to *amaBhungane* in 2011. He exposed the Trifecta kickback scandal that led to the parliamentary censure of ANC MP Yolanda Botha and criminal investigations into her affairs and those of ANC provincial chairperson John Block. His main focus is on corrupt mega-deals and tenders, particularly in mining and energy.

**Luvuyo Mdeni** is a senior multimedia producer with SABC Digital News. He has previously worked for media houses in television, radio and online publications. He is an accredited QED (Quality Executive Development) Facilitator and Assessor.

**Mahvash Taqi** is an ICT professional. Prior to joining Internews, she managed software development projects that focused on online citizen engagement, democracy and governance, and women's participation at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs ([www.ndi.org](http://www.ndi.org)).

**Malcolm Rees** is an investigative financial journalist at the *Sunday Times*, *Business Times*. He has won multiple awards for his work on unsecured lending and the multi-billion rand illegal tobacco industry. He is currently working with the *Sunday Times* investigations unit on irregularities at SARS.

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**Malin Olofsson** is a Swedish freelance investigative reporter specialising in environmental issues. She has won several awards including the grand journalistic award for her work at Swedish Radio. She lives in Johannesburg and trains community monitors in the mining areas in radio production.

**Mina Demian** is a data journalist at SABC Digital News. He spent 10 years in the web development world before taking the plunge to effect a career change into journalism. He is currently exploring, on his own watch, the intersection of fact-checking, news apps, and new web technologies.

**Natasha Joseph** is news editor at *City Press*, contributing editor to the Index on Censorship, a retired stand-up comedian, recovering Capetonian and dog lover. She wishes PR people would stop calling her on deadline.

**Rafael Marques de Morais** is an internationally acclaimed journalist for his reporting on conflict diamonds and corruption in the Angolan state. Rafael runs the anti-corruption watchdog *Maka Angola*.

**Raj Bairoliya** is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. He has assisted the Serious Fraud Office, in particular in its investigations into the BCCI Bank and for many years he ran his own company Forensic Accounting LLP. He teaches regularly at the Centre for Investigative Journalism summer school in London.

**Raymond Joseph** is a freelance journalist and journalism trainer who has worked extensively for mainstream and community print media and as a consultant on content, news desk and newsroom restructuring. He has made the transition to data and multimedia journalism and is currently in start-up mode for a news agency that will harvest and verify content from social media.

**Rob Rose** is business editor at the *Sunday Times*. In a career which includes stints at *Business Day*, the *Financial Mail* and then the *Sunday Times*, he has written about some of South Africa's most notorious con-artists, crooks and liars. He has twice won the Taco Kuiper award, and is a former Sanlam financial journalist of the year.

**Ron Nixon** is an investigative reporter for *The New York Times* in Washington, DC. He has taught investigative techniques to journalists around the world. He has reported on the US role in the Arab Spring and the companies violating the US Iran Sanctions Act. He is the author of the ebook *Operation Blackwash: Apartheid South Africa's 46-year Propaganda War on Black America* and a visiting fellow at Wits Journalism.

**Sam Sole** has been a journalist for nearly 30 years. He worked for *noseweek*, served as political editor of the *Sunday Tribune*, and joined the *Mail & Guardian* as an investigative journalist in 2002. He co-founded *amaBhungane* in 2010. He was named Vodacom Journalist of the Year in 2003. With colleagues, he has twice won the Taco Kuiper award for investigative journalism.

**Sarah Carter** is an award-winning journalist based in Johannesburg. She works across Africa for the US television network CBS. She teaches the Masters in International Reporting at the University of British Columbia, Canada.

**Sintha Chiumia** is a journalist from Malawi, where she was deputy editor for a national newspaper. She also coordinated and authored IREX's Media Sustainability Index: Malawi Chapter for several years. She was a recipient of the 2008 OSISA Scholarship for SADC Women Media Leaders.

**Tegan Bedser** is a digital media specialist at SABC Digital News. She has previously worked at the Times

Media Group for websites such as Times LIVE, Sowetan LIVE and later DispatchOnline, where she was part of the team that won CNN African Journalist awards for digital journalism.

**Tom Burgis** was appointed investigations correspondent at the *Financial Times* in 2014. Previously he worked for the *FT* in both Southern and West Africa. He has reported on Africa since 2006, covering politics and business, conflict, coups and corruption and the continent's economic booms and busts, from Niger to Madagascar. His first book, *The Looting Machine*, about the oil and mining industries in Africa, will be published in 2015.

**Vinayak Bhardwaj** is programme manager for the Freedom of Information and Expression programme at the Open Society Foundation (South Africa). He was previously part of the award-winning *amaBhungane* team that investigated Nkandla. As advocacy coordinator he used PAIA to secure crucial documents from the Department of Public Works.

**William Bird** is director of Media Monitoring Africa and is both an Ashoka and Linc fellow. He has been monitoring the media for 19 years, and is thrilled by data journalism and how technology can be used to monitor and improve quality journalism.

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