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• • • features | December 17, 2015
Philly's invisible youth
The city's child welfare and emergency shelter systems continue to fail homeless kids — just as they did this reporter 17 years ago
features | September 1, 2015
Sack, cloth and ashes
The Children's Place CEO's 'reign of terror' has seen staff fired, activists arrested. Second story in a two-part series.
features | August 31, 2015
In Bangladesh, the sham of Shams Factory
Mega-chain The Children's Place continues to source clothes in unsafe sweatshops. First story in a two-part series.
multimedia | August 15, 2015
Child obesity in Mexico
US sends its supersized diet to kids south of the border
features | June 14, 2015
Hard trucking
Independent truckers say new safety rules threaten their livelihood
Alfonso Serrano
News Editor
Alfonso Serrano is a news editor at Al Jazeera America, where he writes and edits feature stories focused on Latin America, the drug war and immigration. Previously, he was a senior editor at TIME.com and an editor at Conde Nast Portfolio. His essays and commentary have appeared on National Public Radio, The Chicago Tribune, and Pacific News Service. He has received an Editor & Publisher EPPY award for coverage of the Nicaragua canal project and a PASS Award from The National Council on Crime and Delinquency for his reporting on San Francisco gang-related crime.

•  •  • news analysis  |  December 12, 2015
Parents of foreign fighters accuse Belgian police of inaction
Federal prosecutor demands maximum sentence for alleged recruiter for armed groups in Syria

news  |  November 17, 2015
France's Hollande: Change constitution to tighten security powers
State-of-emergency powers not enough, constitution should be changed to counter threats, French leader says

news analysis  |  September 21, 2015
Afghan police sex abuse charges raise legal question for US aid
Experts say US military should have reported rampant abuse of boys by Afghan police to the State Department

features  |  September 19, 2015
Cuba's isolated act of faith
As Pope Francis visits the island, remote town builds the first new Catholic church since the revolution

news analysis  |  August 26, 2015
With tear gas and razor wire, EU countries skirt international refugee law
Human rights experts question Europe’s heavy-handed approach to growing refugee crisis
Amel Ahmed
Digital News Producer/Reporter
Amel Ahmed is a New York-based journalist. As a reporter at Al Jazeera America (AJAM), she has focused on immigration, the ongoing conflict in Yemen, race issues in the U.S. legal system, public health and other topics. Before joining AJAM, she helped produce a documentary on gentrification in New York City entitled 'The Changing Face of Harlem.' In 2011, she traveled to Yemen, where she covered the revolution as a special correspondent for Al Jazeera English. She has also worked for Democracy Now. She obtained her B.A. from New York University, where she studied Journalism and Middle East & Islamic Studies. She also obtained a law degree from Brooklyn Law School.

- news analysis | July 30, 2015
  Sandra Bland, Samuel DuBose and the rise of ‘vehicular stop and frisk’
  Racially based stops for minor traffic violations on the rise because of court action and police practice, say activists

- news analysis | May 14, 2015
  The 1997 law that limits compensation to victims of railway accidents
  Analysis: By capping damages, Amtrak 'reform' hobbles judges' ability to compensate victims of mass railway accidents

- news | March 28, 2015
  Stranded Yemeni-Americans consider alternate escape routes
  Two stranded Yemeni-Americans consider fleeing by sea or dangerous back roads as airstrikes grip Sanaa and Aden

- news | March 11, 2015
  Univ. of Oklahoma expulsions infringe free speech rights, experts say
  Analysis: The Univ. of Oklahoma’s expulsion of students over a racist chant raises First Amendment, due process concerns

- news | December 18, 2014
  Cuban-Americans in NJ’s ‘Havana on the Hudson’ torn over new Cuba policy
  Cuban-Americans in a New Jersey enclave express deep ambivalence over decision to renew relations with Cuba
Atossa Araxia Abrahamian
opinion editor
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• • opinion | July 4, 2015
Nothing's more patriotic than a declaration of independence
We love to secede from everything, even the US of A

• • opinion | June 4, 2015
Why we love to hate the wife bonus
Americans have a fraught relationship with dependence – particularly when it concerns women

• • opinion | May 28, 2015
Democratize FIFA now!
Don’t blame the global south for corrupting soccer's organizing body

• • opinion | October 15, 2014
Down Syndrome isn't just cute
How the Down community sugarcoats difficult realities about the condition

• • opinion | August 31, 2014
Brechtomania
Why Marxist playwright Berthold Brecht is theater’s hottest old name
Azure Gilman is a reporter for Al Jazeera America in New York City. She writes news stories and longer features about climate change, environmental threats to marine life, women's rights, and poverty in the United States. She often takes her own pictures and produces online videos to accompany her articles. Before coming to Al Jazeera America, she worked as a reporter at City & State Magazine, a research assistant for investigative journalist Wayne Barrett, and a writer for the Freakonomics blog. She received a Masters from Columbia Journalism School, and B.A. from the University of Chicago.

- In warming ocean, record number of seals and sea lions sicken and starve
  Ailing or dead seals and sea lions washed up on California beaches in record numbers in 2015; this year could be worse
  December 10, 2015

- ‘We are excelling in every field’: Black students rebuff Justice Scalia
  Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's remarks about African-Americans and higher education cause pain and anger on campus
  November 14, 2015

- Orca capture trade has moved to Russia, China, activists say
  Demand from aquatic theme parks in Russia, China fueling new market for wild orcas, marine experts say
  November 6, 2015

- A California crab ban reveals trouble in the Pacific Ocean
  Crab fishing is delayed, and poisoned sea lions are washing ashore, with toxic algae to blame
  October 25, 2015

- Decision expected in Illinois over trans rights in locker rooms
  An Illinois school district has defied federal regulations to give unrestricted locker room access to a trans female
Ben Piven
Planning Editor
Ben Piven is an online editor and journalist with a combined 5 years at Al Jazeera America in New York City and Al Jazeera English in Doha. He reports on a range of international and domestic news, from global geopolitics and national security issues to economic and cultural material. Previously, Ben worked at PBS Worldfocus. He holds a master's degree in digital media from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. In 2007, he studied the caste system as a Fulbright scholar at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai, India.

- • news  |  January 19, 2016
  California politicians to don donor logos if ballot initiative succeeds
  Shock political campaign aims to make legislators’ corporate and union sponsors known to voting public

- news  |  January 6, 2016
  America’s new militia movement: Patriot groups explode under Obama
  Occupation of Oregon federal facility highlights growth in armed anti-government groups

- news  |  December 9, 2015
  Trump’s untruths woo working-class whites who ‘want to be proud again’
  Citing erroneous ‘facts’ about race and religion, candidate emphasizes economic, security failings

- news  |  December 3, 2015
  Gun companies lock up billions in sales, boosted by calls for tougher laws
  Almost half the guns made in the US are produced by three companies: Smith & Wesson, Freedom Group and Sturm, Ruger

- news  |  September 9, 2015
  Being ‘hafu’ in Japan: Mixed-race people face ridicule, rejection
  Among Japanese, the perception of pure ethnic background is a big part of belonging to the culture
Bianca Clendenin
Headline Writer, Social Media
Bianca writes and curates social media posts for Al Jazeera America's TV programming.
Caroline Preston
Features Editor
Caroline Preston is a features editor at Al Jazeera America.

- When officers rape: The police brutality chiefs ignore
  Most departments are doing little to stop police officers from sexually assaulting civilians.
  | January 19, 2016

- Kenya's dark path to justice
  People affiliated with the ICC proceedings against top Kenyan leaders are turning up dead
  | August 24, 2015

- Court fees trap ex-inmates in a prison of debt
  In Washington, formerly incarcerated men and women face massive debts and a 12 percent interest rate
  | August 3, 2015

- Amazon tribes fight against $9 billion dam
  The Munduruku tribe fights a gigantic government project
  | April 22, 2015

- Return of the fish wars: Hatchery pits environmentalists against tribe
  Can anything wild still exist in a Washington river that has been plugged for 100 years?
Courtney Brooks
Planning Editor
Courtney Brooks is a news and features editor who specializes in international diplomacy and issues in the United States, Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa and the former Soviet bloc. She has nine years of experience as a reporter, writer and editor. Her work has also appeared in World Policy Journal, The Associated Press, Agence France-Presse, The Irish Times, and Radio Free Europe, among others.

- • • • features  |  December 22, 2015
  **In Texas, insured and uninsured alike struggle to pay drug costs**
  In part 8 of ‘America left behind,’ Al Jazeera looks at the human impact of skyrocketing prescription drug prices
  features  |  December 17, 2015

- **Mississippi's lost babies**
  In part 4 of 'America Left Behind,' Al Jazeera examines why black infant death outpaces Botswana
  features  |  December 15, 2015

- **Navajo Nation's nutrition crisis**
  In Part 1 of our America Left Behind series, Al Jazeera looks at a community where 1 in 3 are diabetic or at risk
  news  |  December 15, 2015

- **Nearly a quarter of Philadelphia’s adult population lacks basic literacy**
  In part 2 of our ‘America left behind’ series, Al Jazeera explores the vicious cycle of poverty and lack of education
  features  |  May 31, 2015

- **Route of Division**
  In Birmingham, Alabama, a public bus takes about a dozen housekeepers from their low-income, mostly black neighborhood to a wealthy white suburb
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Senior Producer, Human Rights
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- investigative  | December 15, 2015
  Selling American Girls
  Sex trafficking of minors in the US
  photo  | December 15, 2015
  Selling American Girls
  Sex trafficking in the US
  news  | October 1, 2015
  Finally heard: Former Guantanamo detainee 'beamed' into art installation
  Mohammed el Gharani beamed into NY art installation
  news  | July 30, 2015
  Life after Ebola: Liberia's invisible babies
  Lowered birth registrations owing to fear of hospitals
  features  | June 29, 2015
  The death penalty: How we kill
  Various methods of execution legal in the US and what it really means to kill an inmate using using any one of them.
David Klion
Opinion Editor
David Klion is an opinion editor for Al Jazeera America based in New York. He was previously features editor for World Politics Review and recruited international guests, hosted interviews and edited videos for Bloggingheads.tv. His work has also appeared in The New Republic, The New Inquiry and other publications. A native of Washington, DC, he has a master's degree in history from the University of Chicago and has lived, worked and researched in Russia and the former Soviet Union.

- • • • opinion  |  January 10, 2016
The new ‘Star Wars’ isn’t a rip-off, it’s a classical epic
In reworking moments from the original trilogy, ‘The Force Awakens’ participates in an ancient narrative tradition

- opinion  |  January 7, 2016
Trump's bigotry tests the limits of free speech
The US is unusual in its tolerance for hate speech, but the alternative may be worse

- opinion  |  December 23, 2015
Inequality is destroying American democracy
The very rich support unpopular economic policies and often get their way

- opinion  |  December 16, 2015
The real cultural explanation for school shootings
Teenagers raised in relentlessly competitive environments are learning a dangerous lesson

- opinion  |  December 14, 2015
Real police reform is unlikely in Chicago
The only whistleblower from inside the police accountability system, among other experts, is skeptical
Dean Visser
News Editor

Dean Visser is a news editor who has also worked as a foreign correspondent and regional editor in Asia for The Associated Press, The Wall Street Journal, Newsweek magazine and other publications. He has managed news teams in the office and reporters in the field, and has also done freelance work for radio and magazines.

- World's largest 'tax-funded mass grave' might be turned into a park
  NY City Council discusses turning Hart Island, where more 1 million poor and unclaimed people are buried, into a park
  January 20, 2016

- Parents of foreign fighters accuse Belgian police of inaction
  Federal prosecutor demands maximum sentence for alleged recruiter for armed groups in Syria
  December 12, 2015

- As US politicians protest, security officials brush off refugee 'hysteria'
  At Halifax security forum, military officials and security experts say blocking refugees carries its own risks
  November 25, 2015

- Orca capture trade has moved to Russia, China, activists say
  Demand from aquatic theme parks in Russia, China fueling new market for wild orcas, marine experts say
  November 14, 2015

- Wariness, accusations surround this weekend's China-Taiwan summit
  First leaders' meeting since 1940s civil war sparks fears about China's intentions toward democratic, self-ruled Taiwan
  November 5, 2015
Dexter Mullins
Former Reporter
Dexter Mullins is an award winning multimedia journalist. He reports on race, education, inequality and issues impacting the LGBT community.

- **features** | July 19, 2014
  **Survivors of infamous 1921 Tulsa race riot still hope for justice**
  Witness to the destruction of their world, they are dying before reparations can reach them

- **news** | May 22, 2014
  **Study: Black college grads have double the unemployment rate**
  More than half of black college graduates are underemployed, according to the Center for Economic Policy and Research

- **news** | April 4, 2014
  **New Orleans to be home to nation’s first all-charter school district**
  In September the Recovery School District will close its remaining non-charter schools, and other cities are watching

- **features** | March 3, 2014
  **For homeless gay teens in Little Rock, few places to turn**
  Arkansas ranks third-worst in the nation for homeless children, and few shelters will take in LGBT teens

- **news** | February 23, 2014
  **Desegregation funding dries up in Little Rock, but problems remain**
  Recent settlement to dismantle the desegregation efforts that had historic start in 1957
Up close and personnel: Neither workers nor bosses, human resources professionals straddle two worlds
The neglected back-office world of HR
features | September 16, 2015

The taxi wars: Uber is 'destroying the taxi industry'
Houston cabbies say the UberX model, with drivers who dabble, is an insult to the profession
features | September 6, 2015

A Los Angeles poet's revolution of everyday life
As gentrification sweeps the city, Sesshu Foster has quietly become the poet laureate of a vanishing neighborhood
features | August 3, 2015

Court fees trap ex-inmates in a prison of debt
In Washington, formerly incarcerated men and women face massive debts and a 12 percent interest rate
multimedia | April 29, 2015

Baltimore: The divided city where Freddie Gray lived and died
The protests in Baltimore aren't just about Freddie Gray's death and police brutality. They're about the racialized poverty and dearth of opportunity in parts of the city, such as the Sandtown neighborhood where Gray grew up. The numbers tell some of that tale: The city's median household income is well under the Maryland average, the number of abandoned houses swelled in the past decades and the city's public schools are 'hypersegregated' by race.
Ehab Zahriyeh
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- news | January 28, 2016
  Palestinian journalist to continue hunger strike despite risk of death
  Mohammed al-Qeq has so far refused food for 65 days in protest of his detainment without charge in Israeli prison
- news | December 30, 2015
  NGOs warn changes to visa waiver program will affect aid efforts
  Aid groups call for exceptions to the amendment, which requires a US visa for people who have visited Iraq, Syria
- multimedia | December 4, 2015
  Mass shootings by the numbers: More than 350 in 2015
  If it seems as if there has been a mass shooting in the US nearly every week this year, that’s because it’s true
- news | October 14, 2015
  Young Palestinians sound off on current unrest, Israeli occupation
  With talk of third intifada, Palestinians under the age of 30 discuss where they see latest violence heading
- news | October 14, 2015
  Lauryn Hill joins black, Palestinian activists in solidarity video
  Video, featuring dozens of artists and activists, draws comparisons between black and Palestinian struggles for justice
Elizabeth Blish Hughes
News Editor, nights
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- news | December 4, 2015
  Southern California Pakistanis shaken by shooters’ identities
  San Bernardino killers were Pakistani and Muslim – news that has devastated Pakistani Muslims in the area

- news | November 18, 2015
  Pre-dawn raid in Paris suburb unearths new ‘jihadist’ cell, police say
  Massive firefight leaves two dead, but fate of alleged planner of Friday's attacks remains unclear

- news | August 7, 2015
  Prime-time Republican debaters spar on the issues and clash with Trump
  Each of the 10 top candidates aimed to break free from the pack and take the wind out of the front-runner’s sails

- news | July 10, 2015
  Bernie Sanders spars with gun-control activist
  Campaign notebook: An exchange reveals how the progressive Democrat’s gun-control views may disappoint some supporters

- news | May 25, 2015
  California gardeners struggle for work during drought
  Mexican immigrants, the mainstay of residential gardening services, lose work as homeowners remove lawns to save water
Erica R. Hendry
Digital Producer/Reporter, "America Tonight."

Erica R. Hendry is a digital producer for America Tonight. She specializes in producing her own videos, multimedia and graphics to accompany her stories — and in helping reporters and producers take their on-air stories and tell them better online. Before coming to Al Jazeera America, Hendry was a digital producer for The Diane Rehm Show, and a writer, editor and producer at Smithsonian Magazine. She also spent three years running a local, and then regional, news bureau in Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. for AOL/Patch.com.

- news analysis | December 30, 2015
  **What have we learned from 500 concussions in 3 years of college football?**
  In two of the last three seasons, almost half the major college football programs didn't publicly report a concussion

- features | December 17, 2015
  **Meet the real-life Golden Girls**
  After Bonnie Moore got a divorce, she thought she’d have to give up her dream home for good. Instead, she got creative. She opened her home up to roommates, fellow baby boomers who wanted to pool resources, too. Today, she helps other older adults find roommates through Golden Girl Network, an online resource that matches roommates throughout the country. Moore, her roommates and others like them told America Tonight why more baby boomers should consider the Golden Girl lifestyle.

- multimedia | December 10, 2015
  **For many Medicaid patients, hepatitis C wonder drugs are out of reach**
  With the cost of pills spiking as much as 5,000 percent, state insurers struggle to pay for lifesaving treatment

- features | December 1, 2015
  **No man's land: When concussions force a college football player to retire**
  Casey Cochran is one of at least 26 players in college football to have retired in recent years because of concussions
How one biracial student journalist is covering race protests on campus

The racially driven protests at Ithaca College this fall have rocked the upstate New York campus like few other events in the school's 123-year history. For many student journalists, covering a conflict that has made national headlines would be a dream. But for Kira Maddox, the college newspaper’s editor-in-chief, leading the coverage has come with mixed feelings. As a biracial woman, she empathizes with student protestors of color. As a journalist, she's charged with getting all sides of the story right.
Evan Hill
Former Reporter
Evan Hill is a researcher and writer based in Beirut and focusing on the Middle East. He has lived in Egypt, where he reported for Foreign Policy, the Economist, the Atlantic, the Guardian, the Times, and others. As a staff writer for Al Jazeera America, he wrote about the lasting damage of America's crack cocaine laws, the fall of the Silk Road online black market, and the aftermath of Egypt's coup in 2013. His reporting in Egypt — from the Tahrir front lines to Mubarak's resignation – helped win an Online News Association award for breaking news. In Libya, he followed the revolt from the fall of Benghazi to the plight of trapped migrants in Tripoli. He helped cover the Syrian government's crackdown on dissent in 2011.

Off the grid, onto the mesa
Pajarito, N.M., is 10 miles and a world apart from downtown Albuquerque

The gas company that says it can take your backyard
Sunoco Logistics Partners invokes eminent domain to build a pipeline through Pennsylvania, setting off a legal battle

For Egypt's Sisi, winning will be easier than fixing the economy
The general needs high turnout for a mandate to push through painful economic reforms that could spur new unrest

The Mock Prison Riot: Where guards play jail
Weapons, biceps and burgers on display at the annual West Virginia event

Waiting on a Fix: Life without parole is a walking death
Raised by his grandmother, Andre Badley was seduced by the easy money made dealing crack on East Cleveland’s streets. Imprisoned in 1997 at age 24, he is now 41 years old and
could spend the rest of his days behind bars while bigger dealers walk free.

Gregg Levine
News Editor
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- news analysis  |  January 13, 2016
  President Obama’s victory lap runs headlong into ‘hot air’
State of the Union and GOP response appear defined by heated rhetoric of Trump campaign

- news  |  December 21, 2015
  Amtrak completes train safety upgrade at site of deadly May derailment
Follow up on PTC series shows positive train control, which may have prevented Philadelphia accident, is still absent from most of US railroads

- news analysis  |  November 15, 2015
  In post-Paris debate, Hillary Clinton gets religion
While Democrats agree on need for anti-ISIL coalition, former Secretary of State condemns ‘jihadist ideology’

- news  |  August 6, 2015
  What Emmanuelle Riva saw of Hiroshima
Exclusive interview with star of ‘Hiroshima mon Amour’ for 70th anniversary of bombing

- news  |  June 18, 2015
  ‘Green Ramadan’ begins as pope calls for fast action on climate
Islamic holy month commences, with young activists advocating for environmental justice
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Building boom amid disaster: New housing springs up during Calif. drought
Despite a historic water shortage gripping the state, the need for more housing trumps the need to save water

LA Black Worker Center takes new approach to black jobs crisis
Center also trains black workers to be labor rights advocates and has become a model for other cities

California’s quest to save water may come at an ecological cost
Ecologists question rebates to replace lawns with artificial turf

California’s new water war pits landlords against tenants
Los Angeles area rent-controlled apartment building owners want tenants to pay for water as rates rise due to drought

Police killings of Latinos spark less outrage than when victims are black
Analysis: Families of Latinos killed by police push for a Brown Lives Matter movement
Jayati Vora
Features Editor
Jayati Vora is a features editor for Al Jazeera America. Previously, she worked as a web editor for the media nonprofit The Nation Institute.

revealed: The malaria crisis India doesn’t want to acknowledge
An investigation shows routine manipulation of data, shortages of supplies, understaffing and enduring dysfunction

philly's invisible youth
The city's child welfare and emergency shelter systems continue to fail homeless kids — just as they did this reporter 17 years ago

photo diary: Homs family finds a new home in Illinois
Amid fierce US debate over accepting Syrian refugees, one family in a Chicago suburb is grateful to be here

blood gold: From conflict zones in Colombia to jewelry stores in the US
The trial of Colombian exporter Goldex for money laundering reveals how dirty gold reaches two American companies

kafka in chhattisgarh: The bureaucratisation of violence in India
At ground zero of the Maoist insurgency, surrendering as a guerrilla is the only way of proving one’s innocence
Jessica Loudis
Features editor
Jessica Loudis is an online features editor. She has worked as a news writer at Slate, an associate editor at Bookforum magazine, a senior features editor at T, The New York Times style magazine, and edited the essay collection Should I Go to Grad School? which was published by Bloomsbury in 2014.

features  |  January 13, 2016
Can a new victims advocacy movement break cycles of violence?
A growing number of organizations are calling for shorter sentences for offenders and better counseling for victims

features  |  November 22, 2015
Food allergies on a budget
Researchers who examined data from the 2011 and 2012 National Health Interview Surveys found that more than 20 percent of children with food allergies experienced food insecurity. AJAM wrote about one family with food allergies and how one food pantry in Kansas City is hoping to help others like them.

features  |  October 31, 2015
Up close and personnel: Neither workers nor bosses, human resources professionals straddle two worlds
The neglected back-office world of HR

features  |  October 21, 2015
In Ireland, abortion debate takes center stage
Once a taboo subject, abortion – and the ban on it – is fast becoming a major issue in the run-up to Irish elections

features  |  September 27, 2015
In the jungle, FARC rebels prepare for peace
As Colombia's 51-year conflict winds down, Al Jazeera gets exclusive access to a guerrilla unit
Joanna S. Kao
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Joanna S. Kao is a multimedia reporter and interactive developer who covers veterans issues, immigration and homelessness at Al Jazeera America. She also creates immersive longform story templates for the newsroom, experiments with audio storytelling and explores theater-related data in her spare time. She has a bachelors degree in computer science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and enjoys living at the intersection of computer science, design and journalism.

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- **multimedia | August 4, 2015**
  **GOP debate finalists chosen, with questions over methodology**
Al Jazeera calculated top 10 lists for every combination of five poll result subsets drawn from nonpartisan phone surveys reported on Pollster.com from June and July 2015 and calculated the number of times each candidate made the top 10, on the basis of each combination of polls. Explore how the choice of five polls and method of averaging can affect the top 10 ranking.

- **multimedia | July 4, 2015**
  **Loving Across the Border**
Vivian de Leon, a 21-year-old nursing student, is one of more than 660,000 people covered under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and one of 5.5 million people in the U.S. with at least one undocumented parent. More than 275,000 parents with U.S.-born children were deported from 2011 to 2013. De Leon and her dad, who was deported to Guatemala in 2011, have lived apart for nearly half her life.

- **features | May 8, 2015**
Good enough to fight for the US but missing the mark for citizenship

More than 7,200 members of the military have been caught between two sets of standards: one for military enlistment, another for becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen. The difference means they find themselves unable to become citizens of a country for which they are willing to die. More than a third were turned down because of moral character, according to records obtained through a FOIA request.

Finding a place to stay

Across the country, homeless people struggle to find places to sit, sleep and pass time. Interviews with a dozen homeless and formerly homeless people illustrate the sorts of daily challenges people on the streets face. In this award-winning multimedia project, listen to the homeless and formerly homeless as they walk through their day and describe those challenges.
Joe Rivera
Digital Video Producer
Joe Rivera is an award winning journalist, who possesses the rare skill set of being able to produce, develop, write in-studio content, tech-manage live shows and create eye-catching content online. He has been part of multiple network and cable show launches in his 20-plus years in television.
Joseph Auriemma
Producer, Digital Media
Joe Auriemma is an award-winning television producer with strong digital credentials. He has a versatile background with a commitment towards product perfection in all media platforms.

news | May 12, 2014
Out on the field: Former NFL player Wade Davis opens up
In an extended interview, Davis talks about his struggle to come out and the joy he feels helping LGBTQ youth
Jyoti Thottam
News Editor
Jyoti Thottam is a writer and editor at Al Jazeera America and a member of the adjunct faculty at the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism. She joined Al Jazeera after 13 years as a writer and editor at Time magazine, including four years as South Asia Bureau chief based in New Delhi. She has reported from seven South Asian countries and covered the conflicts in Sri Lanka and Kashmir and the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, for which she won the Luce Award for reporting, Time Inc.’s highest honor. Her work has appeared in The New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Village Voice, Bookforum and the Believer.

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‘We are excelling in every field’: Black students rebuff Justice Scalia
Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's remarks about African-Americans and higher education cause pain and anger on campus
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Gun companies lock up billions in sales, boosted by calls for tougher laws
Almost half the guns made in the US are produced by three companies: Smith & Wesson, Freedom Group and Sturm, Ruger
features | November 16, 2015

Syrian refugees in Paris fear backlash after attacks
‘They left their country because of war and found it here again,’ activist says of those who fled ISIL and civil war
news | November 11, 2015

Missouri state senator aims to block student's dissertation on abortion
Exclusive interview: Missouri doctoral student defends research on how state's required abortion wait affects women
Kate Kilpatrick
Planning Editor/Reporter
Kate Kilpatrick is an award-winning reporter, editor and interactive storyteller with 17 years experience in startup, digital and legacy media spanning newspapers, magazines, radio, TV/cable and online news sites.

- news | December 15, 2015
  **Nearly a quarter of Philadelphia’s adult population lacks basic literacy**
  In part 2 of our ‘America left behind’ series, Al Jazeera explores the vicious cycle of poverty and lack of education
- multimedia | September 26, 2015
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- multimedia | August 15, 2015
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  US sends its supersized diet to kids south of the border
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  **Homeless, drug-addicted more vulnerable amid Puerto Rico debt crisis**
  On tough San Juan streets, city’s most marginalized residents eke out living in precarious underground economy
- features | April 16, 2015
  **Titanic canal project divides Nicaragua**
  Critics say world's largest-ever engineering endeavor marks new era of colonization
Katherine Lanpher
Features Editor
Katherine Lanpher is the Senior Online Features Editor for Al Jazeera America in New York, where she manages a staff of three editors, two staff writers and scores of freelance writers around the globe, producing daily features and long-term projects and investigations, many of them multimedia projects with audio. Awards include a Sigma Delta Chi, a Gracie and an IVOH. She is a past host of "America Abroad," a monthly documentary on foreign policy issues distributed by PRI/NPR Worldwide and heard on 200 stations domestically, with nearly a million listeners on the rest of the globe.

- • investigative  |  December 15, 2015
  
  **Selling American Girls**
  Sex trafficking of minors in the US
  photo  |  December 15, 2015

  **Selling American Girls**
  Sex trafficking in the US
  features  |  November 7, 2015

  **The United States of bus travel**
  The people you meet in this country are a trip
  photo  |  November 7, 2015

  **The United States of Bus Travel**
  A view of America from the seat of a Greyhound bus
  multimedia  |  August 15, 2015

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US sends its supersized diet to kids south of the border

Kathryn Wheeler
Digital Producer, "America Tonight"
Kathryn Wheeler is a digital producer with "America Tonight", where she brings the team’s stories and on-air packages to its audience online. She came to Al Jazeera America by way of Al Jazeera English, where she was production coordinator for shows and documentaries. Kathryn transitioned into journalism from a career in human rights and humanitarian assistance. She obtained an MSc in International Development from SOAS, University of London and a BA from Bryn Mawr College.

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Lam Thuy Vo
Former Interactive Editor and Reporter
Lam Thuy Vo was the Interactive Editor at Al Jazeera America where she headed a team of coder-journalists and covered poverty-related stories.

• • • features  |  November 22, 2015

Food allergies on a budget
Researchers who examined data from the 2011 and 2012 National Health Interview Surveys found that more than 20 percent of children with food allergies experienced food insecurity. AJAM wrote about one family with food allergies and how one food pantry in Kansas City is hoping to help others like them.

multimedia  |  August 3, 2015

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Two photographers, one from Ferguson and one from Baltimore, interpret life in their communities one year after the deaths of Michael Brown and Freddie Gray. Collaborating with @echosight, AJAM combined photographs from each photographer into a single, unified visual statement. Together these images tell a story that is more than just the sum of its parts.

multimedia  |  July 4, 2015

Loving Across the Border
Vivian de Leon, a 21-year-old nursing student, is one of more than 660,000 people covered under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and one of 5.5 million people in the U.S. with at least one undocumented parent. More than 275,000 parents with U.S.-born children were deported from 2011 to 2013. De Leon and her dad, who was deported to Guatemala in 2011, have lived apart for nearly half her life.

multimedia  |  June 3, 2015

The Umbrella Network
When pro-democracy protests began in his hometown, Hong Kong, Jeffrey Ngo, a New York University student originally from Hong Kong, felt compelled to act. This is the story of his involvement in a global protest movement.

features  |  May 8, 2015
Good enough to fight for the US but missing the mark for citizenship

More than 7,200 members of the military have been caught between two sets of standards: one for military enlistment, another for becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen. The difference means they find themselves unable to become citizens of a country for which they are willing to die. More than a third were turned down because of moral character, according to records obtained through a FOIA request.
Lan Trinh
Senior Digital Video Producer
Lan Trinh is a Peabody Award-winning multilingual producer/journalist with substantial experience in news, documentaries and entertainment for network TV and web in the U.S. and Asia, including CNN, ABC News and PBS.

features | January 29, 2016
The Many Faces of Mao Zedong
Chinese artist in New York Zhang Hongtu makes whimsical and satirical depictions of Mao. But this art can only be seen outside of China.

features | September 23, 2015
Myrtle Beach Lures Chinese Golfers
Jinping's anti-corruption drive in China closed at least 100 golf courses, leaving many to search for places to play
Lisa De Bode
Reporter
Lisa De Bode is a reporter for Al Jazeera America, where she writes about inequality, public health, gender, foreign fighters and European affairs.

• features | January 20, 2016
**World's largest 'tax-funded mass grave' might be turned into a park**
NY City Council discusses turning Hart Island, where more 1 million poor and unclaimed people are buried, into a park

news analysis | December 12, 2015
**Parents of foreign fighters accuse Belgian police of inaction**
Federal prosecutor demands maximum sentence for alleged recruiter for armed groups in Syria

news | November 21, 2015
**16 detained in Belgium as Brussels stays on high alert**
Paris fugitive Salah Abdeslam was not among those detained during 22 overnight raids, Belgian authorities said Monday

news analysis | October 15, 2015
**European ministers consider offshoring refugee reception centers**
While idea might pre-empt need for dangerous travel, experts warn plan should not undermine legal protections

news analysis | August 26, 2015
**With tear gas and razor wire, EU countries skirt international refugee law**
Human rights experts question Europe’s heavy-handed approach to growing refugee crisis
Maia Davis
News Editor
Maia Davis is a news editor with extensive experience editing and writing news articles and opinion pieces with a focus on politics, government, education and health. She was previously an editorial writer and reporter at The Bergen Record and a reporter at the Los Angeles Times and the Patriot-Ledger. She has won awards for her coverage of the health of racial minorities and education.

- features | January 6, 2016
  In warming ocean, record number of seals and sea lions sicken and starve
  Ailing or dead seals and sea lions washed up on California beaches in record numbers in 2015; this year could be worse

- news | January 1, 2016
  The growing potential of energy-efficient pot farms
  Cannabis industry is a heavy energy user but has potential to go green with the right technology and incentives

- news | December 31, 2015
  Biggest El Niño effects on US may be yet to come
  NASA scientists say weather pattern hasn’t peaked yet, worst impact in US to be seen in next several months

- news | December 29, 2015
  DNC restores Sanders’ access to voter data as candidates prepare to debate
  Democratic National Committee acted hours after Sanders’ campaign filed suit; will conflict boost audience for debate?

- news analysis | November 15, 2015
  In post-Paris debate, Hillary Clinton gets religion
  While Democrats agree on need for anti-ISIL coalition, former Secretary of State condemns ‘jihadist ideology’
Marisa Taylor
Reporter

Marisa Taylor is a reporter for Al Jazeera America in New York, where she has covered public health, science, LGBT- and gender-related stories since 2013. She previously worked as a technology blogger and columnist at The Wall Street Journal, where she also reported for “What They Know,” the Gerald Loeb Award-winning investigative series about online privacy. Her work has appeared in Mother Jones, SmartMoney, MSNBC.com, ABCNews.com and others. She earned an M.S. in magazine writing at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, where her master's thesis about LGBT domestic violence was awarded with honors, and a B.A. in psychology from Stanford University.

- What it's like to volunteer as an escort at an abortion clinic
  Profile of Brock Wilbur, an LA comedian, and his experiences as an abortion clinic volunteer
  features | July 31, 2015
- A new way to treat women's health in prison
  A program for violent offenders at California's largest women-only prison
  features | June 14, 2015
- San Francisco debates controversial mental health law
  SF city supervisors debate Laura's Law, which mandates involuntary outpatient psychiatry treatment
  news analysis | April 1, 2015
- The growing trend of transgender 'bathroom bully' bills
  Analysis of proposed laws to bar trans students from using bathrooms matching gender identities
  news analysis | March 30, 2015
- Ellen Pao is a 'Rosa Parks' for women in Silicon Valley
  News analysis of the sexual harassment claims against VC firm Kleiner Perks
Mark Rykoff has over 30 years of experience in the photo industry. In the digital era, he has brought the storytelling power of photography to the countless possibilities presented by the internet and tablet-based technologies. Before working at Al Jazeera America, he spent most of his career at TIME magazine, working in the field (in the Moscow bureau) and at the magazine headquarters in New York. Among the many awards he has received is a News and Documentary Emmy, in 2009, for a series of videos about the stories behind iconic photos.

- [photo](#) | December 15, 2015
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Massoud Hayoun
Reporter
Massoud Hayoun is a reporter who writes about U.S., Chinese, North African and European affairs. Previously, he wrote for AFP, The Atlantic, South China Morning Post and others.

Mo. state senator aims to block student's dissertation on abortion
Exclusive interview: Missouri doctoral student defends research on how state's required abortion wait affects women

Did a Chinese mogul beat a Treasury Dept. ban on doing business in the US?
Records reveal NYC building is owned by company linked to man blacklisted for allegedly funding African dictators

Perry met with 'suspicious' Chinese tycoons behind Texas methanol plant
New documents reveal that the ex-Texas governor had dinner with Chinese officials seeking to park their money abroad

Oklahoma halts all executions after lethal injection drug shipment mix-up
State officials refuse to name company that sent wrong drug hours before scheduled execution of Richard Glossip

What Emmanuelle Riva saw of Hiroshima
Exclusive interview with star of 'Hiroshima mon Amour' for 70th anniversary of bombing
Matt Williams
News Editor
Matt Williams is a news editor. Prior to working at Al Jazeera America he was weekend editor at the Guardian US during the era of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Edward Snowden/NSA stories. The move to news editing followed more than a decade as a reporter based in London, New York and Singapore for Press Association, the Guardian, The Scotsman and others.

- America’s new militia movement: Patriot groups explode under Obama
  Occupation of Oregon federal facility highlights growth in armed anti-government groups

- Let it bee: Rise of urban apiaries has New York City buzzing
  Since 2010, legions of honeybees have taken over the backyards and rooftops of New York City

- San Francisco moves to cover diaper costs for low-income families
  City officials plan to spend about $479,000 annually to distribute diapers monthly to families in need

- Forces look to mom-friendly policies to combat US women’s military fatigue
  While the military is developing generous maternity packages, the country as a whole has no law mandating paid time off

- US policy shift threatens Cuban loyalty to the revolution
  John Kerry's Havana visit caps a seismic shift from hostile policy that helped prop up Fidel and Raúl Castro
Michael Keller
Former Multimedia Reporter/Interactive Developer
Michael was on the Interactive Multimedia team at Al Jazeera where he reported, designed and programmed interactive projects on a mix of breaking news and issues around technology, privacy and surveillance. He has a Masters in journalism from the Columbia Journalism School and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BA in Comparative Literature and Psychology from Georgetown University, Phi Beta Kappa.

• • features  |  December 30, 2015
**Losing the fight against Big Data**
California’s formerly strong stance on consumer protection is being stifled by the tech lobby and electoral changes

• • multimedia  |  December 19, 2015
**Fare Game: Taking the rating economy for a ride**
Consumers are used to rating products on their quality, but in the digital economy, the customer is often rated as well. Want to take a vacation? Make sure your Airbnb reputation is good. Want to get a car home at night? Check your Uber score. How do these systems change our behavior? Whom do they help, and whom could they hurt? In this graphic short, we investigate how this developing economy is playing out.

• • multimedia  |  May 13, 2015
**Derailed Amtrak train sped into deadly crash curve**
Al Jazeera America was the first to report the train’s last recorded speed of 106 mph. That was significantly faster than other trains passing through the same curve in the past two and a half months, according to an Al Jazeera America analysis. While 45 other trains traveled above 50 mph in the curve, only one was above 55 mph: Amtrak 180, a train traveling at 55.5 mph on May 8th from Washington D.C. to New York’s Penn Station.

• • multimedia  |  April 29, 2015
**Baltimore: The divided city where Freddie Gray lived and died**
The protests in Baltimore aren’t just about Freddie Gray's death and police brutality. They're about the racialized poverty and dearth of opportunity in parts of the city, such as the
Sandtown neighborhood where Gray grew up. The numbers tell some of that tale: The city's median household income is well under the Maryland average, the number of abandoned houses swelled in the past decades and the city's public schools are 'hypersegregated' by race.

Texas abortion clinics: How far is too far to drive?
Federal appeals court will hear arguments on state's abortion law, which could limit women's options across the state
Michael Pizzi
Reporter
Michael Pizzi is a reporter for Al Jazeera America, where he writes about the Middle East, foreign policy, refugee crises and Internet policy. He reported for AJAM from Jordan and from Paris in the aftermath of the November terror attacks. He previously worked as a reporter and translator in Jordan, covering the Syrian war and its spillover, and at a digital rights organization in Lebanon. His work has appeared in The Atlantic, The Daily Beast, USA Today and others.

• • features | November 25, 2015
As US politicians protest, security officials brush off refugee 'hysteria'
At Halifax security forum, military officials and security experts say blocking refugees carries its own risks
features | November 16, 2015
Syrian refugees in Paris fear backlash after attacks
‘They left their country because of war and found it here again,’ activist says of those who fled ISIL and civil war
news | November 14, 2015
In wake of attacks, Parisians ask, Why here?
The latest assaults in Paris, Europe’s worst since 2004, leave residents asking why their city was targeted again
news analysis | November 5, 2015
Wariness, accusations surround this weekend's China-Taiwan summit
First leaders' meeting since 1940s civil war sparks fears about China's intentions toward democratic, self-ruled Taiwan
news | October 20, 2015
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Mohammed Ademo
Opinion Editor
Mohammed Ademo is an opinion editor for Al Jazeera America based in Washington, D.C. He is also the founder and editor of OPride.com, an independent news and commentary website on Oromo, Ethiopia and the Ethiopian diaspora. His work has appeared in Foreign Policy, Al Jazeera English, Al Jazeera America, Africa Is A Country, OkayAfrica.com, Think Africa Press, Columbia Journalism Review, the New York Daily News, and various Ethiopian websites. He has dual master's degree in Journalism and International Relations from Columbia University in the City of New York.

- The making of a terrorist bride
  In casting Tashfeen Malik as a radicalized foreign wife, Americans avoid confronting the reality of homegrown terrorism
  opinion | November 28, 2015

- We are all terrorists
  The debate on terrorism forces Muslims to participate in an unwinnable argument
  opinion | October 25, 2015

- Refugees will change Europe for the better
  Immigration could help European countries reverse their negative demographic trends and boost their economic growth
  opinion | September 4, 2015

- Gaza is already unlivable
  The tiny Palestinian enclave is likely to experience a major humanitarian catastrophe long before the 2020 UN estimate
  opinion | July 27, 2015

- Most Americans don’t vote in elections. Here’s why.
  The rise of the donor class and the influx of corporate cash have caused many voters to lose faith in politics
Nadeem Muaddi
News Editor
Nadeem Muaddi is a news editor with 10 years of experience in online media. Prior to joining Al Jazeera America's digital news team, he worked for BBC, Al Jazeera English and U.S. News & World Report. In addition to leading breaking news coverage, he’s also fluent in spoken Arabic and has particular expertise in editing and reporting stories about the Middle East. He holds a M.A. from Temple University in Political Science, with a focus in International Relations.

• news | January 28, 2016
Palestinian journalist to continue hunger strike despite risk of death
Mohammed al-Qeq has so far refused food for 65 days in protest of his detainment without charge in Israeli prison

• news | October 14, 2015
Lauryn Hill joins black, Palestinian activists in solidarity video
Video, featuring dozens of artists and activists, draws comparisons between black and Palestinian struggles for justice

• news | October 14, 2015
Young Palestinians sound off on current unrest, Israeli occupation
With talk of third intifada, Palestinians under the age of 30 discuss where they see latest violence heading

• news | July 7, 2015
US Muslim groups launch fundraiser to help rebuild burned black churches
At least eight predominantly black churches have burned since Charleston shooting; Ramadan fundraiser aims to help

• features | June 12, 2015
Humans of Syria exposes life beyond the headlines and battle lines
Inspired by photo project Humans of New York, photographers in Syria remind us humanity still exists in war
Ned Resnikoff
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Ned Resnikoff is a reporter for Al Jazeera America, where he writes on issues related to labor, inequality, poverty and U.S. politics. He was previously a reporter at MSNBC. His work has also been featured in Salon and The Baffler, among other publications.

• news analysis  |  December 8, 2015
  **Whatever happens to Donald Trump, Trumpism is here to stay**
  Analysis: The Republican front-runner is capitalizing on political forces that will outlast his candidacy
  news  |  November 6, 2015
  **Outspoken socialist politician declares victory in Seattle**
  City council member Kshama Sawant urges socialist candidates to follow her lead nationwide
  news analysis  |  July 20, 2015
  **Bernie Sanders confronts a deep divide within the progressive movement**
  Analysis: Confrontation with Black Lives Matter reveals the tension between movements for economic and racial justice
  news  |  July 18, 2015
  **Black Lives Matter disrupts Martin O’Malley, Bernie Sanders event**
  Protesters at Netroots event demand ‘a concrete plan’ for stopping black deaths at the hands of police
  news  |  June 17, 2015
  **Iceland’s medical system under strain from all sides**
  Understaffing, budget shortages and rumors of privatization haunt the small country’s hospitals
Neda Djavaherian
Graphic Designer, Social Media
Neda Djavaherian is a graphic designer with experience in broadcast, web and social media. She helped grow engagement on the Al Jazeera America social media platforms by creating infographics and promos.
Philip J. Victor
Reporter

Philip J. Victor is a digital news reporter and producer who specializes in coverage of national and international breaking news for Al Jazeera America. He has also covered several sports stories for AJAM that go beyond the game, including the Washington Redskins name controversy, the NFL concussion lawsuit and the ouster of NBA owner Donald Sterling.

news | March 22, 2015
MLB pitches Cuba exhibition as Havana balks at idea
Baseball commissioner says a game could be played next year, but Cuban baseball officials say there is no agreement

news | January 21, 2015
NFL Deflategate probe ongoing as scientists weigh in on controversy
Investigation continues amid report NFL determined 11 Patriots game balls were underinflated

news | September 12, 2014
California high school drops controversial Arab mascot
School officials collaborate with local community and Arab-American rights group to reach suitable compromise

news | September 5, 2014
Owner’s defiance on Redskins name change could end up costing him
Daniel Snyder has vowed to never rename his franchise, but experts say that may be the wrong play

news | July 9, 2014
Sri Lanka tells NGOs to keep quiet
Government ministry issues directive telling organizations to not hold press conferences or work with journalists
Renee Lewis
Reporter
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  Despite scientific evidence, fossil fuel companies sowed misinformation about global warming for decades, report says

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Signed, sealed, delivered
During the Vietnam War, a teenager saw violence, prostitution and heroin addiction take hold of his city, and he saw his friends go to war and die. With his country in turmoil, he knew he had to leave. He decided to start a new life in Germany. What he didn’t factor in was that he’d fall for a girl back home in Saigon. Watch a video about a Vietnam War story documented in nine years of love letters.
Finding a place to stay

Across the country, homeless people struggle to find places to sit, sleep and pass time. Interviews with a dozen homeless and formerly homeless people illustrate the sorts of daily challenges people on the streets face. In this award-winning multimedia project, listen to the homeless and formerly homeless as they walk through their day and describe those challenges.
Rick Freeman  
Digital Copy Editor  
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Sadaf Syed
Photographer/Photo Editor
Recognized as a leading artist by The White House in 2010, Photojournalist, Sadaf Syed is a photo editor and an award winning photographer, she is best known for breaking down stereotypes as she educates and inspires her audience through the eyes of photography and the perspectives of her subjects.

-  photo  |  December 8, 2015
  Photo diary: Homs family finds a new home in Illinois
  Amid fierce US debate over accepting Syrian refugees, one family in a Chicago suburb is grateful to be here

-  features  |  October 13, 2015
  First transgender suicide hotline overcomes growing pains
  Until Trans Lifeline, there was no suicide and crisis counseling hotline specifically for transgender people

-  news  |  August 13, 2015
  Police killings of Latinos spark less outrage than when victims are black
  Analysis: Families of Latinos killed by police push for a Brown Lives Matter movement

-  news  |  August 14, 2014
  Calif. counties cope with released prisoners, many homeless
  Realignment of state corrections system shifts burden to county jails and probation departments

-  features  |  August 9, 2014
  In dry California, water goes to those who drill the deepest
  In one of the most regulated states in the nation, no laws apply to groundwater pumping, which means some people go dry
Timothy Bella
Digital Producer/Reporter, "America Tonight"

Timothy Bella is a senior digital producer and reporter for "America Tonight," writing and producing in-depth feature stories for the web. Before coming to Al Jazeera America, Bella was a digital producer for CBS News and a freelance features contributor for The Atlantic. He was the lead researcher for "The System," Armen Keteyian and Jeff Benedict's college football book, which made The New York Times' best-sellers list. His work has appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, ProPublica, Grantland, ESPN The Magazine, Men's Health, Salon and Texas Monthly. He received an M.S. as a Stabile investigative fellow at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism and a B.S. in journalism from TCU.

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  An annual competition gives empowerment new meaning

- multimedia  |  September 2, 2015
  **Voices of Baltimore: Life after Freddie Gray**
  Meet a few of the young black leaders in Baltimore who are trying to help the city heal and move on

- features  |  September 2, 2015
  **In Baltimore, 'You make it past 18, you're old'**
  As one of the bloodiest summers in Baltimore's history wraps up, what's next for Baltimore after Freddie Gray?
Tom Kutsch
News Editor
Tom Kutsch is a news editor and reporter at Al Jazeera America where he focuses on foreign affairs and political economy.

- news analysis  |  November 13, 2015
  Jihadi John' may be dead, his symbolism gone — but ISIL's potency remains
  ISIL's battlehood success more than one figure

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  Residents in ISIL's Syrian capital fear military conscription
  ISIL has reportedly ordered all males aged 15 and older to register their names and addresses with police in Raqqa

- news analysis  |  September 2, 2015
  Russia in pole position as US falls behind in race for Arctic resources
  Russia leads the way in scramble for Arctic resources

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- news analysis  |  April 10, 2015
  US says Houthis ‘obviously’ receive Iran support, but experts not so sure
  While Iran has expressed affinity for the Houthi rebels in Yemen, the actual level of support remains unclear
Tristan Ahtone
Reporter
Tristan Ahtone is an award winning journalist and member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. Born in Arizona, raised across the United States, and educated at the Institute of American Indian Arts and the Columbia School of Journalism, he has worked as a door-to-door salesman, delivery driver, telemarketer, and busboy. Since 2008, Tristan has reported for The Newshour with Jim Lehrer, National Native News, Frontline, Wyoming Public Radio, Vice, the Fronteras Desk, NPR, and Al Jazeera America. He serves as Treasurer for the Native American Journalists Association. He dislikes going to bed, getting up, and being left alone, as he tends to get into trouble. He lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

- features | December 15, 2015
  Navajo Nation's nutrition crisis
  In Part 1 of our America Left Behind series, Al Jazeera looks at a community where 1 in 3 are diabetic or at risk
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  Bringing up the bodies
  One woman's search for remains in the Bakken oil fields
  features | January 20, 2015
  Priestess dreams
  At 18, she's determined to make her way out
  features | April 27, 2014
  The Code for Farewell
  Edmond Andrew Harjo, Battery A, 195th Field Artillery Battalion, was a Native American code talker in WWII. He died in Oklahoma on March 31 after receiving a Silver Star for his participation in the Battle of the Bulge and, later, the Congressional Gold Medal. He was one of the last ties to the code talkers.
Vaughn Wallace is the deputy photo editor at Al Jazeera America, overseeing long-term features, projects and international commissions on the web. He was previously the staff producer of LightBox and an associate photo editor at TIME. Wallace has served on juries including the World Press Photo contest, PDN Photo Annual, Photolucida Critical Mass and other awards. He attends the Eddie Adams Workshop each year as a reviewer and regularly lectures at journalism schools around the US. Wallace is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, where he studied journalism and the rhetoric of historic and contemporary photography.

- features | October 31, 2015
  **Up close and personnel: Neither workers nor bosses, human resources professionals straddle two worlds**
  The neglected back-office world of HR

- features | September 6, 2015
  **A Los Angeles poet's revolution of everyday life**
  As gentrification sweeps the city, Sesshu Foster has quietly become the poet laureate of a vanishing neighborhood

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  Sea-Watch tries to save the migrants Europe ignores

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  After recruiters lured their sons, grieving parents take to the frontlines of anti-radicalism
Victoria Visgilio
Unit Manager (Director of People and Operations)
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  Optimism running on empty for African immigrants lured by oil dreams
  Immigrants in big cities rely on networks from home during a downturn, but community in Williston, N.D., still budding

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  Reporters losing war zone protection as fighters post propaganda online
  Journalists have become targets for kidnappings and killings like never before, AP chief said, calling for new war-crime law

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  The Homeless Way of Death: Frozen to the floor, no money for a funeral
  Harvey Dell Harmon Jr., homeless in Chicago, died of cold this winter. To family and friends, he was no John Doe

- features | November 19, 2014
  Aftermath of a shooting
  One Chicago family's experience in a city scarred by gun crime

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  Northern Ireland hears echo of itself in Israel Palestinian conflict
  Graffiti show how some affected by the Irish conflict see reflections of Northern Ireland in Gaza
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