

FIJ – SUPPORTING INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD

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## News from FIJ

- **The Sept. 24 deadline to apply for FIJ grants has passed (and we received 30 applications this round),** but it's not too late to apply for a diversity fellowship.  
That deadline is Monday, Oct. 1. FIJ will award up to four fellowships in partnership with Reveal from the Center for Investigative Reporting, InsideClimate News, and the Marshall Project.  
Details of this fellowship opportunity can be [found here](#).  
The next deadline for general grants is Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time. For instructions, visit [the FIJ website](#).
- **The Fund for Investigative Journalism is seeking a Director of Operations** to help fulfill its mission of supporting freelance and independent investigative journalists.  
The Director of Operations oversees all office operations and procedures to ensure organizational effectiveness and efficiency and reports directly to the Executive Director. The position is located in Washington DC.  
This is a part-time position (20 hours/week) and compensation includes contribution to a health insurance plan.  
The application deadline is Friday, Oct. 5, 2018. See [the announcement at the FIJ website](#) for a full description of the position and how to apply.

## Investigation Spotlights



*Illustration by Ruth Tam -WAMU*

- A months-long investigation by **WAMU** reporter **Patrick Madden** and a team of graduate students from American University showed that about 40% of gun possession cases in Washington, D.C. were dismissed, raising questions about police tactics.  
The investigation "[Collateral Damage](#)" focused on the impact of the Washington police department's aggressive focus on confiscating illegal guns. The series explored how police search tactics alienated residents, especially in the city's predominantly black neighborhoods where police focus these efforts.  
*– Project funding provided by the Nicholas B. Ottaway Foundation.*

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Photo of Deborah Lesco by Craig F. Walker/The Boston Globe

- As America’s population ages, the need for home care workers increases as well. FIJ and Schuster Institute Fellow **Linda Matchan** investigated this industry in Massachusetts for the **Boston Globe** and found both [a shortage of people](#) willing to work in these jobs, as well as [a lack of oversight](#) of those who take care of the state’s elderly and homebound.

The first story documents the abuse that patients suffer at the hands of criminal home care workers. The second follows a Ghanaian woman who is part of a coterie of foreign workers who help fill the gap in home health care needs.

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# EBONY

• In the September/October issue of **Ebony Magazine**, FIJ and Schuster Institute Fellow **Chandra Thomas Whitfield** takes an in-depth look at the troubling statistic that Black women are more likely than any other group of women in the country to be killed in domestic violence. She writes that while media reports tend to highlight crimes committed by strangers, research shows that [Black women are most likely to be harmed by those closest to them](#)—their partners and spouses.

– Project funding provided by the Ford Foundation.



People walk past towels for sale in San Juan Ostuncalco. Photo by Maria E. Martin

- Grant recipient **Maria E. Martin** has completed a bilingual web and radio project for multiple outlets that examines the effects of the Trump administration’s deportation policies on Guatemala.

Approximately 200,000 Guatemalans leave home for the U.S. each year. And while between 1.5 and 2 million Guatemalans live in the U.S., more than 50,000 are deported annually.

Martin told the stories of deported Guatemalans, both recent immigrants and longtime residents, in stories for [NBC](#) and [NPR](#). She also wrote stories on [women immigrants](#) and [deportation costs](#) for **Making Contact** and reported stories about [lost remittances](#), [dangers for immigrant women](#) and [serial deportees](#) for the Spanish-language radio network **Radio Bilingüe**.

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**Know someone who might be interested in an FIJ grant? Have them send an email to [fij@fij.org](mailto:fij@fij.org) and we will add them to our newsletter list!**

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