

Virtual Journalist Visits on Peace & Conflict

Thank you for your interest in a virtual visit on Peace & Conflict with a Pulitzer Center-supported journalist! Please review the following journalists, whose recent reporting focuses on the intersection of conflict with environmental issues OR with health issues.

Due to scheduling variability, we cannot guarantee that a specific speaker will be available to present to your class, but we will do our best to identify a speaker who can support the goals you share in the form.

Journalists Reporting at the Intersection of Climate & Environment and Peace & Conflict



Alexa Vélez Zuazo, general editor at Mongabay Latam, leads investigative reporting on how environmental degradation and organized crime collide in the Peruvian Amazon. Her team's yearlong project used artificial intelligence and satellite imagery to uncover dozens of clandestine airstrips carved into Indigenous territories to fuel the drug trade, revealing how deforestation, violence, and state fragility intertwine—turning one of the planet's most vital ecosystems into a frontline of environmental and human insecurity.



Ben Taub, a staff writer for *The New Yorker*, investigates how the escalating espionage and militarization along the Arctic border of Norway and Russia reflect a growing tension between peace and preparedness. His reporting uncovers how the scramble for control in a rapidly warming region—driven by strategic, environmental, and resource interests—illustrates the fragile balance between climate security and geopolitical rivalry.



<u>Emily Fishbein</u>, a freelance journalist covering Myanmar, investigates how the global transition away from fossil fuels is entangled with conflict and corruption through rare earth mining. Her reporting exposes how armed groups and powerful business networks profit from Myanmar's rare earth boom along the China border, deepening insecurity and violence while leaving local communities to bear the environmental, health, and social costs of a resource rush driven by global demand.





<u>Ibrahim Adeyemi</u>, an enterprise journalist and deputy investigations editor at *HumAngle*, reports on how climate change and conflict intertwine to fuel humanitarian crises and threaten peace across Africa. His multi-part series, *Merchants of Terror*, exposed how state taxes fund Nigeria's insurgent groups, while his reporting from Adamawa and Yobe reveals how desertification and drought are driving displacement, cross-border tensions, and a worsening cycle of violence and insecurity.



<u>Louie Palu</u>, a photographer and filmmaker, documents how Russia's war in Ukraine is reshaping geopolitics and security in the Arctic. His reporting reveals how shifting alliances and military mobilization in the Polar region intersect with climate change, exposing the Arctic as both a frontline of environmental transformation and a potential flashpoint for future conflict.



Qosim Suleiman, a development journalist with *Premium Times*, investigates how escalating insecurity is undermining Africa's fight against climate change. His reporting on the Great Green Wall project exposes how armed conflict and terrorism across the Sahel have crippled reforestation efforts meant to halt desertification, revealing how environmental degradation and violence reinforce one another in a cycle that threatens both livelihoods and regional stability.



Journalists Reporting at the Intersection of Global Health and Peace & Conflict



<u>Eli Cahan</u>, an award-winning investigative journalist, reported on how wars from Iraq to Ukraine have fueled the rise of drug-resistant "superbugs" like Iraqibacter, showing how conflict accelerates the spread of antimicrobial resistance and poses a mounting threat to global health security.



Martin Enserink, a deputy news editor at *Science* magazine, reported on how sweeping U.S. foreign aid cuts have crippled health programs in countries from Nepal to Guinea, endangering children's lives and fueling instability as fragile systems and international trust collapse.



Nick Schifrin, PBS NewsHour's foreign affairs correspondent, led a multi-part series on Russia's war in Ukraine, reporting on how the conflict's global ripple effects—from energy shocks to looming food crises—endanger economic stability, human security, and public health, revealing how warfare reshapes the foundations of peace and global order.



<u>Richard Stone</u>, senior international correspondent for *Science* magazine, explores how war and peace intersect through science and technology in Ukraine. His reporting reveals how the country's scientists are advancing drone warfare and battlefield medicine even as they confront a silent, parallel battle against drug-resistant infections—showing how conflict not only drives innovation but also deepens global health and security challenges.





<u>Ridwan Karim Dini-Osman</u>, a journalist based in Ghana, reported on how a meningitis outbreak in northern Ghana, worsened by scarce resources and shrinking foreign aid, threatens not only public health but also regional peace as disease, stigma, and weak systems strain already fragile societies.



<u>Sophie Neiman</u>, a freelance journalist covering politics, conflict, and human rights across East and Central Africa, reported on how the M23 insurgency in eastern Congo has displaced millions and revived echoes of past wars, while women—often the primary victims of violence—are also emerging as fighters, caregivers, and peacebuilders in their com