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I am an Associate Professor in George Washington University's School of Media and Public Affairs, and I've been asked to speak on the problem of how journalism educators can best take advantage of the IEPS international programs.

Because I am neither a journalist nor a journalism educator *per se* (our department is not an accredited school of journalism), I intend to focus on (a) the problems local news organizations are facing and why it is unrealistic to expect them to report on international issues, and (b) how educators in general can better take advantage of IEPS programs in order to train more globally aware graduates.

At George Washington University, I teach theory classes to beginning journalism students, and a graduate seminar on media in the developing world. In both I draw on my experiences as a former Fulbright professor and frequent visitor to Indonesia, East Timor, and Malaysia. The School of Media and Public Affairs has recently reoriented its M.A. program to give it a more international focus, and has also developed a second joint M.A. program with the Elliott School of International Affairs to create a degree program in "global communication." I'm happy to talk about those two programs.

With regard to international education in general, I am a two-time recipient of a traditional Fulbright "Senior Scholar" awards to Indonesia. I've also served a five-year term as a "Senior Specialist" in journalism and communication, and have had grants to Bangladesh and Indonesia. I am happy to talk about the value of Fulbright awards for journalism educators, and how they might be better promoted and utilized. (In the interest of full disclosure, I should point out that I am very disappointed that the Fulbright commission has decided to limit the number of grants an individual may receive to two over a lifetime. As a result of this new policy, at the age of 50 I am now permanently barred from ever applying for another Fulbright.)

Finally, my own life was changed indirectly by a Fulbright-Hayes Group Projects abroad program (a close friend went to Indonesia in 1988, and this is what got me started on an 20-year odyssey that ended up with my learning Indonesian and basically changing fields) and I am a great believer in their power. I am happy to talk about my own experiences and do my best to relate them to issues that might be of interest to the audience.