

# Charles M. Sennott

Charles M. Sennott is the co-founder of GlobalPost. He heads up The GroundTruth Project, a foundation-supported initiative that is dedicated to training the next generation of foreign correspondents in the digital age.

An award-winning foreign correspondent with 25 years of experience, Sennott has reported on the front lines of wars and insurgencies in at least 15 countries, including the 2011 revolution in Cairo and the Arab Spring. He was among the first journalists on the ground in Afghanistan in the aftermath of the September 11th and has continued reporting there throughout the last decade. He covered the war in Iraq from the invasion through the surge to the beginning of the drawdown of troops. Before joining GlobalPost, Sennott was a longtime foreign correspondent for The Boston Globe. He served as the Globe's Middle East Bureau Chief based in Jerusalem from 1997 to 2001 and as Europe Bureau Chief based in London from 2001 to 2005. He is the author of two books, "The Body and The Blood" and "Broken Covenant," and a co-author of a third.

In 2005, Sennott was awarded a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University. In the fall of 2006, he returned to the Globe newsroom as a Staff Writer for Special Projects where he did pioneering work in multimedia.

In April, 2008, he and CEO Philip Balboni launched GlobalPost, seeking to produce a new source of original international reporting for the digital age at a time of diminished foreign coverage by American media. Sennott built a stellar team of editors and more than 70 correspondents in 50 countries who since the site's launch in January 2009 have produced excellent daily coverage that has been widely recognized in the industry. The team has also gained a loyal and growing audience that in early 2011 exceeded three million unique visitors per month.

Throughout his career, Sennott has broken new ground in reporting across platforms in print, video, audio and where they all come together on the web. His reporting has won numerous journalism prizes including the prestigious Livingston Award for National Reporting and the Foreign Press Association's "Story of the Year," and he was named a finalist for the Goldsmith Prize for Investigative Reporting by Harvard University's Shorenstein Center. For the last two years, Sennott has served as a juror in the "International Reporting" category for the Pulitzer Prize. He also sits on the board of the Overseas Press Club Foundation.

Sennott has been a frequent analyst of the Middle East and religious extremism for the BBC, CNN, the PBS NewsHour and NPR. In February 2011, he reported on the revolution in Cairo for PBS FRONTLINE. Sennott is a sought-after public speaker who has given talks at the Council on Foreign Relations, the Salzburg Global Seminar and the Newseum. He has also delivered formal lectures at Harvard, Columbia, Dartmouth, University of Southern California, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Beijing University and Providence College where he delivered the commencement address and was awarded an honorary doctorate for his reporting on religion amid conflict.

He is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst (BA, History) and of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism (MS). He lives with his wife and four sons in Harvard, Massachusetts.