

Alina Cho
National Correspondent, CNN

Alina Cho is a national correspondent for CNN as well as a contributor to American Morning on CNN/U.S. Cho joined the network in February 2004.

In one of her most recent assignments, Cho returned to communist North Korea in October 2010, as one of only a handful of journalists invited to report from inside this secretive nation. Cho covered the historic unveiling of North Korea's next leader, Kim Jong-un. She last visited the country in 2008 as part of the official press delegation traveling with the New York Philharmonic for the orchestra's groundbreaking concert in Pyongyang. She also provided a personal look at the division of North and South Korea through the eyes of her parents, who are survivors of the Korean War.

In addition, Cho is the host of "Big Stars, Big Giving," an annual one-hour special devoted to the charitable work of celebrities including Madonna, Elton John, Justin Bieber, Nicole Kidman and Halle Berry. She also covered the historic election of President Barack Obama. Cho was live from Chicago's Grant Park, where Mr. Obama gave his acceptance speech.

Cho was part of the Peabody and Emmy award-winning CNN team that covered the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina from New Orleans.

Before joining CNN, Cho was an anchor and correspondent for ABC News. During her tenure with ABC News, Cho was a regular substitute anchor for World News Now and World News This Morning. She also served as the network's online correspondent for ABC News Live and as a correspondent for NewsOne, the network's affiliate news service. Cho reported from the United Nations during the months prior to the war in Iraq and covered the sniper attacks near Washington, D.C., in 2002.

Before joining ABC News, Cho was an anchor with CNBC where she covered a variety of national and international stories including leading the network's coverage of the September 11th terrorist attacks. Prior to joining CNBC, she held several posts with the ABC affiliate WFTS in Tampa, Fla., including morning and weekend anchor and reporter. During her tenure with the affiliate, she earned a regional Emmy award for her reporting on the 1996 St. Petersburg riots. Before joining WFTS, she was with Chicagoland Television where she worked as a reporter for the news network.

In May 2010, Cho received an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters from Old Dominion University for her contributions to journalism. Cho earned a master's degree in journalism from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University and an undergraduate degree in communications from Boston College.