

Richard Gingras

Richard Gingras is global Vice President, News at Google. In that role Gingras guides Google's strategy in how it surfaces news on Google search, Google News, and its smart devices. He also oversees Google's effort to enable a healthy, open ecosystem for quality journalism.

For more than forty-years, Gingras has led highly regarded efforts in the development of online services and new media. He also serves on the boards of the **First Amendment Coalition**, the **International Center for Journalists**, the **International Consortium of Investigative Journalists**, **UC Berkeley School of Journalism**, the **James W. Foley Legacy Foundation** (advocacy for hostages, particularly journalists), and the **Manship School of Communications at LSU**.

From March 2009 to June 2011, he was CEO of **Salon Media Group** which operated the acclaimed Salon.com and the pioneering virtual community **The Well**. Gingras assembled Salon's initial seed financing in 1995. Salon featured the work of many acclaimed journalists including Pulitzer Prize winner Glenn Greenwald.

Gingras was a strategic advisor to the senior team at **Google** (2007-2009), strategic advisor to **Storify** (sold to LiveFyre), founder and CEO of **Goodmail Systems**, a founding VP of pioneering broadband provider **@Home Network** and SVP and General Manager of **Excite@Home** (1996-2001), led the design and development of **Apple's** online service eWorld (1993-1996), and was founder and CEO of **MediaWorks** (1987-1992), an early developer of news-agenting technology. He is also a strategic advisor and seed funder of numerous startups.

In 1979, Gingras created the first interactive online news magazine - done in partnership with **CBS**, **NBC**, and **PBS** using interactive television technology known as broadcast teletext. In the fall of 2012, he was recognized with the **Manship Prize** for contributions to the evolution of digital media.