

Prominent PBS journalist Gwen Ifill dies

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Gwen Ifill, one of the nation's most prominent African-American journalists, has died after several months of cancer treatment, PBS confirmed Monday.

Ifill, 61, was moderator and managing editor of "Washington Week" and co-anchor and managing editor of the "PBS NewsHour." In 2009, she also wrote a political book President Obama, *The Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama*.

"It is with extreme sadness that we share the news that Gwen Ifill passed away earlier today surrounded by family and friends," according to a statement from Paula Kerger, PBS' CEO. "Gwen was one of America's leading lights in journalism and a fundamental reason public media is considered a trusted window on the world by audiences across the nation."

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