

## Columbia Journalism School E-News

-- March 4, 2009 --

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### UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

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#### ALUMNI WEEKEND 2009 ON APRIL 24-25!

Return to the Journalism School to reconnect with your classmates and alumni from all classes, rediscover the school and relive your student days once more. J-School professors will teach courses ranging from developing book proposals to new media workshops and the case study method. Over 35 alumni authors will participate in the Book Fair, and the weekend also includes the alumni awards reception in Low, lunches and class socials. For those of you no longer living in the New York area, Alumni Weekend affords you the chance to reacquaint yourself with the great city that once served as your journalism laboratory.

For the full schedule and to register (and see a list of who's already registered), go to: [www.jrn.columbia.edu/alumni/weekend2009](http://www.jrn.columbia.edu/alumni/weekend2009)

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NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE ALUMNI OFFICE: [jalumni@columbia.edu](mailto:jalumni@columbia.edu)

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#### ALUMNI EVENTS

Bergen/Passaic/Rockland, March 4: Tech Tools & Tips with Sree Sreenivasan

New York City, March 10: "The Future of Newspapers"

NEW YORK CITY, April 10: Founder's Day, a celebration of Joseph Pulitzer

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2009, April 24-25

For more information and to register, go to: [www.journalism.columbia.edu/alumni](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/alumni)

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#### PANEL DISCUSSION: THE FUTURE OF NEWSPAPERS

March 10, 2009

7:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall (3rd floor, Journalism School)

Alumni are invited to attend a panel discussion on the newspaper industry, moderated by Professor James B. Stewart with Steve Swartz, president of Hearst Newspapers, and Norman Pearlstine, chief content officer Bloomberg, L.P. For more information and to register:

[https://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/COU/events/event\\_order.cgi?mode=em&tml=events&event=2219005&admin\\_id=9001121|jnadmin](https://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/COU/events/event_order.cgi?mode=em&tml=events&event=2219005&admin_id=9001121|jnadmin)

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### ANNUAL FUND FOR SCHOLARSHIP AID

Over 877 alumni have already shown their support of the Journalism School this year and contributed a total of \$419,000 to the Alumni Annual Fund. However, our totals are not where they were at this time last year. The economy has taken its toll, but future J-School students need you now more than ever. All donations to the Alumni Annual Fund go directly to scholarship aid. Many donors are forced to give less than they normally would, so increased participation from alumni is more important this year than ever before. We are confident we will reach our goals of \$665,000 and 1,500 donors, but we can't do it without your help! Every dollar counts; please consider making your gift today.

We are actively recruiting alumni to participate in our Class Campaign Agent program in 2010. If you are interested in learning more about the program, please contact Sharon Meiri Fox (212-854-5263 or [sm2849@columbia.edu](mailto:sm2849@columbia.edu)). Thank you!

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### FEATURED NEWS

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#### French Finance Minister Visits Journalism School

Pulitzer Prize-winner James B. Stewart, Bloomberg professor of business journalism, interviewed Christine Lagarde, finance minister of France, about the global financial crisis on Feb. 20. To listen:  
[http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/cs/ContentServer/jrn/1165270052298/JRN\\_News\\_C/1212610759870/JRNNewsDetail.htm#](http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/cs/ContentServer/jrn/1165270052298/JRN_News_C/1212610759870/JRNNewsDetail.htm#)

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## Students Awarded Top Prizes by Foreign Press Association

Andres Bermudez Lievano '09 won first prize (\$10,000) and Simon Akam '09 won second prize (\$7,500) in this year's Foreign Press Association competition.

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## Job Hunting Tips

The J-School Career Services Office has compiled a list of online resources where you can find guides and advice about how to get back into the work force, re-tool your career and shift directions, or keep your current journalism jobs.

<http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/tips>

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## EVENTS OF INTEREST

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10 NEW Tech Things to Try Today: Improve Your Online Life with Professor Sree Sreenivasan

Monday, March 16: 6:30 p.m. Reception; 7:00 p.m. Lecture

Columbia University Club of New York, 15 West 43rd Street

Tough time keeping up with technology changes? Worried that there's some cool tech tip or site that you don't know about? Then this fun, fast-paced seminar aimed at folks of all levels of computer knowledge is for you. There is no cost to attend. However, because of limited seating, it is necessary to register in advance. Your registration will be confirmed. Please contact Kimberly Pierce at the Columbia Club Office at 212-719-0380 or [events@columbiaclub.org](mailto:events@columbiaclub.org) by March 12th.

Note: Members and guests are requested to comply with the Club's business casual dress code which includes no jeans, denim or athletic wear.

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## 2009 Delacorte Lectures on Magazine Journalism

Alumni are invited to the Delacorte Lectures, which examine various aspects of magazine journalism, presented in the spring semester each week by a leader in the field of magazine publishing. All lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. in the school's Lecture Hall. The lectures are open to the public. This schedule is subject to change.

Mar 5 - J.C. Soares, art director

Mar 12 - Daniel Peres, editor-in-chief Details

Mar 26 - Stephen Murphy, president & CEO, Rodale Press

Apr 2 - Steve Adler, editor-in-chief, BusinessWeek

Apr 16 - Kate White, editor-in-chief, Cosmopolitan

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#### J-School Career Expo on March 28

Come support the graduates of 2009 and attend our annual Career Expo on Sat., March 28 at Roone Arledge Auditorium, New York City. Our graduates are solid reporters and writers with grounding in basic to advanced online media skills. If you're interested in recruiting students for jobs or internships in your newsrooms, please join us. Registration opens in January. Read about it here.

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#### duPont Diversity Workshop for Television and Radio Reporters & Producers

Deadline: March 9, 2009

The first duPont Diversity Workshop will be held at Columbia Journalism School on Friday and Saturday, March 27-28, 2009. Past duPont winners will discuss how to break away from stereotypes as they discuss their outstanding reporting on the changing demographic landscape. There is no charge to attend this workshop. Here's how to apply:

<http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/dupontworkshop>

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#### JobNews Extra!

Looking for tips on training, major media events and other extras that might be useful as you search for jobs? Bookmark the address for JobNews Extra!, compiled by Career Services as a supplement to the JobNews job listings database for alumni and students. JobNews Extra contains information on online media training programs, teleseminars on retooling your career, Columbia University Career Education workshops open to all, speaker events, freelance opportunities, fellowships and more. This "graduates only"

online site is password-protected and replaces the weekly emails that were previously sent from Career Services. JobNews continues to be our focal point for employment listings and is updated daily.

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ALUMNI CAREER DEVELOPMENT TELE-SEMINAR SERIES

\*\*\*Build Your Unique Brand Identity\*\*\*

Monday, March 23, 7-8 PM (ET)

Speaker: Laura Allen, co-founder of 15 Second Pitch™, [www.15SecondPitch.com](http://www.15SecondPitch.com)

YOU are the most important asset you've got. Don't be shy about letting people know what makes you a remarkable job candidate or loyal employee ready for a BIG promotion. But how do you build your own unique and professional brand while still remaining honest and authentic? Laura Allen, co-founder of 15SecondPitch.com has over 15 years of marketing, branding, promotions and online experience. She'll give you the Seven Steps you need to know to Build your Brand Identify Platform. (B.I.P) Whether you are a job seeker, employee or entrepreneur, branding yourself effectively will help you achieve the highest levels of success.

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=29824>

ALUMNI CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS (NYC)

\*\*\*Job Search Techniques for Alumni: How to Make Yourself Stand Out in the Crowd\*\*\*

Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Center for Career Education, East Campus, Lower Level Conference Room

Is it time to begin looking for a new job? In this small-group workshop, which is appropriate for alumni of all ages, participants will learn how to jump-start their job search with a dynamic resume and powerful cover letter that will increase one's chances of landing interviews. Various methods of looking for jobs, including utilizing effective networking techniques, will be discussed.

Fee for this workshop is \$30 for materials and food. Cancellations must be made at least 48 hours in advance in order to receive a refund.

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=29830>

\*\*\*Finding Balance: Career Options for Current and Future Parents\*\*\*

Tuesday, March 31, 6:00-9:00pm

How does one balance parenting with employment? This workshop allows parents to explore various career options and work arrangements that are more conducive to raising children. Participants evaluate their life and career values, goals, priorities, skills and interests through insightful discussions, exercises, and assessment tools. These results are then applied to the working world and family-friendly employment possibilities.

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=29312>

#### OTHER Career Education EVENTS

2009 Non-For-Profit and Public Service Career Fair

Friday, March 6, 11:00 AM – 4:00PM

Alfred Lerner Hall, Columbia University

[www.cce.columbia.edu/nfp](http://www.cce.columbia.edu/nfp)

\*\*\*If you would like to receive monthly email updates on CCE's Alumni Career Development Events, please let us know by sending an email to [es2756@columbia.edu](mailto:es2756@columbia.edu)\*\*\*

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Persuasion: Influencing Without Authority  
Presented by Columbia Business School Executive Education

March 23 - 25, 2009  
Columbia University Campus, New York, NY

At a time when leadership requires less emphasis on giving orders and more of a focus on building consensus, personal persuasiveness and the ability to negotiate effectively have become critical skills for success.

University alumni and up to four colleagues can receive a 25 percent tuition benefit on any program six days or less within calendar year 2009.

For more program information, [click here](#).

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Leadership Essentials  
Presented by Columbia Business School Executive Education

March 26 - 27, 2009  
Columbia University Campus, New York, NY

Great leaders make the people they work with better. They inspire and motivate others to new heights, and they also enhance others' capabilities to deal with the challenges that they face at work.

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The Nieman Conference on Narrative Journalism

March 20-22, 2009

Register today for the 2009 Nieman Conference on Narrative Journalism in Boston. This year's event, "Telling True Stories in Turbulent Times," will bring more than 50 award-winning narrative practitioners together with hundreds of midcareer journalists to celebrate the art of storytelling in every format and every medium. Join us to learn new skills, interact with experts, share ideas with peers, and expand your horizons. Complete information, including speaker bios, an online registration form, and conference schedule, is available online at

[www.nieman.harvard.edu/narrative2009/](http://www.nieman.harvard.edu/narrative2009/).

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Colin MacKinnon '65 brought out a novel, "Morning Spy, Evening Spy" (St. Martin's Press), in 2006. His third novel, "The Contractor" (St. Martin's Press) was published last month.

Robert Papper '70 is the Lawrence Stessin Distinguished Professor in Journalism at Hofstra University (N.Y.).

Richard M. Smith '70, chairman of Newsweek, has been chosen to receive a 2009 Columbia University Alumni Medal. President Bollinger will present the medalists at the Commencement Exercises on May 20, 2009. They will also be recognized on Nov. 7

at a dinner in their honor at Low Library during the Annual Worldwide CAA Alumni Leaders Assembly.

Vincent Coppola '77 has written "The Sicilian Judge: Anthony Alaimo, An American Hero" (Mercer University Press), which takes readers inside the incandescent life and tumultuous times of Judge Anthony Alaimo, WWII bomber pilot, POW and indomitable escape artist, whose fidelity to the law is equaled by his compassion and outrage at injustice. Coppola is the author of "Uneasy Warriors: The Perilous Journey of the Green Berets" and "Dragons of God: A Journey Through Far-Right America". Coppola served as a visiting instructor in journalism and creative writing at Emory University. He lives in Atlanta.

Will Joyner '79 resigned his longtime position as Harvard Divinity School's executive director of communications and editor of Harvard Divinity Bulletin in the fall of 2008 and is currently working on a couple of books.

Wayne Dawkins '80 wrote 12 entries in the new "Encyclopedia of African American History from 1896 to the Present (Oxford University Press). Dawkins is author of two books about the National Association of Black Journalists. Dawkins is an assistant professor at Hampton University (Va.).

Bruno Silvestre '81 is the international press advisor to Christine Legarde, the French Minister of Finance.

Barbara Kantrowitz '83 is joining the Hechinger Institute on Education and the Media at Teachers College, Columbia University, as an editor. Kantrowitz, an award-winning writer, contributing editor and web columnist for Newsweek, worked for the newsweekly for two decades, producing dozens of cover stories on education, health and social issues. She was also managing editor of the Newsweek Kaplan College Guide and co-created the magazine's annual list of America's best high schools with Jay Mathews of the Washington Post. Previously, she worked for newspapers including the New York Times, Newsday, the Hartford Courant and the Philadelphia Inquirer, as well as for People magazine.

Kimi Puntillo '84 has written "Great Races, Incredible Places" (Bantam Dell, March 2009), which details her exotic, eclectic and even comical runs on every continent in the world (even Antarctica). Her pastime of combining travel and adventure with a passion for running landed Puntillo in the Guinness Book of World Records. Running and reporting on adventure marathons has become Puntillo's expertise with stories published in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Forbes, and other media.

Scott James '85 is offering to help alumni authors who tour in the San Francisco area to get attention for their books. James is the editor of the SF Bay Area Literary Arts Newsletter, a weekly online and subscription publication that highlights author events. Using a calendar format and bloggy comments, the publication launched in 2005 and now has thousands of readers. James is known in the Bay Area literary scene by the pen name

Kemble Scott, author of the bestselling novel "SoMa." KQED radio, SF Weekly and The Lonely Planet Guide to San Francisco have all recently praised the publication, and James reports a growing correlation between an author feature in the newsletter and hitting the local bestsellers list. Alumni planning to tour the Bay Area can contact James at [editor@somalit.com](mailto:editor@somalit.com). To see the latest edition go to [www.kemblescott.com/newsletter](http://www.kemblescott.com/newsletter). Subscriptions and listings are all completely free of charge.

Jodie Sinclair '85 has written "Capital Punishment: An Indictment by a Death-Row Survivor," which she coauthored with her husband, Billy Wayne Sinclair. The book has a foreword by Sister Helen Prejean, who calls the book "a searing condemnation and a powerful guide to the futility and arrogance of the death penalty carried out in the name of justice." Billy Wayne Sinclair was 21-years-old when he was sentenced to death for a botched convenience store holdup and spent 40 years in the Louisiana prison system. The authors examine the death penalty in great detail, from ancient history to the latest U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

Michelle Levander '87 is program director of the California Endowment Health Journalism Fellowships at the Annenberg School for Communications at the University of Southern California ([www.reportingonhealth.com](http://www.reportingonhealth.com)).

Mira Lowe '88 is assistant managing editor of Ebony magazine. Lowe has worked for a variety of publications. In addition to her work with Ebony, she is currently the managing editor of Jet magazine, and she is the co-author of "Heart and Soul: A Marriage of Love, Faith and Journalism."

Patricia Gras '90 is senior host and producer at Houston PBS (Channel 8). She hosts the television magazine show "Living Smart with Patricia Gras" which airs on 113 PBS channels across the nation. On Feb. 20, Houston PBS launches "Latina Voices: Smart Talk", an English language, half hour television and internet streamed show with a Latina Perspective.

Maya Vidon-White '90 has worked for 12 years as a photographer and photo editor for the French news agency Agence France-Presse (AFP). She has been based in various regions of the world, including Hong Kong, Jakarta and Jerusalem. In 2002, she was awarded a John Knight fellowship for mid-career journalists and spent the academic year at Stanford University. She rejoined AFP in the Middle East for a year before settling in her native Paris. She is now a freelancer.

Lem Lloyd '91 was featured in a New York Times article on newspapers partnering with Yahoo to sell advertising. Lloyd is Yahoo vice president for the newspaper consortium.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/02/28/technology/internet/28yahoo.html?scp=1&sq=lem%20lloyd&st=cse>

Suzanne Malveaux '91, CNN White House correspondent, will join Columbia student panelists for a discussion on leadership moderated by Columbia's President Lee C. Bollinger on March 5 as part of the World Leaders Forum events.

Neeraj Khemlani '93, Yahoo's general manager and executive editor of news, will join the Hearst Corp. in New York as V.P. and Special Assistant to the CEO for Digital Media at Hearst.

Peter W. Klein '93 produced and directed the documentary "Beyond Top Secret" on the History Channel, which has been nominated for two Emmy Awards, for "Outstanding Research" and "Outstanding Editing." Peter is writing a book about the war on terror. His piece on a profile of Basra as it changed after the British pullout was recently on "60 Minutes."

Tom Rinaldi '93 is with ESPN in New York and contributes to "SportsCenter", "Outside the Lines", "College GameDay" and "NFL Countdown".

Solly Granatstein '94 has won the George Polk Award for Television Reporting with CBS News "60 Minutes" colleagues, correspondent and Emmy Award-winner Scott Pelley and co-producer Nicole Young, for "The Wasteland." In this segment, the trio divulged how some American companies that are paid to recycle electronic waste have instead dumped it in China, which has led to environmental despoliation and severe health risks. After the "60 Minutes" crew tracked a Denver recycling company's shipment to southern China, the firm lost its contract and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began investigating dozens of other suspect recycling businesses.

Katherine Cole '96 is the wine columnist for the FOODday section of the Oregonian newspaper and serves as a Field Editor for Southwest Airlines' Spirit magazine. She also writes for other publications, such as Cooking Light. She has studied with the International Sommelier Guild and taught journalism courses at Portland State University.

Celia Carey '97 will write a new wine column for the Sonoma Valley Sun starting March 6 as well as helping Three House MultiMedia with a few film projects. Carey produces, directs and writes documentaries for National Geographic, Discovery, PBS, and the BBC. She has won nine Emmy Awards; a Golden Gate Award, San Francisco Int'l Film Festival; a Cine Golden Eagle Special Jury Award, best arts film nationwide; and a major grant from the NEA. Her work assignments have included scaling a 19,000 foot Andean peak, helping unearth sacrificed Incan children, and living in a Styrofoam Arctic igloo for six weeks.

Nigel Jaquiss '97, the Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter at the Willamette Week (Portland, Ore.), broke the scandal of the mayor's relationship with a teenage legislative intern and Newsweek magazine featured a story on how the small Portland weekly scooped a nationally acclaimed daily newspaper (<http://www.newsweek.com/id/183028>).

Lori L. Tharps '97 is a freelance journalist, author, editor, teacher and mother of two sons. Before striking out as a freelance writer, Tharps was a staff reporter at Vibe magazine and then a correspondent for Entertainment Weekly. She has written for Ms., Savoy, Suede, Bitch, Odyssey Couleur and Essence magazines.

Dina Weinstein '97 recently moved to Miami, Florida as her husband, Isaac Skromne who is also a Columbian, joined the biology faculty at the University of Miami, Coral Gables. They are living in the dormitories at UM as a resident faculty family with their two boys, Benjamin, 7 & Yehuda, 5. Dina is writing for South Florida Parenting magazine and the Miami New Times weekly newspaper. You can contact Dina at (786) 246-0644 or dina\_w@hotmail.com

Christina Valhouli '98 and husband John Vipond welcomed baby John Atticus Vipond on Nov 1, 2008. He was born at home (which was not planned!) and delivered by Christina's husband. She is currently on maternity leave from her position as a Travel Editor at Rough Guides in London.

Elena Cabral '99 is the editor of the Columbia Journalist ([www.columbiajournalist.org](http://www.columbiajournalist.org)), the online student publication of the school, and the interim director of the part-time program. Cabral has taught RW1 to part-timers for the past several summers, and is herself a graduate of the part-time program. Cabral is a former staff writer for the Miami Herald and a freelance writer whose work has appeared in Marie Claire, Commonweal, VIBE and PODER.

Anna Kuchment '99 is a senior public affairs officer covering the sciences, engineering and related fields for Columbia University's Public Affairs Office. Kuchment has served for the past 14 years as a staff writer, foreign correspondent and editor at Newsweek and is the author of the forthcoming book, "The Forgotten Cure" (2010), about three American biotech start-up firms racing to win FDA approval of a promising alternative to antibiotics developed in the Soviet Union in the early 20th century.

Jeffrey Whelan '99 is the Research Director for New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine's re-election campaign. Whelan is a former Star-Ledger reporter who was part of the team that won the Pulitzer Prize for their coverage of Governor James E. McGreevey's resignation.

Shayla Harris '00, a video journalist with the New York Times, accompanied the fall 2008 International Reporting Project (IRP) Gatekeeper Editors who met with Turkish leaders in a wide range of fields. She produced new video stories on Turkey that examine the conflict between religion and secularism, health in poor areas of eastern Turkey and the views of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Islam, Iraq, the United

States and domestic Turkish issues. Watch Harris' video stories from the 2008 IRP Gatekeeper Editors trip to Turkey

Alicia Zuckerman '00 has launched a new series of one-hour radio specials called "Under the Sun" on the Miami-based NPR affiliate, WLRN. She is the program's co-creator, co-host, and co-producer. Under the Sun tells the stories of South Florida, from the Palm Beaches down the Keys, an extraordinarily colorful and complex part of the country. The program is online at [www.wlrnunderthesun.org](http://www.wlrnunderthesun.org), and available as a podcast on iTunes. She is also producing Jazz Roots on WLRN, a series of conversations with renowned musicians such as Dave Brubeck, Patti Austin, Chick Corea, and Sonny Rollins, hosted by music producer Larry Rosen. In 2008, she won a first place SPJ Sunshine State Award for "Cuba: the Developing Story", a public affairs special on WLRN. She's keeping her print chops up writing about the arts for the Miami Herald.

Jay Newton-Small '01 is the congressional correspondent for TIME. Born in New York, she spent time growing up in Asia, Australia and Europe following her vagabond United Nations parents. Newton-Small previously covered politics for Bloomberg News.

Ryan Teague Beckwith '02 is managing the Under the Dome blog for the Raleigh News & Observer from Washington, D.C.

Mariana van Zeller '02 spoke about her documentary "Chinatown, Africa" on Worldfocus' online radio show, which was produced by Lisa Biagiotti '08. Both the radio show on "China in Africa" and the Vanguard documentary can be viewed at: <http://worldfocus.org/blog/2009/02/17/tune-in-online-radio-show-on-chinas-role-in-africa/4089/>

David Epstein '04 co-wrote the Sports Illustrated article revealing that Alex Rodriguez tested positive for two anabolic steroids in 2003.

Alexander Haislip '04 is a senior editor with Venture Capital Journal and Private Equity Week. He previously covered technology investing at Red Herring magazine, and has won awards from the Institute for Humane Studies, the New York Financial Writers Association and the National Press Foundation.

Abeer Allam '05 has been appointed as the first Saudi Arabia-based correspondent for Financial Times. Allam has previously worked as reporter for Bloomberg News and the New York Times in the Middle East and New York City.

Valencia Grant '05 is the new creative director at SKNVibes, the largest online multimedia organization for St. Kitts & Nevis. Grant brings over 13 years of managerial experience to the company in marketing and public relations. During a stint at the government-run information agency SKNIS, Grant also penned speeches for Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas.

Brian Costa '06 has been hired by The Star-Ledger, where he will be the New York Mets beat writer. He had been working as a sports reporter and copy editor at The Miami Herald.

Jeneen Interlandi '06 is the recipient of a Kaiser Mini-Fellowship in Global Health Reporting for 2009. Fellows research and report on global health issues, with a particular focus on issues related to HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria. Interlandi, a health and science reporter for Newsweek magazine, will research the battle against the multi-drug resistant tuberculosis epidemic in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Dani McClain '06, the first Phyl Garland/Black Alumni Network scholar, joined the online advocacy group ColorOfChange.org, based in Oakland, Calif., at the end of 2008. She was previously a reporter with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Ibby Caputo '07 wrote a piece, "Confronting Life or Death at A Young Age", for the Washington Post describing her experience using a chemotherapy tree to treat acute myelogenous leukemia

(<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/02/23/AR2009022301967.html>).

Matt Kozar '07 is the subject of the cover story for Media General's news magazine - "MG News" - for his work as a digital journalist. He is a night-side reporter and substitute anchor at WJTV, a CBS affiliate in Jackson, MS. He was previously a Delaware bureau reporter for WBOC, a CBS affiliate in Salisbury, MD

Sam Stein '07 with the Huffington Post was featured in a Time magazine article on President Obama's first official press conference

(<http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1878625,00.html>).

Lisa Biagiotti '08 produced the Worldfocus online radio show that featured Mariana van Zeller '02 speaking about her documentary "Chinatown, Africa". Both the radio show on "China in Africa" and the Vanguard documentary can be viewed at: <http://worldfocus.org/blog/2009/02/17/tune-in-online-radio-show-on-chinas-role-in-africa/4089/>

David Cohn '08 is the founder of Spot.us, a Web site that allows the public to propose stories and pay for journalists to do investigations "on important and perhaps overlooked stories." He was featured in a story in the Los Angeles Times. Cohn was the winner of a \$340,000 innovation grant from the Knight Foundation.

Renee Feltz '08 and Stokely Baksh '08 worked on the Journalism School's first new media investigative masters project, "BusinessofDetention.com," which has been selected as a 2009 Web Awards Finalist in the "Student" category at the South by Southwest Web Awards. The site will also compete for a People's Choice Award (the online public's

favorite finalist), so please check back to their site or <http://sxsw.com/peoples-choice> to vote for them when polls open. Winners are announced March 15, 2009.

Madeline Lewis '08 was named special assistant for constituent services by U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen. Staff members will work in offices across the state and will lead outreach efforts and constituent services to state residents.

Andy Martino '08 has just been tapped to be the Philadelphia Inquirer's beat reporter for the World Champion Philadelphia Phillies.

Adam Weinstein '08 is a contractor and has been working for the U.S.-led Multi-National Corps in Iraq, based in Baghdad, since mid-November. Until he returns to Manhattan in November 2009, he will be assisting the military public affairs office in reporting progress on Iraq sovereignty; training media; handling pan-Arab and U.S. media relations; and layout and editing of print products. He was with the Wall Street Journal until it dissolved its copy desk.

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William J. Jordan '48 a former diplomatic correspondent of the New York Times who became a diplomat himself, serving as the United States ambassador to Panama and writing a highly regarded memoir of his involvement in the Panama Canal treaty negotiations of the 1970s, died on Feb. 20 in New Bedford, Mass. He was 85 and had recently lived in North Dartmouth, Mass. The cause was lung cancer, said his son, Temple Jordan. "Panama Odyssey," Jordan's book about the delicate treaty negotiations, was published in 1984 by the University of Texas Press. Jordan was also involved in early United States policy toward Vietnam, urging moderation, and was part of the United States delegation to the Paris peace talks of the late 1960s, which led to a halt in the bombing of North Vietnam. Jordan worked as a reporter for The New York Herald Tribune, The Associated Press, and the New York Times, stationed in Korea, Japan and Moscow and Washington, D.C. He was a member of the team that received the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting in 1958. In 1961 he joined the State Department and later became a special assistant to W. Averell Harriman, then under secretary of state for political affairs, deputy assistant secretary of state for public affairs and an assistant to Walt W. Rostow, President Lyndon B. Johnson's national security adviser. He assisted former President Johnson with his memoir, "The Vantage Point" (Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1971). Jordan rejoined the National Security Council in 1972 as a Latin America expert. In the late 1970s and afterward, he was a scholar in residence at the Lyndon B. Johnson library in Austin, Tex. He is survived by his second wife, Mildred Xiarhos Jordan, whom he married in 1972; three children from his first marriage, his son, Temple, and two daughters, Eleanor Haller-Jordan and Telva Jordan; and six grandchildren.

Christopher M. Lanzillotti '00 died at home in Manhattan on Feb. 26. Lanzillotti graduated from Hofstra University; the U.S. Army's Defense Information School in Indianapolis as a specialist in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve; and the Journalism School. Christopher was a New York Sun columnist, independent film producer & a New York Republican County Associate District Leader. He is survived by his mother, Carol Lanzillotti, and brothers Carlos and Daniel and sister Denyse. A memorial service will be held on a date to be determined at the Edward D. Lynch Funeral Home, 43-07 Queens Blvd., Sunnyside, N.Y.

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FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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2009 Paul B. Tobenkin Award for Racial and Religious Injustices

Deadline: March 13

The Paul B. Memorial Tobenkin Award was established at the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism in 1959 - during the heart of the civil rights movement – to honor the late New York Herald reporter’s work and recognize outstanding achievements in reporting on racial or religious hatred, intolerance or discrimination in the United States. It is the highest award the Journalism School bestows on the coverage of race, bigotry and discrimination. The award carries a \$1,500 gift and a plaque. The work should be ground-breaking; focusing on original reporting that uncovers a hate crime, and religious, racial or ethnic intolerance. The entries can take the form of a portfolio of work, a project or a series and should be accompanied by an electronic version that can be downloaded for distribution to students. A website link should also be included. The winner will be notified by April 10. The award will be given in early May during a luncheon ceremony and lecture before students and faculty who are studying how to report on race, ethnicity, immigration and religion. Two copies of the story must be sent to Associate Dean Arlene Morgan, Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, 2950 Broadway, MC 3800, New York, NY 10027, am494@columbia.edu, T: 212-854-5377

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John Chancellor Award

Deadline: April 3

The John Chancellor Award recognizes and rewards a journalist whose reporting over time shows courage, integrity, curiosity and intelligence and epitomizes the role of journalism in a free society. Administered by the Columbia University Journalism School, the award honors the legacy of John Chancellor, the pioneering television

correspondent and longtime anchor for NBC News. For more information and nomination forms, go to:

<http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/cs/ContentServer/jrn/1175374028305/page/1175374018451/simplepage.htm>

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#### Fellowships for Specialized Reporting Institute on Financial Crime

Deadline: March 9

Twenty prestigious journalism fellowships will be awarded to working journalists to attend the two-day conference "How Do They Get Away With It? Tracking Financial Crimes in a New Era" on April 1 - 2, 2009 at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. Fellows from outside the New York area will be awarded an all expense-paid trip to NYC for three days. In lieu of travel expenses, New York-region journalists will receive a \$500 stipend. Meals and local travel will be provided for all Fellows for the duration of the event. For more information: [www.jjay.cuny.edu/cmcyj/journalismfellowship.asp](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/cmcyj/journalismfellowship.asp) Questions? Please contact Deputy Director Cara Tabachnick at 212.484.1175 or via e-mail at: [ctabachnick@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:ctabachnick@jjay.cuny.edu)

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#### Health Care Journalism Awards for Print Journalism

Deadline: March 13, 2009

The National Institute for Health Care Management Research and Educational Foundation (NIHCM) offers journalism awards in two categories: general circulation/trade publications and television/radio. Print Journalism Awards recognize reporting and writing on health care policy, financing and delivery. Radio and Television Journalism Award recognizes excellence in reporting on health care issues and policy. All three awards include a \$10,000 prize. "To Iraq and Back: Bob Woodruff Reports" by The Documentary Group/ABC News won our inaugural Television and Radio Journalism Award last year. Additional information is also available at [www.nihcm.org/awards](http://www.nihcm.org/awards)

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#### The Molly Award

Deadline: March 15, 2009

The Texas Observer and the Texas Democracy Foundation announce a call for submissions for the third annual MOLLY, a national journalism prize honoring Molly Ivins. The MOLLY is an award for an article or series of up to four short, related articles

or columns appearing in a U.S.-based publication in print or as part of an online magazine, telling the stories that need telling, challenging conventional wisdom, focusing on civil liberties and/or social justice, and embodying the intelligence, deep thinking and/or passionate wit that marked Molly's work. The third MOLLY will be awarded for work published in 2008. For more information:

[http://www.texasobserver.org/event\\_molly\\_award.php](http://www.texasobserver.org/event_molly_award.php)

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Rosalynn Carter Fellowships for Mental Health Journalism

Deadline: April 20, 2009

The 2009-2010 fellowships begin in September 2009, and aim to enhance public understanding of mental health issues and combat stigma and discrimination against people with mental illnesses. Applicants must be U.S. residents. More information is available at:

[http://www.cartercenter.org/health/mental\\_health/fellowships/index.html](http://www.cartercenter.org/health/mental_health/fellowships/index.html)

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