

Columbia Journalism School E-News

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UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2009 DRAWS RECORD ATTENDANCE

Nearly 425 alumni returned to the Journalism School for Alumni Weekend to reconnect with each other and the school. Dozens more attended the Saturday evening class socials, held at various venues in New York City. The weekend kicked off on April 23 with the Hearst New Media Lecture and included two days of workshops and panels given by Journalism professors and alumni. Highlights of the weekend included the presentation of this year's Alumni Awards, the Alumni Book Fair with 45 authors, and the Saturday Alumni Luncheon in Low Library, which featured the presentation of the Dean's Medal for Public Service to Robert H. N. Ho '58, founder and chairman of the Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation. Jonathan Landman '78, deputy managing editor of the New York Times, responsible for digital journalism, delivered the keynote, which can be viewed at www.journalism.columbia.edu/alumni

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE ALUMNI OFFICE: jalumni@columbia.edu

June 10 Panel on the Economy at the Morgan Library & Museum

"Old Economy, New Economy, No Economy?: Perspectives on the Current Economic Crisis," a panel moderated by James B. Stewart, Bloomberg Professor of Business Journalism, with William D. Cohan '83, author of "House of Cards: A Tale of Hubris and Wretched Excess on Wall Street," and Andrew Serwer '85, managing editor, FORTUNE magazine. **Seats are going fast!** To register: <https://secure.www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/COU/events/COU2224896.html>

ANNUAL FUND FOR SCHOLARSHIP AID

Graduation is right around the corner here at the J-School and the class of 2010 will be arriving in a few months! These incoming students need you now more than ever. Columbia has not been immune to the current economic crisis, and with endowment levels down, current use gifts are a crucial source of scholarship aid. The Alumni Annual Fund is the only current use fund at the Journalism School that is dedicated 100% to scholarship aid. So far this year, over 1114 alumni have shown their support of the Journalism School and contributed a total of \$480,000 to the Alumni Annual Fund. However, our totals are still behind where we were at this time last year. 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). Thank you!

FEATURED NEWS

Four Alumni on Pulitzer Prize-winning Teams

David Kocieniewski '86 and Michael Powell '84 were on the New York Times staff that won a Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News Reporting for its coverage of the sex scandal and resignation of Gov. Eliot Spitzer; Angie Drobnic Holan '99 is on the "PolitiFact" team of the St. Petersburg Times that won a Pulitzer Prize in National Reporting for its fact-checking initiative during the 2008 presidential campaign; and C.J. Chivers '95 was on the New York Times staff that won a Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting for its coverage of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Livingston Award Finalists Include Eight J-Schoolers

One current J-School student and seven alumni are among the 47 finalists for the 2008 Livingston Awards for young journalists: Elizabeth Dvoskin '09, The Village Voice; Darren Foster '02, Current TV; Joseph Huff-Hannon '09, The Independent; Joshua Kors '03, The Nation; Joshua Partlow '02, The Washington Post; Lydia Polgreen '00, The New York Times; Joel Rubin '03, Los Angeles Times; and Mariana van Zeller '02, Current TV.

Limited Edition Hohenberg "Go With What You've Got" Tee-Shirts!

The Class of '69 lifted Pulitzer's lofty quote from a school logo and replaced it with "Go With What You've Got" to create blue sweatshirts with that dictum as graduation gifts for themselves. Members found "GWWYG" (attributed to news writing classes with former Pulitzer Committee chair Prof. John Hohenberg and Prof. Mel Mencher) so useful for meeting deadlines and life challenges that 40 years later they added "Went With What We Had" to the original design. Now all J School graduates can order "GWWYG-WWWWH" T-shirts and benefit the school at the same time. There is a deadline: May 30, 2009. After that date, the screen for the memento Ts will be destroyed, and all proceeds above cost of T-shirt production and mailing will be donated to the J-School. Regular short-sleeved Ts (pale blue cotton fabric, navy blue imprint) are \$22; long-sleeved Ts are \$27. The price of each T includes Priority Mail delivery of your order. Email Class of '69 members Ted Gest at tggest@sas.upenn.edu or Chris Evers at chris_e@earthlink.net for a T-shirt order form BEFORE May 30th. After your order form for T size and preference is received with your check, an imprinted T will be sent to you via Priority Mail with delivery confirmation.

AUDIO AND VIDEO OF EVENTS AT THE JOURNALISM SCHOOL

If you missed Jonathan Landman's Alumni Weekend keynote or the panel on "The Future of Newspapers" on March 10, you can now listen to it on the J-School Web site or watch it on the J-School's YouTube page. Just go to www.journalism.columbia.edu and click on "Events" in the menu and go to the "Event Archive."

Columbia J-School Events on YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/columbiajournalism>

NEW alumni resource from Columbia E-Libraries: FACTIVA

Factiva is a database of full-text business information, general news, and current event coverage. Includes full-text of the Wall Street Journal. This premium electronic resource has been made available by special arrangement for Columbia University alumni through the generous support from the Friends of the Columbia Libraries. Alumni may access these resources by using a University Network ID (UNI), which is required for login.

<http://www.alumni.libraries.columbia.edu/eresources.html>

Were you a duPont Research Assistant?

Are you one of the past duPont research assistants like Suzanne Malveaux '91, George Spencer '05, Carrie Lyders '99, Mary-Rose Abraham '06, Elsa Heidorn '06, Jim Rosenberg '97, Sana Butler '97 or Lauren Feeney '08? If so, the duPont Office would like to know where you are and what you are doing now. Please email duPontawards@jrn.columbia.edu with a brief update.

Were you a Pulitzer Travelling Fellow?

We are updating our list and would like to hear from you so we can verify the records. Contact us at jalumni@lists.columbia.edu

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>

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.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

Lukas Prize Project Awards and Panel with Daniel Okrent

May 12 at 6:45 p.m.

Journalism School, Lecture Hall

Daniel Okrent moderates a panel discussion with the 2009 winners of the Lukas Prize Project Awards: Jane Mayer, "The Dark Side: The Inside Story of How the War on Terror Turned Into a War on American Ideals"; Timothy Brook, "Vermeer's Hat: The Seventeenth Century and the Dawn of the Global World"; and Judy Pasternak, "Yellow Dirt: The Betrayal of the Navajos." NO RSVP necessary. More at www.lukasprize.org

Digital Defamation: Cyberbullying and the First Amendment

Co-sponsored by the Paley Center for Media and Columbia Journalism School

May 11 at 6:00 p.m.

The Paley Center for Media, 25 West 52nd Street, NYC

Moderated by Brooke Gladstone, co-host and managing editor of NPR's *On the Media*, the panel will include Portfolio Contributing Editor David Margolick; Wendy Seltzer, a fellow at the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University and a visiting practitioner in residence at American University's Washington College of Law; Victor Kovner, a partner at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP specializing in defamation and First Amendment issues; and Joan Lukey, a partner at Ropes & Gray LLP and president-elect of the American College of Trial Lawyers, whose firsthand experiences with online defamation have prompted her to work towards modifying federal law. <http://www.paleycenter.org/mediacouncil/invitation-cyberbullying-panel.html>

COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL EXECUTIVE EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Leadership Essentials

June 1–2

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. 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, visit:

<http://www4.gsb.columbia.edu/execed/programs/detail/102757/Leadership+Essentials?newsletterid=jschool>.

Finance and Accounting for the Nonfinancial Executive

June 15–19

Columbia University, New York, NY

Understanding key concepts in finance and financial reporting will help you grasp the implications of your business decisions and allow you to collaborate more fully with financial managers and accountants. 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, visit: <http://www4.gsb.columbia.edu/execed/programs/detail/10409/Finance+and+Accounting+for+the+Nonfinancial+Executive?newsletterid=jschool>

If you have any questions, please email execed@columbia.edu or call (212) 854-3395.

ALUMNI CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

May 2009 Tele-seminar: Navigating a Radical Career Change

Wednesday, May 27, 1-2 p.m. (ET)

Sharon Good, CC, Life, Career and Creativity Coach, www.goodlifecoaching.com

Many of us begin our career path planning to stay on it for life. But shifts in the world of work and a growing impetus to pursue our passions are leading us to make radical changes at different times along our career path. So, how do we navigate a radical career change when we've invested years, or decades, into our current career and need to pay our bills? In this enlightening seminar, Life, Career and Creativity Coach Sharon Good will address issues faced by radical career changers, such as: how to decide whether to make a big change, finding or creating the impetus to make the change, the best ways to move into a completely different career, how to plan and prepare, and gaining the support of your family and friends. You'll learn new strategies for navigating a radical career change and come away with clear ideas on how to make the change and the inspiration to move ahead with it.

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=29827>

June 2009 Tele-seminar: Post Graduation: What's Next for the New Graduate?

Thursday, June 25, 12-1 p.m. (ET)

Jill Galas Hickey, Director of Programming, and Niamh O'Brien, Director of Undergraduate Career Development, Center for Career Education at Columbia University

Congratulations – you've just graduated! Along with the celebrations, relief, and excitement, you may find yourself feeling some confusion and bewilderment...perhaps even wondering what is next for your career and life journey. Join this call to learn more about this transitional time, including searching for your first job post-graduation, starting your career on the right path, and figuring out what you'd like to do if you are not sure. In addition, we will discuss the life-long career services that are available to you as an alum.

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=29828>

July 2009 Tele-seminar: Career Search Secrets: 7 Absolute Musts for Finding and Landing Your Dream Job

Wednesday, July 15, 7-8 p.m. (ET)

Lindsey Pollak, author, speaker and blogger specializing in career advice for college students and young professionals, www.lindseypollak.com

It's time to go beyond the basics. Lindsey Pollak, author of "Getting From College to Career," shares the secrets she's learned from recruiters, business owners and successful professionals about what it really takes to find and win the job of your dreams. Learn essential tips that will put you way ahead of the pack, such as avoiding the biggest mistake in job hunting, building a stellar network, shining online and persisting (politely). You'll leave this tele-seminar with increased confidence and a 7-step checklist to keep you on track.

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=32370>

August 2009 Tele-seminar: Open Career Counseling Call

Tuesday, August 25, 1-2 p.m. (ET)

Beth Olson, Associate Director of Graduate Student Career Development, and Emily Seamone, Associate Director of Alumni Career Development, Center for Career Education at Columbia University. Bring your career concerns to this call – CCE counselors Beth Olson and Emily Seamone will be on hand to answer your questions on just about anything job-related.

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Ric Cox '67 has launched "Save Our Tribune!" (<http://saveourtribune.blogspot.com/>) to serve as an online forum to suggest ways to restore the "World's Greatest Newspaper" to its former glory and to make it prosper in the digital age. He invites alumni to contribute their ideas.

Robert Papper '70, chair of the Department of Journalism, Media Studies and Public Relations at Hofstra University (N.Y.), was installed as the Lawrence Stessin Distinguished Professor in Journalism, named for a 1938 graduate of Columbia Journalism School. The fourth edition of his book, "Broadcast News & Writing Stylebook" (Allyn & Bacon, 2010) was just published, one of the most widely-used book of its kind in the U.S.

Molly S. Boast '71 was appointed deputy assistant attorney general for civil matters in the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division. Since 2001, she has been a partner at the New York law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP where she leads the antitrust practice group. From July 1999 to June 2001, Boast was senior deputy director and director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition. During that time, she had management responsibility for merger and civil non-merger Commission litigation and investigations and has experience in competition issues in the energy and pharmaceuticals industries. Boast also served as the FTC's representative to the European Community/FTC/Department of Justice Mergers Working Group.

Madhu Trehan '72 has written "Prism Me a Lie, Tell Me a Truth: Tehelka as Metaphor," about Operation West End, a sting operation aimed at sensationalizing the corruption underlying India's large defense contracts. The book involved six years of heavy research and over 40 interviews.

Howard Fineman '73 will deliver the Joe Creason Lecture at the University of Kentucky, speaking about "American Politics in the World of Obama." Fineman is a political journalist and columnist for Newsweek, NBC News and MSNBC.com.

Michael Hiltzik '74, a Pulitzer Prize-winning business columnist for the Los Angeles Times, is the author of "Colossus: Hoover Dam and the American Century," to be published by Simon & Schuster in 2010. He is also the author of "A Death in Kenya" (1995), "Dealers of Lightning" (1999) and "The Plot Against Social Security" (2005).

David Heim '75 retired on May 1. He had been an associate editor at Fine Woodworking magazine since November 2005. Previously, Heim was one of the top editors at Consumer Reports magazine since 1977.

Fergus M. Bordewich's '77 most recent book, "Washington: How Slaves, Idealists, and Charlatans Created the Nation's Capital", will be published in paperback in May by Amistad/HarperCollins. It is his fifth book. He is currently at work on "The Fires of Liberty", about the politics of slavery, westward expansion, and the Compromise of 1850, which is under contract with Simon & Schuster, and will be published in 2111. He recently moved to Washington, DC, where his wife, Jean, was appointed staff director of the U.S. Senate Rules Committee.

Mark Walters '77 is an associate professor at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and has spent his career trailing the most horrible human infectious diseases to their animal roots. He is the author of "Six Modern Plagues and How We Are Causing Them". Walters' search has taken

him to a barn in West Sussex, England, where the first case of mad cow disease was discovered in 1984. It also has taken him to the open-air bushmeat markets of Gabon, Africa, the kinds of natural stew pots for a deadly monkey-to-human virus like HIV. He earned a D.V.M. from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine in Massachusetts.

Mary Ann Giordano '79 was mentioned in a New York Times article on plans to move the press offices at police headquarters. "The Daily News's office was plastered with pictures of nude women, until Mary Ann Giordano, the paper's and the city's first female police bureau chief (and now a Times editor), and Alice McGillion, the police spokeswoman from 1980 to 1989, put their feet down."

William H. Hamilton Jr. '80 can now add Ph.D. to his name. He successfully defended his dissertation on college writing and culture on Dec. 5 at the University of Louisville. Hamilton is a professor at Jefferson Community and Technical College in Kentucky.

Gil McDonald, '80, is senior contracts officer in the Office of Sponsored Programs at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. He negotiates research agreements (i.e. contracts, subcontracts, confidentiality agreements, material transfer agreements, licensing agreements, clinical trials, etc.) He has been a career university research administrator since graduation, at Columbia, Howard University, University of Maryland, Bowie State University, and the National Safety Council.

Michelle Johnson, '82, a multimedia journalism professor and one of the founders of Boston.com, The Boston Globe's Web site, is leaving Emerson College for Boston University, where she will be a multimedia professor and college adviser on online journalism.

Anisa Mehdi '82, President of Whetstone Productions and adjunct professor at Seton Hall University, has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for the coming academic year to work on work on media training and empowerment in Jordan.

Bob Calandra '83 has written "How to Keep Your Job When Everyone Else Is Losing Theirs: 101 Strategies You Can Use Today" with Michael J. Kitson. The book provides expert tactics to stay employed in uncertain times. In this no-nonsense career guide, HR experts from the front lines demonstrate how to become invaluable at work and fend off a pink slip. Calandra (Wyndmoor, PA) is an award-winning journalist, book author, freelance writer and was a contributing writer for Human Resource Executive Magazine.

Partha Bose '84 is working as senior partner in a large, international strategy consulting firm. He wrote a book titled "Alexander the Great's Art of Strategy," now out in 10 different languages. Bose also wrote several Harvard Business School cases, serving as Editor-in-Chief of the McKinsey Quarterly, wrote the occasional Op-Ed in the Wall Street Journal, and currently serves on the board of the Boston Symphony. He is in NYC or London every week so would love to re-connect with J-School friends.

Michael Rapoport '85 of Dow Jones Newswires won a Business Journalist of the Year Award for "best online or wire service story" (<http://www.bjoya.org/shortlist.vc>). Also, on May 15, Rapoport will accept the Excellence in Financial Journalism Award from the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants for his column, "Lurking on the Balance Sheet," in the Wire Services, Accounting category.

Julia Flynn Siler '85 was a speaker at Harvard's 2009 Nieman Narrative Journalism conference, which took place in Boston in March. On April 23, she hosted a conversation with novelist and wine writer Jay McInerney at The Commonwealth Club in San Francisco. She was also a keynote speaker at Loyola University's Family Business Conference on April 23-24 in Chicago. The film rights for her book, "The House of Mondavi: The Rise and Fall of an American Wine

Dynasty," (Gotham, 2007) have just been optioned by a veteran Hollywood producer. She'd love to hear from J-School friends!

Linda Himelstein '87 has written "The King of Vodka: The Story of Pyotr Smirnov and the Upheaval of an Empire," which is scheduled for release by HarperCollins on May 12. More than four years in the making, the book chronicles the rags-to-riches-to-rags drama of Smirnov and his family during the time of Tolstoy and the Tsars. Publishers Weekly says "Himelstein has triumphed with a timeless book that entertains, informs, and inspires." Kirkus Reviews says the book is "a well-concocted blend of business and political history." To read more, check out www.lindahimelstein.com.

David Zeman '87 was the editor of the Detroit Free Press investigative team that won a Pulitzer Prize for Local Reporting for their uncovering of a pattern of lies by Mayor Kwane Kilpatrick.

Ken Foskett '88 is the new opinions editor for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. He expands his duties from his role as commentary editor overseeing selection and editing of guest columns. Foskett joined the AJC in 1989 and served in a number of roles, including as Washington correspondent, statehouse reporter, science writer and investigative reporter. He is the author of "Judging Thomas: The Life and Times of Clarence Thomas," published in 2004. Prior to joining the AJC he worked for Save the Children, a nonprofit, in southern Africa.

Regina Holmes '88 is Editor-in-Chief/Content Director of Investigative Voice, an investigative news Web site launched only 11 days after her former employer, The Baltimore Examiner (a 3-year-old daily newspaper), ceased publishing. The site updates at least six days a week and has all original reporting – covering City hall, crime, business, and more. The current focus is Baltimore, but they plan to expand coverage to other northeast cities soon. They have received a lot of media coverage and already have a partnership with the local Fox affiliate. They have secured some advertisers and "virtual" subscribers. With a broad and consistent readership, they notched, 20,000 visits and 50,000 page views in the first month of operation.

Mira Lowe '88 has been appointed Editor-in-Chief of JET magazine. In this newly created position, Lowe will oversee all aspects of the magazine's editorial content, staffing and evolving direction on both print and digital platforms. Prior to joining Johnson Publishing in 2007, Lowe was the associate editor for recruitment at Newsday, on Long Island, N.Y. She joined Newsday in 1989 as a copy editor and over the years became a supervisory editor on the news, business and features desks.

Rob Parker '88 has joined WDIV Local 4 and ClickOnDetroit.com as a sports columnist for ClickOnDetroit.com. Parker will write several columns each week exclusively for ClickOnDetroit in addition to contributing podcasts and blogs. Parker will also continue his weekly appearances on Sports Final Edition airing Sundays at 11:30 p.m. on Local 4. An award-winning sports columnist for more than 16 years, Parker has written for the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News, and his work has appeared in the New York Daily News, the Greenwich Time, the New Haven Register and the Cincinnati Enquirer to name a few. He has been a regular contributor on Sports Final Edition on Local 4 since 1993, and his popular Clubhouse Confidential features have become a staple for Detroit sports fans. Parker is also a regular contributor on ESPN First Take.

Carol Leonetti Dannhauser, '89, has launched www.CookinTeens.com, a daily Web destination for teens who love to cook and eat. Dannhauser is the author of four books, including one on health and nutrition ("I Need to Get In Shape, Now What?!"), and has two Emmy nominations. Her national television series for teens, "Now You're Cookin!," is in development. Her two teen-aged sons join her in the kitchen each day at home in Connecticut, where she founded The Writers Workshop of Fairfield.

Diane Herbst '91 was a finalist for a Genesis Award from the Humane Society of the United States for her piece "The Puppy Saver" in People magazine, on the Amish and puppy mills.

Susanne Althoff '93 was named editor of The Boston Globe Magazine. Althoff, formerly the senior assistant magazine editor, joined the Globe in late 2003 to help relaunch the magazine. In 2007, Althoff was part of a team that created Lola magazine, the Globe's free niche publication for women. She also serves as Lola's editorial director. Before joining the Globe, Althoff was the executive editor of Natural Health magazine.

Scott Albert Johnson '95 is a songwriter, singer, and harmonica player. Johnson left home at age 18 to attend college at Harvard, where he kicked field goals for the football team (he still ranks highly on the school's career kick-scoring list). It was while performing with artists he admired -- including Dorothy Moore, Bloodkin, Jerry Joseph and R.E.M.'s Mike Mills among many others -- that Johnson began work on his debut CD, "Umbrella Man," which was released in 2007.

Paul Davies '96, a longtime business reporter, is the deputy editor of the editorial page at the Philadelphia Inquirer. Prior to that, he was a reporter at the Wall Street Journal, covering health care and later white collar crime. He spent seven years at the Philadelphia Daily News, where his series of stories on predatory lending was a finalist for a Loeb Award. He covered business at newspaper in Florida and Connecticut, and also worked at Worth magazine.

Adam Bernstein '97 is Obituaries Editor for the Washington Post which, for the past year and a half has had a "Post Mortem" blog, promoted as "the blog about the end of the story." The four-person obituary team is affectionately nicknamed "Murderer's Row."

Wendell Edwards '97 is the weekend anchor and general assignment reporter for Eyewitness News 5 (Oklahoma City). Previously, he was a general assignment reporter with KHOU 11 News in Houston. He also reported and anchored for WOOD-TV News 8 in Grand Rapids, Michigan and WIS News-10 in Columbia, South Carolina.

Arik Hesseldahl '97 is a finalist for the New York Deadline Club Awards in the Science, Technology, Medical or Environmental Reporting category for his article "Unconnected America" in BusinessWeek.com. Winners will be announced on May 19.

Mary Lynn F. Jones '97 covers public policy, newsroom and business issues for PRESSTIME. She was previously online editor and features editor for The Hill, and a senior editor for The American Prospect.

Roland Jones '97 is a Knight-Bagehot Fellow for 2009-2010. Jones is an editor and producer for the business news section of MSNBC.com, where he manages breaking news, edits stringers and writes a weekly column on the automotive industry.

Juliet Macur '97 of the New York Times won the Associated Press Sports Editors "Best Writing of 2008" Breaking News award for newspapers with a circulation over 250,000.

Stephen Totilo '99 is joining Kotaku.com as the site's deputy managing editor. Kotaku is a blog that focuses on video games. Totilo has been covering video games full time since 2005 when MTV made him the first beat reporter for games at MTV News for their Web site and to work on on-air stories. He's run the influential gaming blog MTV Multiplayer. He's also written about games for Slate and the New York Times.

Trenton Daniel '00 a staff writer with The Miami Herald since 2003, spent part of this winter in Iraq. During a seven-week stint with McClatchy Newspapers, he wrote about the country's provincial elections, the trial of Iraq's shoe-throwing journalist, and the U.S. military's peace-brokering efforts.

Elena Molinari '00 is U.S. correspondent for *Avvenire* and author of the non-fiction book "Potere Rosa, donne al comando del mondo" (Ancora del Mediterraneo, 2008). She is at work on her second book.

Alexis Barnes '01 and her husband welcomed their son Michael Anthony Barnes Brown on July 30, 2008. It is their first child. Barnes lives in Savannah, GA, and works as writer/speechwriter for the president of the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Amy Webb '01 has launched Knowledgewebb (<http://www.knowledgewebb.net>), a site offering hands-on training, 125+ self-directed courses, ongoing webinars and more for everyone working in media and communications. Members receive unlimited hands-on training in a very easy-to-use setting, interactive live webinars and chat sessions and access to experts in a dozen different subject areas. Columbia J- School grads receive 40% off membership, or \$80 for the year. (The full rate is \$129.) To register and learn about all the benefits Knowledgewebb members receive and watch a demo, click here: <http://knowledgewebb.net/node/103>. To receive the discount, you must use Coupon Code COLUMBIA09 during checkout.

Christian Red '02 has co-written "The Fall of Roger Clemens and the Rise of Steroids in America's Pastime" (Random House, May 12, 2009) with Teri Thompson, Nathaniel Vinton and Michael O'Keeffe. While Clemens is the central figure, the book examines the rise of illegal drugs in America's favorite sport, the gym/steroid culture in Texas, the story of Andy Pettitte and his father's involvement with HGH, the legal maneuverings in the Clemens/Brian McNamee case, and the culture of sexual infidelity and drug use in professional ball, and provides an inside look at the way Congress has dealt with the entire issue.

Lynette Wilson '02 was named staff writer for Episcopal Life Media, the Web and print-based news operation of the national Episcopal Church. Wilson joined the diocese in June, 2007. She was a reporter on the Pensacola (Florida) News Journal from 2004 to 2006, where she was a team finalist for a Pulitzer Prize for coverage of Hurricane Ivan. She has also worked as a journalist at the News-Star in Monroe, Louisiana, the Meridian Star in Meridian, Mississippi and interned at the Christian Science Monitor.

Aina Hunter '03 was recognized by the New York Association of Black Journalists for "Crossing Over: Black Republicans," which she wrote for *Essence* magazine.

Joe Sunnen '03 is a sports reporter for The Bellingham Herald. Sunnen started at The Herald in 2005. He previously worked at The Times-News in Twin Falls, Idaho. Sunnen won first place in long feature writing in the 2006 Society of Professional Journalists Northwest Excellence in Journalism contest and honorable mention in explanatory writing in the 2005 Associated Press Sports Editors contest.

Kristen Hinman '04, staff writer for Riverfront Times (Village Voice Media), in St. Louis, Mo. took first place in the "Newspaper Feature Writing Without Recipes" category of the James Beard Foundation Awards for her story, "[The Pope of Pork](#)." Published in the November 27, 2008, issue of the Riverfront Times, the story profiles Russ Kremer, a southwest Missouri native who founded a hog-farming collective committed to sustainable agriculture methods.

Jaimal Yogis '05 has written "Saltwater Buddha: A Surfer's Quest to Find Zen on the Sea" (Wisdom Publications, May 2009). Fed up with suburban teenage life, Yogis ran off to Hawaii with little more than a copy of Hermann Hesse's "Siddhartha" and enough cash for a surfboard. His journey is a coming-of-age saga that takes him from communes to monasteries and the icy New York shore. Equal parts spiritual memoir and surfer's tale, this is a chronicle of finding meditative focus in the barrel of a wave and eternal truth in the great salty blue.

Antonio Neves '06 has joined up with MSN and NBC NextMedia to host the new business program, "Cool Runnings" on MSN's new small business portal, Business on Main. Neves has

been traveling across the country profiling innovative businesses and the first three episodes are up on Pike Place Fish, Zappos and SkullCandy. Also, the acclaimed documentary Neves produced this past winter, "Heart of the City: Chicago's War on Violence," narrated by Academy Award nominee Terrence Howard, is going to series and Neves recently completed development on the new "Heart of the City" franchise.

Shira Schoenberg '06 is working as the City Hall reporter for the Concord Monitor in New Hampshire, where she has worked since graduation. She got married in November to Greg Bunimovich. Also at the end of 2008, Shira won the Monitor's annual Publisher's Award, which recognized the overall quality of her work at the Monitor.

Charis Anderson '07, a reporter with The Standard-Times (New Bedford, Mass.) will be taking over the New Bedford beat, covering the city of 100,000.

Jennifer Redfearn '07 is producing an independent documentary that follows the relocation of climate change refugees in the South Pacific. Sun Come Up is being made with support from the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting. More information can be found at: <http://www.suncomeup.com/>

Elizabeth Méndez Berry '08 will be teaching "Writing about Popular Music" at NYU this summer session (starting May 18). http://www.nyu.edu/summer/2009/summerny/detail.html?section_id=H85.1196001

Lisa Biagiotti '08 is among the winners of the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Awards. Biagiotti and her colleagues at "World Focus" won for their coverage of the crisis in Congo: <http://worldfocus.org/crisisincongo>

Martina Guzman '08 was named "Best Individual Reporter/2008" by the Associated Press of Michigan. Guzman reports features for WDET, the local NPR station in Detroit, Mich. She is also working as the producer/director of a documentary on the mummies of Guanajuato, Mexico for the Detroit Science Center.

Laura Isensee '08 will be an intern in the Los Angeles bureau of Reuters. She is completing an internship with the Dallas Morning News in Washington, DC and had a ringside seat to President Barack Obama's address to Congress.

Alex Lang '08 is a reporter with the Dominion Post (W.V.).

Katya Soldak '08 will be honored with a Webby award for a video about the green wall in China that she worked on at Scribe.

Seth Colter Walls '08 has joined Newsweek as a reporter. He had been political reporter at Huffington Post.

Terence J. Byrne '55 died on April 20, 2009 at the Brandywine Assisted-living facility in Bridgewater, N.J. He was 76. Byrne was born in Ottawa, Ontario and raised in Edgewood, R.I. A former resident of Pennington, N.J. and Plantation, Fla., he was a resident of Mountain Lakes for fifteen years before moving to Denville, N.J. Byrne practiced journalism at the Providence Visitor, the Providence Journal, WJAR Radio, NBC affiliate Channel 10 Providence, the Hartford Courant, the Boston Globe and the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph. From 1963 to 1969 he worked at IBM before spending the next 40 years in advertising and public relations, running the award-winning Byrne Group. He was a member of the South Asian Journalists Association and for 32 years a member of St. Catherine of Siena parish. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Billie, and their sons, Scott, Michael, and Sean; along with a bevy of treasured cousins.

John R. Wilke '83, a 20-year veteran of the Wall Street Journal known for incisive reporting on the intersection of business and politics, died of cancer May 1 at his Bethesda, Md., home. Wilke, 54 years old, was a member of the Journal's Washington bureau. In recent years, he specialized in articles about deals cut by members of Congress to win special appropriations, known as earmarks, for friends, supporters and business associates back home. Wilke worked for BusinessWeek as a Washington correspondent in 1984 and became a staff writer for the Boston Globe in 1986. He joined the Journal's Boston bureau in 1989, where he covered technology. His reporting there disclosed an internal revolt against Kenneth H. Olsen, president of computer pioneer Digital Equipment Corp., who soon resigned. After moving to Washington for the newspaper in 1995, he covered the long Justice Department antitrust case against Microsoft Corp. For his Microsoft coverage, Wilke and his San Francisco-based colleague David Bank won a Computer Press Association award. Wilke's coverage of earmarks won him the 2007 Everett McKinley Dirksen prize for distinguished coverage of Congress. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, a son and a daughter (WSJ).

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FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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The 2009 Hong Kong Journalism Fellowships **Deadline: May 20**

The theme of the 2009 program is "Chinese Development Policies: Facing Economic Crisis and Environmental Sustainability" and will provide U.S. journalists an opportunity to explore the economic, social, cultural and political impacts of the global economic crisis in China and Hong Kong. Fellows will attend a 2-day China seminar at the East-West Center in Honolulu, followed by a 12-day study tour (July 28-August 12) exploring how the crisis is playing out in China and Hong Kong. To apply: www.eastwestcenter.org/journalismfellowships

WHOI Ocean Science Journalism Fellowships **Deadline: May 15**

Fellowships were established in 2000, and the next program will be held from September 13-19, 2009. The OSJ program is designed to introduce science communicators to the interdisciplinary and wide-ranging fields of oceanography and ocean engineering. For more information: [Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute](http://www.woods-hole-oceanographic-institute.org).

Truth with a Camera workshop (May 23-31, 2009 - Guadalajara, Jalisco, México) **Deadline: Not specified**

Truth with a Camera has gone international and is offering workshop participants the opportunity to be both witness and advocate. Photographers gain valuable experience while working with an overseas NGO. For more information: <http://www.truthwithacamera.org/>.

New Media Mentorships from AIR **Deadline: May 31**

Association of Independents in Radio's mentoring program, unique in the public media industry, has provided specialized training to hundreds of producers since it was first launched in 1994 with funding from The MacArthur Foundation. For more information: <http://www.airmedia.org/PageInfo.php?PageID=469>

NABJ Media Institute: Being the Boss: Filling the Pool for Producers and Managers **Deadline: June 2009**

This seminar is designed for journalists of color who want to play a more significant role in

shaping a newscast or program as well as those who aspire to reach the upper ranks of newsroom or network management. For more information, please visit [NABJ](#).

Online News Association Awards

Deadline: June 30

The call for entries is now open for the 2009 Online Journalism Awards, administered by the Online News Association and its academic partner, the University of Miami's School of Communication. For more information: <https://www.journalistawards.org/submit/start.html>

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