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## **Columbia Journalism School E-News**

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### **UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS**

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

*Return, Reconnect and Rediscover the Journalism School!* The jam-packed weekend schedule includes panels, workshops, class get-togethers and the awarding 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, and a keynote speech by **Jonathan Landman '78**, deputy managing editor of the New York Times, responsible for digital journalism. **Steve Kroft '75** of "60 Minutes" will present Alumni Awards to **Myron Belkind '62**, a 40-year veteran of the Associated Press and professor at George Washington University; **James McBride '80**, author and screenwriter; **Susan Page '74**, Washington bureau chief for USA Today; and **Tim Weiner '79**, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for the New York Times and author. Registration packets were mailed in January 2009.

**For more information and to register, go to:**

[www.jrn.columbia.edu/alumni/weekend2009](http://www.jrn.columbia.edu/alumni/weekend2009)

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#### **ALUMNI EVENTS**

**NAPLES, FLA, Feb. 13:** CU event with Sree Sreenivasan, Dean of Students

**NEW YORK CITY, March 10:** "The Future of Newspapers"

**NEW YORK CITY, April 9:** Founder's Day, a celebration of Joseph Pulitzer

**ALUMNI WEEKEND 2009, April 24-25**

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*\* for information about the J-10 Happy Hour, contact [kathleen.dowling@columbia.edu](mailto:kathleen.dowling@columbia.edu)*

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#### **PANEL DISCUSSION: THE FUTURE OF NEWSPAPERS**

**March 10, 2009**

**7:00 p.m.**

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

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#### **ALUMNI BOOK FAIR**

The Alumni Book Fair has become one of the most popular events during Alumni Weekend, with dozens of graduates participating in the book signing following the Alumni Awards ceremony. We invite authors who have published a book between April 2008 and April 2009 to participate in the Book Fair on Friday, April 24 from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Rotunda of Low Library. Books published by the authors will be on display and for sale during the reception. Our office will work with the Columbia University Bookstore to order copies of your book.

If you would like to participate in the Alumni Book Fair or if you have any questions, please contact our office ([alumni@jrn.columbia.edu](mailto:alumni@jrn.columbia.edu)) by March 1, 2009.

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## FEATURED NEWS

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### duPont Award Winners Include Two Graduates

**Michael Valentine '94** is executive news director at WFAA-TV, Dallas, which won the Gold Baton for its ongoing commitment to outstanding investigative reporting in public service, making it the first local station to win the Gold Baton since it was instituted 20 years ago. **Mike Devlin '77** is the president and general manager of WFAA-TV. **Andrew Tkach '83** was a producer of "CNN & Christiane Amanpour: God's Warriors", a six-hour documentary on the rise of religious fundamentalism and its impact on world events.

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### Three Alumni Nominated for Oscars

Two films by graduates are nominated for Oscars in the "Best Documentary Feature" category: **Carl Deal '94** co-directed and co-produced "Trouble the Water" and **Stuart Sender '87** was the executive producer of "The Garden." **Irene Taylor Brodsky '97** has been nominated in the "Best documentary Short Subject" category for "The Final Inch." For more information, go to:

<http://www.oscars.org>

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## EVENTS OF INTEREST

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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.

Feb 5 - Mort Rosenblum, Dispatches,  
Feb 12 - Tina Brown, editor, The Daily Beast  
Feb 19 - Joanna Coles, editor-in-chief, Marie Claire  
Feb 26 - Ruth Reichl, editor-in-chief, Gourmet  
Mar 5 - J.C. Soares, art director  
Mar 12 - Daniel Peres, editor-in-chief Details  
Mar 19 - Spring Break, no lecture  
Mar 26 - Stephen Murphy, president & CEO, Rodale Press  
Apr 2 - Steve Adler, editor-in-chief, BusinessWeek  
Apr 9 - Passover, no lecture  
Apr 16 - Kate White, editor-in-chief, Cosmopolitan

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### J-School Webcasts

For several months now, the J-school has been using webcasting and we welcome alumni to participate in these conversations. An archive of the recordings is available at <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/columbiajournalism>. Tune in for the next one on Feb. 6: "Launching Your Own Media Business: Tips and Advice for the Changing Media Landscape" with Henry Dubroff '82 and Susan J. Marks, authors of "Battling Big Box: How Nimble Companies Can Out Maneuver Giant Competitors." Using what they learned via Dubroff's media entrepreneurship experience and their brand-new book, our speakers will help journalists understand how they can be entrepreneurial and take charge of their careers in ways they hadn't imagined. The session will be filled with practical, actionable information and they will take your questions. See full details, including how you can listen live, or to a recording, at

<http://columbianm.blogspot.com/2009/02/webcast-launching-your-own-media.html>

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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 Journalism School will host a two-day duPont Diversity Workshop for television and radio news reporters and producers interested in improving coverage of race, religion, ethnicity and socio-economic class differences March 27-28, 2009 at Columbia University. The workshop is free and designed for reporters, producers and their managers who want to improve their coverage of the changing demographic landscape. Recent duPont Award-winning programs will serve as case studies for discussion, and several duPont Award-winning producers and reporters will discuss their editorial decisions. The class will be limited to 30 participants. Participants are expected to provide their own transportation to the Graduate School of Journalism. Hotel rooms will be provided for participants living outside the New York City metropolitan area. More information at: <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, for example, information on online media training programs, teleseminars on retooling your career, Columbia University Career Education workshops open to all, speaker events, freelance opportunities and fellowships. This online site is password-protected and just for graduates, and replaces the weekly emails that in years past had been sent to alumni through Career Services. JobNews continues to be our focal point for employment listings and is updated daily.

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## **Share It with Your Peers**

What was the most memorable assignment in your career? (Hint: It doesn't have to be a news story.) The Alumni Journal would like to print your memories. Please e-mail [cjsalumnijournal@yahoo.com](mailto:cjsalumnijournal@yahoo.com) for details or to submit copy.

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## **B-School/J-School Event** **February 12, 2009**

The Columbia Business School Alumni Club of NY invites you to attend a Valentine's Day Cocktail Party – Thursday, February 12, 2009 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Ideya Latin Bistro ([www.ideya.net](http://www.ideya.net)), 349 West Broadway, NYC. Cost: \$60 for CBSACNY members, non-members and other graduate school alumni. (Includes hors d'oeuvres, unlimited mojitos, vodka sun fizzes, margaritas, wine, beer and soda)

To RSVP and for more information go to [www.cbsacny.org](http://www.cbsacny.org), register (for free) as a new user and click on the Valentine's Day Cocktail Party link.

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## **Reporting on Climate Change: The Media and Public Understanding** **Tuesday, February 10**

6:30 pm, American Museum of Natural History's Kaufmann Theater (NYC)

Join veteran environmental journalists Bud Ward, The Yale Forum on Climate Change & the Media; Bill Blakemore, ABC News; Diane Hawkins-Cox, CNN; and **Andrew Revkin '82**, *the New York Times*; along with Matthew Nisbet, American University School of Communication, for this timely discussion on the roles of journalism and new media in the reporting of climate change. The shaping and reporting of scientific information is critical to our understanding global warming and its management. The program will be introduced by Michael Novacek, Senior VP and Provost of Science, AMNH. Tickets are \$15. Tickets are 2 for the price of 1 with coupon. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/reportingatamnh> to print the 2 for 1 coupon. Discount tickets can be purchased on the day of the event only. First come, first served.

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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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**ALUMNI CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERIES**

**\*\*\*Recession-Proof Your Job\*\*\***

Thursday, February 19, 1-2 PM (ET)

Tele-seminar (access by phone)

Speaker: Caroline Ceniza-Levine, Career Coach, [www.sixfigurestart.com](http://www.sixfigurestart.com)

The current economy has many professionals nervous about the stability of their current jobs and employers, but there are steps you can take to secure your skills. Join this tele-seminar to learn how to look for changes that often precede layoffs, manage your current job to mitigate your chances of being laid off, stay open to outside opportunities without actually looking, and prepare for a layoff just in case something should happen.

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=29141>

**\*\*\*How to Effectively Handle a Job Layoff\*\*\***

Wednesday, February 25, 12-1 PM (ET)

Tele-seminar (access by phone)

Speaker: Connie Thanasoulis-Cerrachio, Career Coach, [www.sixfigurestart.com](http://www.sixfigurestart.com)

Losing your job due to the current economic conditions can be overwhelming, frightening, frustrating, and a long list of other adjectives. What do you do? Where do you begin? In this tele-seminar, learn how it is possible to "control what you can control" when you are being laid off. What should you do after you've been told and how do you tell others? How do you navigate the termination meeting, negotiate cash and non-cash items, organize your current finances, and stay positive and start looking for a new opportunity? Actionable next steps will be discussed.

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=29142>

**\*\*\* Utilizing Career Tools to Facilitate Career Change\*\*\***

Wednesday, February 18, 6:00-9:00PM

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

Do you feel it may be time for a career change but are not sure what you would do? In this workshop, participants assess their values, skills, interests, talents, and personality traits through helpful discussions, exercises, and career tools, including the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, and consider how results apply to the working world. Alumni will leave with a clearer sense of their career options.

\*Note: Participants must register at least three days prior to the workshop and will receive a packet of career assessments and exercises to complete by February 16. Fee is \$55 for food, drinks, and materials. Cancellations must be made by 9am on Monday, February 16th in order to receive a refund.

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=29143>

\*\*\*New Strategies for Managing the "Fit" Between Your Career, Work and Family\*\*\*

Wednesday, February 25, 6:30-8:30PM

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

Join CCE for an evening with author and work+life flexibility expert Cali Williams Yost ('95BUS) focusing on the topic of how parents can actively manage the "fit" between their work and family day-to-day and throughout their careers. Following the presentation, there will be time to connect with other Columbia University parents.

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=29328>

Washington D.C. Virtual Career Fair

February 1 – March 1, 2009

The Washington D.C. Virtual Career Fair is a joint venture between Columbia University and the London School of Economics intended to connect students from these institutions with top Washington D.C. area firms and organizations. Employers such as the Department of State, the Congressional Budget Office and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission have already agreed to take part in this exciting event. Sign up beginning January 26th to familiarize yourself with the system and upload your documents before the fair begins on February 1st! In addition to applying to open positions you will be able chat with employers in real time and connect with other job seekers and alumni.

<https://www.cce.columbia.edu/findajob/careerfair>

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

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### ALUMNI NEWS

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Leonard R. Sussman '41 received the first annual Dana Bullen Press Freedom Advocacy Prize awarded by the World Press Freedom Committee (WPFC), noting Sussman's "lifelong advocacy and striving for press freedom." More than 30 years ago, Sussman created the Freedom House press-freedom survey, which became the standard test of the press in all countries. He has written 10 books on the press and scores of articles in newspapers and magazines. Sussman was a professor at Columbia and a former press secretary to the governor of Puerto Rico, Rexford Tugwell, who was a member of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "brain trust."

William Beecher '56 was recently interviewed at the Newseum in Washington, DC about his 1969 New York Times story on the secret bombing of Cambodia. On display in the FBI and the Media exhibit there is an action memorandum from J. Edgar Hoover, asking and getting permission from Attorney General Mitchell to tap Beecher's home and office phones, together with his press pass from Vietnam. To tap his office phone, the FBI had to tap the entire New York Times Washington bureau, which had a central switchboard. Beecher has accepted a professorship at the University of Maryland to teach a seminar on writing commentaries and editorials. His third novel, "The Acorn Dossier," will be published this spring.

Eleanor Selfridge-Field '63 was awarded the sixth Modern Language Association Prize for a Distinguished Bibliography by the Modern Language Association of America for "A New Chronology of Venetian Opera and Related Genres, 1660–1760" (Stanford University Press). Selfridge-Field will receive a certificate and a check for \$1,000. Selfridge-Field is consulting professor of music at Stanford University. A senior research associate at the Center for Computer Assisted Research in the Humanities, she also has a courtesy appointment in Symbolic Systems. She received her BA from Drew University, an MS from Columbia University, and a DPhil from

Oxford University. Her books in musical and cultural history include *Song and Season: Science, Culture, and Theatrical Time*; *The Works of Benedetto and Alessandro Marcello*; *Pallade Veneta: Writings on Music in Venetian Society, 1650–1750*; and *Venetian Instrumental Music from Gabrieli to Vivaldi*. She is also the editor of numerous works in musical informatics, including *Melodic Similarity and Beyond MIDI: The Handbook of Musical Codes*. She is cofounder of Humanities West, an arts symposium in San Francisco.

Laurence Leamer '69 has written "Madness Under the Royal Palms: Love and Death Behind the Gates of Palm Beach" (Hyperion, January 2009), which reveals the secrets of the Palm Beach elite who reside behind the high walls and manicured hedges of the exclusive enclave.

Charles Simmons '70 and his wife Sandra were awarded the Martin Luther King award by Wayne State University for their leadership of Hush House, a cultural and community leadership training center on Detroit's west side. Simmons is a historian and journalism professor at Eastern Michigan University.

<http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/myfox/pages/Home/Detail.jsessionid=0807664A5491E4A29930C2509E280EC8?contentId=8268786&version=1&locale=EN-US&layoutCode=VSTY&pageId=1.1.1&sflg=1>

Lone Kühlmann '71 has written "We're Not Getting Any Younger – Face It" (Gyldendal, Denmark), described as a "witty, precise, and loving kick to all of us who vacillate between therapy and surgery in our efforts to stay forever young." It has been on the Danish national bestseller list since it was published in June 2008.

Peter Goodman '72 writes "after a ridiculous number of years at Newsday, I now teach journalism at Hofstra University."

Douglas Frantz '75, former Los Angeles Times investigative reporter and managing editor, has been chosen to be chief investigator for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as it reorganizes under its new chairman, Sen. John F. Kerry. Frantz has also been an investigative reporter for the Chicago Tribune and New York Times.

Bob Drogin's '76 book, "Curveball: Spies, Lies, and the Con Man Who Caused a War," is one of eight books on a "Reading List for the New President" that appeared in Parade Magazine during inauguration week. Other books on the list that Obama "should be reading" include Robert Caro's "Master of the Senate," David McCullough's "Truman," and David Halberstam's "The Best and the Brightest." "Curveball" won the 2008 Overseas Press Club of America "Cornelius Ryan Award" for best non-fiction book on international affairs and the Investigative Reporters and Editors book award. [www.curveballbook.com](http://www.curveballbook.com)

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

Mark L. Levine '79 has just published a revised edition of his "Negotiating a Book Contract: A Guide for Authors, Agents and Lawyers." Since its initial publication in 1988, the book has become the basic guide in its field. The revised edition focuses on the key changes that need to be made in book contracts because of e-book technology and electronic rights. The book was scheduled to be published in traditional print-on-paper form over a year ago, but after various publication delays Levine exercised the cancellation clause he had in the contract with his publisher and decided to release it only as an e-book. It is available at [www.bookcontracts.com](http://www.bookcontracts.com). Mark spent most of 2008 doing voter protection work. He worked for the Obama campaign in South Carolina, Ohio and West Virginia during the primaries, was coordinator of election protection for Donna Edwards's successful primary campaign against Congressman Al Wynn in

Maryland, and founded and ran nonpartisan Project Vote's Registration Repair Program during the general election.

Clementine Gustin Gomez '81 is now an art historian, writing books and articles.

Peter Cunningham '82 was appointed assistant secretary for communications and outreach for the Department of Education by its secretary designate, Arne Duncan, CEO of the Chicago Public Schools. Cunningham is the founder and President of Cunningham Communications, a Chicago communications firm specializing in local government, politics and non-profits. Since its inception in 1997, their clients have included the Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Housing Authority, Ariel Investments, Axelrod and Associates and the Regional Transportation Authority. Previously, Cunningham worked as a speechwriter and aide in the Office of Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, the Illinois Attorney General's office and the Finance Committee for the Chicago City Council. He began his career as a reporter and writer for business and general interest publications including the Southampton Press.

Henry Dubroff '82 is the co-author of "Battling Big Box: How Nimble Niche Companies Can Outmaneuver Giant Competitors", a guidebook for entrepreneurs and small business owners published by Career Press of Franklin Lakes, N.J. (Trade paperback \$15.99). He hopes the book will be a guide for the growing ranks of people trying to start a business after a corporate career, as well as those already fighting in the small-business trenches. In the book, "big box" refers to any large competitor a small niche company faces. Dubroff founded a weekly business newspaper, Pacific Coast Business Times, in Santa Barbara in 1999. He is a former business editor of the Denver Post and onetime Denver Business Journal editor.

Leslie Helm '82 was appointed executive editor of Seattle Business magazine. A former executive editor of Washington CEO Magazine, Helm began his career with Business Week, reporting for the magazine first as Tokyo correspondent and later as Boston Bureau Chief. He returned to Tokyo to cover Japan and Korea as correspondent for the Los Angeles Times before moving to Seattle for the Times to cover business in the Northwest. As an Abe fellow with the Social Science Research Institute, Helm conducted research on the Internet that was published as a chapter in the book "Creative Destruction" (MIT Press).

Jack Atherton '85 will join WLWT News 5 in Cincinnati beginning Oct. 1. Atherton had been the co-anchor of Fox 19's successful 10 p.m. newscast for 15 years, before leaving that station at the end of December. Atherton previously worked as an anchor and reporter in San Antonio, Texas and Miami before calling Cincinnati home. Atherton and his wife, Aynsley, live in Montgomery with their two daughters.

Michael Cowan '85 is deputy vice president, external affairs for the International Rescue Committee.

John Jeter '86 is the owner of the award-winning "Handlebar," a concert venue in Greenville, SC. Since opening in Sept. 1994, the venue has put on 2,000 shows, with three dozen Grammy Award winners, countless Grammy nominees and a half dozen Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Famers. Among the performers: John Mayer, Joan Baez, John Hiatt, David Sanborn, Tower of Power, Nickel Creek, Ricky Skaggs, Janis Ian. Jeter is a former editor and reporter for the Chicago Sun-times, San Antonio Express-News and St. Petersburg Times.

Rick Schneider '87 is president and CEO of the Community Television Foundation of South Florida Inc., which runs WPBT/Channel 2, the community-licensed public television station. WPBT serves South Florida from the Treasure Coast to Key West and produces Nightly Business Report for the national Public Broadcasting Service. Schneider was recently elected vice chairman of the national PBS board of directors. The 27-member board governs and sets policy for PBS. The position is the highest office someone in the industry can hold because the chairman is always a board member outside PBS, Schneider said.

Peter Callahan's '90 latest film "Against the Current" premiered at the Sundance Film Festival. It stars Joseph Fiennes as Paul Thompson, a financial writer struggling with a tragic past, who decides to swim the 150 miles of the lower Hudson River. He recruits his best friend, Jeff (Justin Kirk), and new acquaintance, Liz (Elizabeth Reaser), to accompany him on a physical and emotional journey exploring friendship, grief, and how we cope when what we lose is greater than what life has to offer. In 2001, Callahan wrote and directed his award-winning independent feature "Last Ball." The film had its world premiere at the Los Angeles Film Festival and won awards at the Avignon, Director's View, and Northampton Film Festivals.

Amotz Asa-El '91, the former Executive Editor of the Jerusalem Post, is currently a fellow at the Shalem Center and Middle East commentator for the Wall Street Journal/MarketWatch.

Andrea Braslavsky Kane '91 is producer of CNNhealth.com, where she works closely with Elizabeth Landau '07, another J-school graduate. She enjoys returning to work at CNN after a 7-year hiatus to stay at home with her daughters.

Warren Bass '93, the deputy editor of the Washington Post's Outlook section and previously a staffer with the 9/11 Commission, has been tapped to be Susan Rice's speechwriter and advisor at the United Nations, according to Al Kamen of the Washington Post.

Andrew Wallenstein '96 was appointed to the newly created position of editor, digital media for The Hollywood Reporter in Los Angeles. Wallenstein was the deputy editor at The Reporter, where he oversaw coverage of digital media and technology, among other editorial features for the publication. He also writes the Digital Reporter column for THR and contributes to Reel Pop, THR's blog devoted to online video. In his new role, Wallenstein will drive all aspects of content creation and production and oversee all of THR's digital editorial strategy on all its platforms, including the award-winning Web site [THR.com](http://THR.com). He will report directly to Eric Mika, publisher of The Hollywood Reporter and V.P. entertainment for Nielsen Business Media. In addition to his role at The Reporter, Wallenstein serves as a critic for NPR's nationally syndicated radio program "Day to Day." He joined The Reporter in 2002 in the publication's New York bureau and moved to Los Angeles in 2003, where he was promoted to deputy editor. Before The Hollywood Reporter, Wallenstein was the host of the TV Guide Channel series "Square Off."

Sana Butler '97 has written "Sugar of the Crop: My Journey to Find the Children of Slaves" (The Lyons Press, January 2009), a nonfiction book about her search across the country to find and interview the last surviving children of slaves to tell the story of how freed slaves raised their children after the end of the Civil War.

Rebecca Santana '97 has moved to Cairo, Egypt as a reporter and editor for The Associated Press's Middle East bureau.

Deirdre Shaw '97 has written her first book, "Love or Something Like It" (Random House, April 2009), a novel that follows a thirtysomething woman forced to redefine love, career and family after her young marriage falters. She was formerly a reporter at The Keene (N.H.) Sentinel and The Philadelphia Inquirer, and now teaches fiction at the UCLA Extension Writers Program. She will be at the Alumni Book Fair in April, and will also be doing readings and events in Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, San Diego and Houston. She would love to see any alumni in those areas! Detailed event information is on her website at [www.deirdreshaw.com](http://www.deirdreshaw.com).

Evan Halper '98 became the Sacramento bureau chief of The Los Angeles Times in December.

Tom Zeller Jr. '98 is an editor and writer who covers alternative energy and green business and edits the "Green Inc." blog for the New York Times. After a year as an editor at large for National Geographic magazine, Zeller returned to the Times in July 2008. He spent much of the last decade as a reporter and editor covering various subjects for The Times — from technology and

cyberfraud to culture and politics. He was also the founder of "The Lede", the paper's news blog, in 2006. Zeller has won several awards for visual journalism and multimedia reporting from the Society of News Design and from the University of Navarra, Spain (Malofiej Awards), including prizes for a collection of essays and graphics lending historical context to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; an interactive reconstruction of the shooting of Amadou Diallo; and a multimedia documentary of a Louisiana plantation — part of The Times's Pulitzer prize-winning "How Race Is Lived in America" series.

Matthew Korade '99 is deputy editor for defense, foreign policy, and homeland security news at Congressional Quarterly.

Paul Beban '00 won an Emmy Award for Outstanding Interpretation or Analysis of a Business News Story--News Magazines and Long Form as correspondent for "India Rising", which was broadcast on "Now" on PBS.

Michael Goldman '00 has started a social network for people with Sleep Apnea. The online community, found at [www.SleepGuide.com](http://www.SleepGuide.com), provides tips and tricks for managing this common disorder from others who have the condition.

Kimberly Seals-Allers '00 has written ""The Mocha Manual to Turning Your Passion Into Profit, How to Find and Grow Your Side Hustle in Any Economy" (Amistad, 2009), a guide for creating a business, from coming up with a plan and selecting an account to tips on how to start a business in a down economy. In June, she'll release "The Mocha Manual to Military Life - The Ultimate Guide for Wives, Girlfriends, Fiancées and Female Service members" (Amistad, 2009). Written with a military wife, Pamela McBride, the book discusses issues such as raising children when the family has to move every few years and how to maintain a relationship when a spouse is gone six months out of the year. Seals-Allers heads The Mocha Manual Company, Inc., an umbrella business that markets her books and sells her items, such as maternity wear and even T-shirts for expectant fathers on the Web site, [www.MochaManual.com](http://www.MochaManual.com). She has been a columnist for the New York Post and Essence and Fortune magazines, and a financial reporter for the Times of London. A mother of two, Seals-Allers also has worked as an adjunct professor at NYU, Long Island University's C.W. Post campus and at the City University of New York.

Drew Magratten '02 won an Emmy Award for Outstanding Interpretation or Analysis of a Business News Story--News Magazines and Long Form as producer of "King of Sushi" on CBS News 60 Minutes.

DeMarco Morgan '02 has been hired as weekend anchor by WNBC/Ch. 4 (New York). Last year, he joined NBC's WTVJ in Miami. Morgan began his reporting career at CBS affiliate WJTV in Jackson, Miss., and later moved to ABC affiliate WISN in Milwaukee.

Michael Scherer '02 has been named White House correspondent by TIME magazine. Scherer joined the staff of TIME in December 2007 as a Washington correspondent.

Andrew Blackman '03 has won the Luke Bitmead Writers' Bursary and been shortlisted for the Dundee International Book Prize for his debut novel "On the Holloway Road" (Legend Press, February 2009), described by bestselling author Zoe Jenny as "A beautifully written story about friendship and the longing for adventure in an increasingly demystified world, and the eternal question of what life is all about."

Michael Schreiber '03 recently joined TheStreet.com where he is deputy managing editor for their personal finance website MainStreet.com. He works frequently with Farnoosh Torabi '03, a long-time correspondent and reporter at TheStreet. Farnoosh and Mike were in the same RW1 (Goldman-Lipton '03) and look forward to the day when TheStreet hires the rest of their classmates so they can all be one big, happy family again. Michael is also an adjunct professor at the J-School, teaching multimedia skills.

Amy L. Kovac '04 is now the local community editor for [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com) and oversees [LoudounExtra.com](http://LoudounExtra.com), a community site of The Washington Post Media Company. Over the 2008 Christmas holiday, she got engaged and is now busily planning a wedding for this fall.

Petra Bartosiewicz '04, MA '06 was awarded a six-month fellowship from the Alicia Patterson Fund.

John R.D. Celock '04 recently was awarded First Place for Magazine In-Depth Reporting in the annual contest of Capitol Beat, the Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors. The award was for a series, "Up and Coming in the Empire State", Celock wrote for The Capitol identifying the up and coming elected officials in New York State. Celock is a freelance journalist in the New York metropolitan area, specializing in politics and real estate.

Jessica Bailey Kirshner '04 was married on Jan. 31 to Anish Melwani in the El San Juan Hotel in San Juan, P.R. Kirshner is a senior manager in the U.S. Thought Leadership Institute group that is within the marketing and sales division of PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York. Melwani is a partner in the New York office of McKinsey & Company, the management consultancy. He leads the firm's corporate finance practice in the Northeast. In 2008, he served as a [David Rockefeller Fellow](#) as part of the Partnership for New York City.

Ayesha Harruna Attah '06 has just published "Harmattan Rain", a novel about three generations of a family and how the secrets they keep from each other eventually catch up with them. She'll launch it on February 12, 2009 in New York. Copies will soon be available on [www.bbkwon.com](http://www.bbkwon.com).

Janeen Interlandi '06 received a \$10,000 Kaiser Family Foundation Mini Fellowship in Global Health Reporting for 2009. Interlandi, a health and science reporter for *Newsweek* will cover the multi-drug resistant tuberculosis epidemic in Baku, Azerbaijan. The Fellowships are designed to encourage reporting on global health issues, particularly HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. Kaiser's goal is to raise awareness of major public health issues in the U.S. and around the world.

Cody Lyon '06 is a reporter/editor for the real estate trade magazine "Real Estate New York" and the web page [www.globest.com](http://www.globest.com)

Alexandra Poolos '06 reported "Getting out of Gitmo" on Frontline/World on PBS, which follows a group of Uighurs from China who were detained at Guantanamo and then unexpectedly released to Albania. The piece also looks at the bigger issues of why there are still men, who are not U.S. enemies, detained at Gitmo, and the challenges in closing the prison, which President Obama has vowed to do in a year ([www.pbs.org/frontlineworld](http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld)).

Issa Mansaray '07 won a second place award at the first annual Ethnic and Community Media Awards in Minnesota, co-sponsored by New America Media and the Twin Cities Media Alliance for his article on Minnesota's Lonely Elders, which profiles the aging immigrant populations facing isolation, loneliness, boredom and challenges finding adequate healthcare, transportation and other resources, that was published in African News Journal.

Ahmed Shihab-Eldin '07 is blogging for the Huffington Post from the Middle East. Shihab-Eldin is a multimedia journalist, who most recently worked for the New York Times and PBS Wide Angle ([www.huffingtonpost.com/ahmed-shihabeldin/lebanons-economy-thriving\\_b\\_153253.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/ahmed-shihabeldin/lebanons-economy-thriving_b_153253.html)).

Tamar S. Snyder '07 was married on January 4 to Avi-Gil Chaitovsky, a recent graduate of Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health. She is currently working as a staff writer at The Jewish Week, where she covers business and philanthropy.

John Soltes '07 became the editor-in-chief of The Leader newspaper, a weekly publication based in New Jersey in early 2008, after traveling to Vietnam and Hong Kong for an internship with Time

Asia magazine. He also served in the Berlin Capital Program for the Fulbright Commission in Germany.

John Wendle '07 is a general news correspondent in Moscow with Agence France Presse.

Laura Isensee '08 is a news intern in the DC bureau of the Dallas Morning News.

Alison Hawkes M.A. '08 has received a \$10,000 Kaiser Family Foundation Mini Fellowship in Global Health Reporting for 2009. Hawkes, a freelance writer and public radio reporter in New York will track Uganda's use of DDT in malaria control efforts. The Fellowships are designed to encourage reporting on global health issues, particularly HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. Kaiser's goal is to raise awareness of major public health issues in the U.S. and around the world.

Andrew Nusca '08 is assistant editor and producer at ZDNet, a CBS business and technology news website. Most recently, he live blogged from the floor of this year's Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. Previously, he was a reporter at Money magazine.

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Margaret D. Trentin '45 died on Jan. 5, 2009, after a short illness. She was 86. Following graduation, Trentin worked as a press representative for the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. She later became director of public relations for Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J., a position she held for 18 years, winning three national awards. She was a past president of the New Jersey Hospital Public Relations Association and a past board member of The American Academy of Hospital Public Relations Directors. Trentin had also been listed in "Who's Who of American Women," "Who's Who in Public Relations" and "Foremost Women in Communications." She also served as a member and board member of the Junior League of The Oranges and Short Hills, as a board member for the Summit chapter of the American Red Cross, as a member and board member of Soroptomist International of the Summit Area and as a member of the Summit YWCA advisory board. Trentin was newsletter editor for New Eyes for the Needy and had served the Community Congregational Church of Short Hills as a former deaconess, newsletter editor and publicity chairman. In addition, she was a former member of the Home Garden Club of Short Hills. Trentin's late husband, Henry George Trentin, had been a senior partner at Arthur Andersen, Inc. before becoming executive consultant to the chairman of the board at Bache, Halsey, Stuart, Shields. Trentin is survived by her son, Brian, and by her grandchildren, Alana and Keith.

Roland Giduz '49 died on Jan. 23 in Chapel Hill, N.C. Giduz, a ukulele-strumming former town alderman, newspaper columnist, blogger and volunteer was 83 and had prostate cancer. His wife of nearly 60 years, Helen, and his three sons and seven grandchildren survive him. A native of Chapel Hill, Giduz joined the Army just after graduating from high school in 1942 and was shipped to France in 1944. He served less than a month before being hit in the leg by shrapnel and sent home. He later went into journalism, landing his first job with the Durham Herald and later went into public affairs. In 1957 he was elected to the town Board of Aldermen and served 12 years during the tumultuous civil rights era. Giduz ran for mayor in 1969 but lost narrowly to Howard Lee, who became the first black mayor of a Southern municipality since Reconstruction. He wrote a newspaper column about the town for 35 years and, until last February, kept a blog, "Old Codger Blogger," about Chapel Hill politics. He volunteered in many organizations, including the Rotary Club, the Chapel Hill Historical and Preservation societies and his church. He founded an alumni society for his Army division, which he led for 50 years. He won a host of service awards over the years. He delighted in playing the ukulele, often performing at parties and composing songs for birthdays and vacations. For the past 15 years, he was part of a musical group called the Village Revue, which played mostly in rest homes.

John M. Lee '56, a reporter and editor for The New York Times who oversaw the expansion of its business coverage, including the creating of its Business Day section, during a tumultuous era in the financial world, died Jan. 6 in New Haven. He was 78 and lived in Greenwich, Conn. The

cause was complications during heart valve replacement surgery, said his son Edward. Lee rose through the ranks at The Times as a reporter and a foreign correspondent, and made an unusually smooth transition to management. He was a central figure in the planning and execution of Business Day, which was started as a stand-alone section in 1978, and he played a similar role two years later in the remaking and expansion of the Sunday business section. Lee spent four years in the Air Force, mostly in England, in the early 1950s. Following Columbia Journalism School, he took a job as a reporter at The News Leader in Richmond, Va., becoming its business editor in 1957. He moved to The Times in 1961. He served in three foreign bureaus, first in Canada, then in London and finally in Tokyo. In 1972, he and Harrison Salisbury became the first two Western reporters to visit North Korea since the end of the Korean War, filing articles about the culture and politics of what was then — and may still be — the world's most mysterious nation. He returned to New York to become assistant business editor later that year. Four years later, he became the business editor. He was later appointed an assistant managing editor of the paper and finished his career as director of editorial development for The New York Times Regional Newspaper Group. He retired in 2001. In addition to his son Edward, of Los Altos, Calif., he is survived by a sister, Betty McManus, of Alexandria, Va.; another son, John III, of Dallas; a daughter, Virginia Wright, of Vienna, Va.; and five grandchildren.

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## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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### **Newswomen's Club of New York's 70th Annual Front Page Awards** **Deadline: March 1, 2009**

This prestigious award honors the exemplary work of women journalists in newspapers; wire services; magazines; radio and television; internet; and visual arts and photojournalism. This year, award recipients will receive honors at the Front Page Awards ceremony on June 25, 2009, at the National Arts Club in New York City. For complete list of rules and details, visit [www.NewswomensClubNewYork.com](http://www.NewswomensClubNewYork.com)

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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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