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Columbia Journalism School E-News

-- July 1, 2009 --

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

LOS ANGELES, July 16: SOCIAL MEDIA TIPS & TRICKS with Sree Sreenivasan '93. To register: <http://sreetips.tumblr.com/post/128025271/sreela>

ALBUQUERQUE, July 31: Alumni Drinks at Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) Convention

BOSTON, Aug. 7: Alumni Breakfast at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) Convention

For more information contact jalumni@columbia.edu

SAVE THE DATE! ALUMNI WEEKEND 2010 WILL BE APRIL 22-25

All graduates of the Journalism School are invited to return to Columbia University to reconnect with each other and the school. For those in reunion years (2005, 2000, 1995, 1990, 1985, 1980, 1975, 1970, 1965, 1960, 1955, 1950, 1945, etc.), contact us if you're interested in serving on the planning committee by emailing: ics9@columbia.edu

Trevor Brown to Advise on Curriculum Development

Trevor Brown, former dean of the Indiana University journalism school, will join Columbia Journalism School for the 2009-10 academic year as a visiting administrator, filling the open position of assistant dean for curriculum development. Brown will advise on several projects, including working with faculty and adjuncts on ways we can share more of our pedagogical experience and expertise; helping the school launch the "assessment of learning outcomes" program for accreditation; and working on the curriculum enrichment aspect of the Carnegie-Knight Journalism Initiative.

Washingtonian Magazine Names Alumni as Most Influential

Neil Irwin of the Washington Post and Sam Stein of the Huffington Post, both 2007 graduates, were named two of the 50 most influential journalists in Washington by Washingtonian magazine. Irwin was described as "the Post's go-to writer over the last year for financial stories and just returned from earning an MBA" and "no less a figure than President Obama welcomed Stein into the club of White House reporters when he called on him during his first press conference." Thomas Edsall, Joseph Pulitzer II and Edith Pulitzer Moore Professor of Journalism, was also named to the list as "ushering in a new era of Web journalism at one of the new media's flagship sites."

J-Schoolers Win McCormick Scholarships

Mary Plummer, Danielle Douglas and Katherine Burns Olson were awarded McCormick Scholarships for the 2009-2010 school year. The scholarships were established by members of the Newswomen's Club of New York (www.newswomensclubny.com) to honor the memory of their friend, Anne O'Hare McCormick, who was the first woman to serve on The New York Times editorial board. She was the first woman to win a Pulitzer Prize for foreign correspondence and for several years, a vice president of the Newswomen's Club. **Special note to Columbia J-School's alumnae:** Are you a former McCormick Scholarship winner? If so, please e-mail Jan Paschal '91 at: jlp321@hotmail.com with a brief update on your career.

Students Win Oscar in Student Academy Awards

Three broadcast students won the Silver Oscar in the Student Academy Awards documentary for "The Wait," which chronicles the anguish of three chronically ill teenagers waiting for organ donors. The team, all member of the 2009 part-time M.S. program, included Cassandra Lizaire, Kelly Asmuth, and Alicia Tejada. Lenny Bourin, who will be teaching a broadcast-RW1 section this fall, served as adviser.

Columbia Email Addresses for Alumni and Online Directory

Columbia Alumni Association offers alumni free, Web-based e-mail with a customizable name@caa.columbia.edu. For information on how to obtain a Columbia email account, go to: http://alumni.columbia.edu/access/s2_2.html and for the Online Directory go to: <http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/COU/oldintro/oldintro.cgi>

FEATURED NEWS

Students Produce Series on Immigrants for Globalpost.Com

The International Newsroom, a spring seminar, produced a multimedia reporting project for GlobalPost.com, titled **Payback: Remittances in NYC**. The students produced a series of stories on immigrants in New York City who work and send money home to Pakistan, Haiti, Yemen, Mexico, and other countries around the globe. The project is currently a top feature on the GlobalPost home page (www.globalpost.com). Please check it out, and the students and I would all appreciate any feedback: <http://www.globalpost.com/>

**National Endowment for the Arts Institute from Oct. 17-27 at Columbia
Deadline: July 23**

With support from the National Endowment for the Arts, Columbia Journalism School will host the sixth institute for journalists who write about classical music and opera. For an application, send an email to nea_institute@earthlink.net Questions? Call 202.210.9494

Become a Columbia Alumni Arts League (CAAL) Member

CAAL members enjoy special benefits and discounts at more than 70 leading New York City cultural institutions, connect with fellow Columbians and artists through weekly exclusive arts events, and keep up-to-date with the arts scene through a curated e-newsletter. Membership is open to all alumni who donate \$25 or more to the Arts Initiative in support of University-wide student and alumni programs. For a limited time, [Class of 2009 graduates can sign up for free](#). [Join CAAL online](#) or by calling 212.851.1879. Visit www.alumniarts.columbia.edu to learn more.

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

Fourth Annual Columbia Alumni Association Picnic July 18, 11:30 – 3:00 p.m. (rain date: July 25)

Join the [Columbia Alumni Association](#) on campus with alumni and guests for field games, face painters, balloon artists, campus tours, barbeque, and beverages (beer and wine, too!) at the [Fourth Annual Picnic](#). Alumni who have authored a children's book (audience of 2nd grade and older) and are interested in reading from their book can contact Ambareen Naqvi at an2320@columbia.edu. All activities and food are included in the ticket price. There are no additional costs. Show your school spirit by wearing Columbia gear; or blue and white; and have a great time with your Columbia family! Tickets: \$10 Adult (ages 13 and older); \$5 Child* (ages 6-12); *Children ages 5 and under admitted for free. [RSVP online](#).

ALUMNI CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

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.

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=32372>

**Travel Writing Workshop in Hudson, N.Y.
September 16-18**

A travel writing workshop led by Robert Haru Fisher, former editor in chief of Fodor Guides and executive editor of www.frommers.com, will be held in Hudson, N.Y., two hours north of New York City. For more information: <http://www.travelwritingworkshop.org/>.

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ALUMNI NEWS

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Herman (Hy) Hollinger '40 ended a 38-year trade journalism career at the end of 2008. He spent a total of 20 years at Variety/Daily Variety in two stints, first from 1953 to 1960 and then from 1979 to 1992. His career at The Hollywood Reporter started promptly in 1992 and finished last year. His entertainment journalism career was enhanced by two stints at major Hollywood studios, Warner Bros. and Paramount Pictures.

John Strohmeier '48 writes "I have kind thoughts about my year at Columbia J-School. I have sort of been around the barn in our chosen profession--investigating Mafia for the Providence Journal, editor of the Bethlehem Pa. Globe-Times for 28 years, author of two nationally-acclaimed books and working at present as writer (and fisherman)-in-residence at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Some honors: Nieman Fellow, Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing, and an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Lehigh University, an institution I fought for tearing down good neighborhoods in Bethlehem. I will be turning 85 at the end of June. Instead of celebrating by parachuting out of an airplane as Father George Bush did at 85, I plan to observe the day by going combat fishing on Alaska's famed bear-infested Kenai River. Pray for me."

Robert H. Phelps '50 at the age of 90 has written a memoir, *God and the Editor*, which has received such positive word-of-mouth that it is already going into its second printing and a publisher in China is having it translated. Phelps, winner of the Pulitzer Traveling Scholarship for his class, was an instructor at the Journalism School when he was on the New York Times handling coverage of Watergate and the Pentagon papers as head of the Washington Bureau. The book covers his 50-year newspaper career from World War II Navy combat correspondent to his last assignment as executive editor of the Boston Globe. Phelps, whose wife, Betty, died six years ago, lives and works out of their home in Lincoln, MA.

Robert G. Black '55, who has spent 58 years in journalism and public relations, was recognized by Florida Southern College for his service as a marketing and alumni relations consultant. Black was a sports columnist for Stars & Stripes in Tokyo and has covered the Olympics, the America's Cup and Offshore Powerboat Racing for AP, Agence France-Presse and NBC. He was a contributing editor to Popular Science for 15 years, North American public relations manager for Swissair and executive vice president of H. A. Bruno & Associates in New York. In 1995, he became an adjunct professor in FSC's Department of Communication. He was elected to the Executive Committee of the FSC National Alumni Board of Directors in 2006.

Alex Belida '71 is running Voice of America's Persian News Network; seven hours live TV via satellite each day.

David Thorne '71 was nominated by President Barack Obama as the next ambassador to Italy, replacing Ronald Spogli. Thorne is a co-founder of Boston-based Adviser Investments, one of America's most highly regarded mutual fund firms. Thorne's father held a diplomatic position in Rome, where he also published a daily American newspaper. Thorne was eight when the family moved to Italy. He later took over the editorship of his father's paper, the Daily American. He speaks fluent Italian, like his predecessor Spogli, as well as Spanish and French. Thorne and his former brother-in-law, Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) wrote a book together, "The New Soldier" (Macmillan, 1971). When Kerry made his bid for the White House in 2004 Thorne was his campaign treasurer and head of Internet activities. Thorne has also been tapped as ambassador to San Marino, the tiny republic between the Emilia Romagna and Marche regions.

Tony Mauro '72 is a co-author of "A Good Quarrel: America's Top Legal Reporters Share Stories From Inside the Supreme Court," published in April 2009 by The University of Michigan Press.

Richard Wexler '76, a founder of the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform, www.nccpr.org, has now served as that group's executive director for ten years. The group seeks to change child welfare by changing media coverage of the issue. The trade journal "Youth Today" says Wexler "might be the most successful youth advocate out there in terms of landing his words on editorial pages around the country."

Kunda Dixit '85 is the editor of Nepali Times weekly. He was a scientist before he became a journalist, researching the microbiological pathways of making biogas work in cold climates. He is the author of "Dateline Earth: Journalism As If the Planet Mattered."

Scott James '85 received worldwide media attention for the release of his second novel, "The Sower." James writes fiction under the pen name Kemble Scott. "The Sower" was the first original novel to be sold by Scribd, a tech start-up that sells digital books that can be read on all computer and mobile devices. James' decision to be the first, and to make the first edition of "The Sower" a digital book selling for only \$2, was covered by The New York Times, The London Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Poynter Institute, The Associated Press, National Public Radio, and dozens of news organizations around the world. Publishers Weekly featured a full-page article by James about the unusual business arrangement the venture has created for writers (authors get 80%). James' first Kemble Scott novel "SoMa" was a bestseller and finalist for the national Lambda Literary Award. For those interested in seeing what a digital book looks like in this format, James has set up a free preview at www.scribd.com/kemblescott

Bill Daley '87 is a food and wine critic with the Chicago Tribune. He writes a weekly wine column, "Uncorked," for the Tribune's food section called Good Eating. His column in Sunday's Q section, "Daley Drink," answers questions from readers on wine, beer and spirits. He tapes a weekly video segment on food and wine that is displayed on the Web sites of the Chicago Tribune and other Tribune-owned newspapers. He also does a weekly spot on food and wine for WBBM-AM, the CBS all-news radio station. Daley arrived at the Tribune in 2004. Previously, he spent 13 years at the Hartford Courant in Connecticut, most recently as restaurant reviewer, as well as a food writer for the San Francisco Chronicle. He has been recognized twice for restaurant criticism by the Association of Food Journalists and has served as that organization's president from 2002-2004.

Matt Hickerson '90 has published his first children's book "A Ball in the Woods," which tells the story of two girls who head into the woods to find their lost soccer ball. They encounter adventure along the way and have to find their way home. The book is targeted for kids ages 6 - 9, depending on their reading level. It's a chapter book, 108 pages, and is similar to the "Magic

Tree House" books or other chapter books for kids who have "graduated" from picture books (<http://matthickerson.wordpress.com>).

Lorne Manly '90 is the entertainment editor of the New York Times. He oversees the cultural coverage of movies, television and videogames. Since coming to The Times in 2002, Manly has served in various editing and reporting positions, including media editor and film editor. During his stint as chief media writer, Mr. Manly got to hang out with the brain trust of "Lost," go to Qatar for the launch of Al Jazeera International, explore the corporatization of payola in the music business, chronicle the evolution of television product placement and profile a resurgent Paul Anka. In addition, he was a member of the team that examined the reporting of Jayson Blair at The Times, and has contributed articles to The New York Times Magazine. Before joining The Times, Mr. Manly worked for the media news Web site Inside.com, as well as for Folio: Magazine, Brill's Content, Adweek, Mediaweek and The New York Observer, as its media columnist.

Jim Mackinnon '90 was on the Akron Beacon Journal team that was awarded a 2009 Casey Medal for Meritorious Journalism for the story "The American Dream: Hanging by a Thread," which illustrates the plight of families driven into bankruptcy and other economic hardships and the struggle of declining wages, rising health care costs, soaring tuition and shrinking retirement funds.

Jodie Gould '91 has written her sixth book, "CHANGE ONE THING: Discover What's Holding You Back--And Fix It--with the Secrets of a Top Executive Image Consultant," written with Anna Wildermuth. It will be released this August from McGraw-Hill. Gould also writes for Woman's Day and other magazines.

S.H. Fernando Jr. '92 has just published his first cookbook, "Rice & Curry: Sri Lankan Home Cooking" (Blurb.com), after spending a year in his homeland of Sri Lanka learning how to make all those fantastic, spicy dishes. He says, "If you think Sri Lankan food is like Indian food, guess again." He also recently took TV Host and celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain on a culinary tour of Sri Lanka for an episode of the popular Travel Channel show, "No Reservations with Anthony Bourdain," which first aired in March. Fernando is continuing on the food trajectory with his blog, "Rice & Curry," which celebrates Sri Lankan food and all things spicy (www.riceandcurry.wordpress.com). He is also marketing his own brand of curry powder called, "Skiz's Original Sri Lankan Roasted Curry! Powder," which is available at Foodzie.com."

Steve Wolgast '92, news design editor for the New York Times, will start work July 1 as adviser for the student newspaper and an instructor of journalism and digital media at the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Kansas State University. Wolgast has a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University. He has worked almost nine years for the Times, where he was named first advance layout editor in 2006. He previously served as a lecturer at the University of Akron, Ohio; wire and design editor in Casper, Wyo.; had international experience as a reporter in Tallinn, Estonia; and worked as a photographer for The Topeka Capital-Journal.

Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez '94 has written "The Husband Habit" (St. Martin's Press, July 2009), a novel about a talented chef with a lousy romantic history who finds herself drawn to an Iraq war veteran with a troubled past. Kirkus described it as "Pride & Prejudice for the CNN age." Valdes-Rodriguez is an award-winning journalist and the author of five novels. She was named one of today's 25 most influential Hispanics by TIME magazine. She lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with her husband and son.

Father Joseph Fedora '96 celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination as a Maryknoll missionary at the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America headquarters. After his ordination on May 5, 1984, he served in Peru through 1990 as pastor and associate pastor of St. Peter's Cathedral in Juli. He later worked in Los Angeles before completing his education and serving as editor of "Maryknoll" magazine for two years. In 1998, he returned to Peru to minister to people

with HIV/AIDs, leading retreats for HIV-positive people and those who work with them. Fedora continues to report and write for the organization's publications.

Katie Galloway '96 was awarded (with her co-producer/director Kelly Duane de la Vega) the HBO documentary films fellowship for their documentary "Better This World" (in production), which includes \$10,000 and a year of support/services from Film Independent. "Better This World" follows the personal journeys of two childhood friends - David McKay (22) and Bradley Crowder (23) - from Midland, Texas, who set out to make a difference in the world, and to prove the strength of their political convictions to themselves and Brandon Darby (32) -- a revolutionary activist -- turned FBI informant. The result: eight homemade bombs, multiple domestic terrorism charges, and a controversial entrapment defense. Galloway was also named "filmmaker in residence" at the Investigative Reporting Program of U.C. Berkeley's Journalism School -- a fellowship that will support her work on "Better This World" from June 2009 - June 2010 and includes a \$25,000 stipend plus office space at Frontline's west coast headquarters.

Mana Lumumba-Kasongo '96 wrote an article for the Women's Media Center on her medical work in rural Kenya (<http://womensmediacenter.com/ex/062209.html>). Lumumba-Kasongo is board-certified emergency physician and co-founder of the Black Star News, a weekly investigative newspaper in New York City. Dr. Kasongo received her medical degree from Rush Medical School and completed her residency in emergency medicine from New York University in 2006 and is currently an attending physician at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Ga.

Viveca Woods '96 and her firm, VMW Public Relations, LLC, earned a Gold Mercury Award at the Public Relations Society of America's (PRSA) annual award ceremony held in New Haven, Conn. on June 11. The accolade was presented to VMW PR for its work in the media relations for-profit category. The company's efforts on the campaign titled "Advancing Secondary Ticket Market Credibility and Transparency among Mainstream Audiences", was designed to change the stigma that has long been associated with the evolving ticket resale industry. The regional awards program received more than sixty entries overall.

Eric Adelson '97 has written "The Sure Thing: The Making and Unmaking of Golf Phenom Michelle Wie" (ESPN, June 2009), an intimate portrait of the meteoric rise, fall, and uncertain future of the greatest sports phenom of the twenty-first century. Adelson first interviewed Michelle Wie when she was 10 years old for a story in ESPN The Magazine.

Gaiutra Bahadur '97 is freelancing (New York Times Book Review, the Nation, Ms.) and working on a book project. More at www.gaiutra.com.

Karl Taro Greenfeld '98 has written "Boy Alone" (HarperCollins, June 2009), a memoir about growing up with his brother Noah, "probably the most famous autistic child in America." Greenfeld vividly shows how his parents' focus on Noah, and Noah's profound autism, left him the "boy alone" of the book's title. Greenfeld is the author of three books—"Speed Tribes", "Standard Deviations", and "China Syndrome". A longtime writer and editor for Time and Sports Illustrated, he is currently a correspondent for Condé Nast Portfolio. His nonfiction has been anthologized in various Best American collections, and his fiction has appeared in The Paris Review, American Short Fiction, and Best American Short Stories 2009. He lives in New York City with his wife and two daughters.

Molly Thomas-Meyer '98 is a medical doctor, having passing all her exams at the University of London in June.

Kelly Choi '99 hosts Bravo's new "Top Chef Masters" show. Choi, a former Ford model, is the host of local NYC food show "Eat Out New York" and of "Secrets of New York." The new show will pit 24 of the best chefs around the globe against one another in a chance to win \$100,000 for charity.

Donna Rosato '99 is a senior writer at Money magazine, where she writes the "Money Helps" column and covers consumer advocacy issues, workplace topics and travel trends. Prior to joining Money, she worked at USA Today covering the airline industry and the stock market. At USA Today, she worked on investigative projects, including an award-winning series with a colleague about the sexual harassment of female air traffic controllers. Prior to J-School, she worked as a management consultant on aviation and media projects at Booz Allen & Hamilton. Rosato also wrote for the New York Times and SmartMoney before joining Money in August 2003.

Tony Maciulis '00, a producer at the CBS Evening News, interviewed Katie Couric about the art of the interview. It was the lead video for YouTube's new Reporters' Center channel.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4eOynrl2eTM&feature=player_profilepage

Lydia Polgreen '00 of the New York Times won a Livingston Award for Young Journalists for International Reporting. With her three-part series, "The Spoils," Polgreen focused on tin and uranium to explain an ironic tragedy in which exploitation of Africa's natural resources wealth often bring violence and poverty. The awards, which carry a prize of \$10,000, are limited to journalists under the age of 35 and are the largest all-media, general-reporting prizes in the country.

Gabriel Sama '00 has received a John S. Knight Fellowship to study at Stanford during the 2009-10 academic year. Fellows pursue independent courses of study, participate in special seminars and work on individual journalism projects, and Sama plans to explore digital journalism projects using multi-platform publication: the web, cell phones, billboards, videos and audio. Sama is a senior consultant at Innovation International Media Consulting Group in San Antonio.

Michael Yeh '00 completed an M.S. degree in epidemiology in 2007 and recently graduated with a doctorate in medicine (MD) from SUNY Buffalo. He is now starting a combined residency program in emergency medicine/internal medicine at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Penn. After graduating from J-School, Yeh worked as an online news producer at Newsday.com from 2000-2001. I also worked briefly as a project coordinator for the T.W. Wang Awards for Excellence in Coverage of Chinese-American Issues at CUNY Queens College and producer for Pacifica Radio's "Democracy Now!"

Philip Klein '01 is the Washington correspondent for the American Spectator, where he writes for the monthly print edition and contributes to the daily Web site and blog. Prior to joining the Spectator, Klein worked for more than three years as a reporter at the New York bureau of Reuters, where he covered financial news. Klein's writing and commentary has appeared in the Los Angeles Times, the Chicago Sun-Times, the Dallas Morning News, the Politico and the Atlanta-Journal Constitution among other publications.

Julia Lyon '01 was awarded an International Reporting Project (IRP) Fellowship, which provides mid-career U.S. journalists with opportunities to do a nine-week in-depth overseas reporting projects. Lyon will report from Thailand.

Ryan Teague Beckwith '02 is the deputy editor of Congress.org, a Web site owned by the Roll Call Group in Washington, D.C.

Sara Clemence '02 is co-founder of Recessionwire. The website, which launched in February, offers news, advice, and perspective on the downturn, and spotlights "new entrepreneurs" who have emerged in the recession. It has been featured in the New York Times, CNN American Morning, Businessweek.com and other major media outlets.

Maria Giovanna Drago '03 has been freelancing for several Indian publications. Recent stories include, in India Abroad: profiles of novelist and editor Rakesh Satyal and of the rock band Bamboo Shoots, and in Khabar magazine: a pre-Oscar interview with Slumdog Millionaire's Anil Kapoor and an in-depth look at the current state of various working relationships between the mainstream Hindi film industry and Hollywood.

Heather Hegedus '03 has been promoted to weekend morning anchor at WFSB/Channel 3 (Hartford, Conn.). Hegedus joined the station two years ago and previously worked at WSYR in Syracuse and WIVT/WBGH Binghamton.

Allison Hoffman '03 and Alana Newhouse '02 have launched Tablet, a new online magazine (www.tabletmag.com) It will cover a wide range of news and features about Jewish issues and ideas, as well as continuing the strong arts and culture coverage that distinguished Nextbook.org, its predecessor site.

Itai Michael Maytal '03 was married to Alizah Zissel Diamond on June 7 at the New York Botanical Garden. Maytal is the First Amendment fellow at The New York Times. His work includes assisting the legal department in defending libel actions and litigating access to courts and freedom-of-information issues. Diamond is a litigation associate in Manhattan at the law firm Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis.

Dawn Weiner '03 was married to Andrew Siff on June 21 at the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx. Weiner works in Manhattan as the senior producer for politics and specials of Fox News Radio. Siff is a news reporter for WNBC-TV in New York.

Theresa Bradley '05 was awarded an International Reporting Project (IRP) Fellowship, which provides mid-career U.S. journalists with opportunities to do a nine-week in-depth overseas reporting projects. Bradley will report from Brazil.

Rebecca Kim Rosenberg '05 was married to Justin David Soffer on June 28 at Gedney Farm in New Marlborough, Mass. Rosenberg is a freelance writer and video producer of marketing and promotional materials. She works in Manhattan. Until last year, she was an associate field producer on "The Colbert Report." Soffer is a vice president of subscriber marketing at Travelzoo.com in Manhattan.

Chris Korman '06 was named sports editor of The Herald-Times (Bloomington, Ind.), where he has been a sports reporter and columnist for nearly three years. Previously, Korman worked as an intern for Sports Illustrated. As sports editor, Korman will lead a staff of eight journalists in covering sports for The Herald-Times and HeraldTimesOnline.com.

Matt Nippert '06 won the "Crime and Justice" magazine section of the Quatas Media Awards for his Lord of the Flies-esque boot camp story, "Escape from Alcatraz," published in the New Zealand Listener (www.listener.co.nz/issue/3567/features/11866/escape_from_alcatraz.html). Before the award was announced, Nippert was bought out of his staff writer job by the Listener. He now freelances book and film reviews and works as a producer for the breakfast show on Radio Live.

Jennifer Redfearn '07 won the Jury Award at the Media that Matters Film Festival for "The Next Wave, a short version of her feature length film "Sun Come Up," about climate refugees in the South Pacific. www.mediathatmattersfest.org/watch/9/the_next_wave

Callie Enlow '08 joined San Antonio Magazine as assistant editor in February, 2009. Enlow previously worked as the county reporter for the Williamson County Sun newspaper in Georgetown, Texas.

Matt Kennard '08, who as a student in the Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism wrote his master's project about white supremacists in the U.S. military, received the Nation Institute's Investigative Fund to research the topic and it was published on the front page of Salon.com http://www.salon.com/news/feature/2009/06/15/neo_nazis_army/index.html?source=rss&aim=/news/feature

Matt Mabe '08 is writing reports for Foreign Policy from Afghanistan. He enrolled at the J-School after spending a decade in the U.S. army, including two tours in Iraq. The Army recalled Mabe for a third yearlong deployment in the region. He was profiled in the Spring/Summer 2009 issue of "116th & Broadway."
http://ricks.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2009/06/12/the_matt_mabe_story_i_back_to_afghanistan

Faith Abubey '09 is a Multi-Media reporter at KTHV, a CBS affiliate in Little Rock, Ark.

Kelly Asmuth '09 was honored, along with her two co-producers, for "The Wait," a documentary about organ donation, at the Donate Life Film Festival in Los Angeles on June 12. The film was her master's thesis at Columbia and chronicles the lives of four young people who are waiting for, or who have received, a transplant. The film shows the graphic realities of life on the waiting list. Asmuth works as an associate producer for News 12 New Jersey.

Greg Bocquet '09 is a multimedia producer with FLYP, a bi-weekly online magazine (www.flypmedia.com).

Arlene Chang '08 is working at China Daily in Beijing as a writer/copy editor.

Devin Dwyer '09 had been an intern in the ABC News Washington bureau for less than a week when the deadliest Metro accident in Washington D.C.'s history occurred. He was the first ABC editorial presence at the accident site, conducting interviews and shooting with a digital video camera. Much of his work ended up on the Nightline piece.

Ashton Lattimore '09 reported for NPR about a controversy at Harvard. Chanequa Campbell is a African-American honors student at Harvard, but was not allowed to graduate with her class last week after she was forced off campus by the university. Campbell's dismissal follows the recent campus killing of a suspected drug dealer, with whom Campbell is said to be associated. Campbell says she's innocent and has been unfairly targeted because of her race.

Joseph Lin '09 was awarded a U.S.-Japan Fellowship and will be heading to Japan for two weeks in August.

Sarah Maslin Nir '09 had a cover story in the New York Times Home Section on June 18 called "The Unfortunate Location." The story was about people across the U.S. who eschew "location, locations, location" for "house, house, house" and by their dream homes in nightmare neighborhoods (www.nytimes.com/2009/06/18/garden/18houses.html?_r=1).

Amber Sandoval-Griffin '09 is currently a Kaiser Intern in Health Reporting at The Times-Picayune.

Erin Siegal '09 is a fellow at the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism, <http://www.brandeis.edu/investigate/about/index.html>.

James Sims '09 has joined New York City's American Museum of Natural History as its New Media Specialist. Sims will be a one-man-band video and digital media reporter, providing science and events based stories for AMNH.org. This new position follows three years working as a Senior Editor/Producer for BroadwayWorld.com.

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George R. Coffey '51 died on Feb. 7 at the age of 82. Following his service in the Navy, graduation from Creighton University in Omaha and the J-School, George enjoyed a fulfilling career as a journalist and public relations consultant in Washington, D. C., Denver, Los Angeles and San Francisco where he was associated with UPI, Continental Airlines, Bechtel Corporation, the Pacific Bank and for many years had his own firm representing clients including the Yosemite Park and Curry Company, Heublein, China Airlines, Alaska Airlines, Snowmass at Aspen, Northeast Airlines, Werner Erhard of EST, to mention only a few. His final years were spent in Sonoma, Calif. where he enjoyed writing, organizing mementos of his travels, and restoring his 1932 Chevrolet. He is survived by his wife Katherine Coffey, three daughters and four grandchildren.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Grant Writers Residency Program with ReServe Deadline: July 17

ReServe (www.reserveinc.org) was founded by Jack Rosenthal (the president of The New York Times Company Foundation) and Herb Sturz (a civic leader) with the mission of connecting New York City's older professionals with service opportunities that challenge them to use their lifetime skills for the public good. The Grant Writers Residency Program (GWRP) will offer training and mentoring to a select group of older adults with extensive professional experience in print journalism to prepare them for an encore career as professional grant-proposal writers. The GWRP is the first ReServe program that is intended to launch ReServists into a new career that will benefit them and the nonprofit world they will serve. For more information, contact Linda Amster at lamster@reserveinc.org or 212 792 6205.

UNDP Photo Contest Deadline: August 31

[Picture This: Caring for the Earth](#) is a photo contest seeking out single photos and photo essays profiling people in Africa working to reduce the effects of climate change in their countries, cities and communities. You must have lived in an African country for at least 12 months before that date to be eligible to enter. The contest is sponsored by the [United Nations Development Programme](#) in partnership with Olympus Corporation and the Agence France-Presse (AFP) Foundation. For more information and to enter your submissions go to: www.undp.org/picturethis

Alicia Patterson Fellowships Deadline: October 1

The Alicia Patterson fellowships are open only to U.S. citizens who are full time print journalists, or to non-U.S. citizens who work full time for U.S. print publications, either in America or abroad. The aim of the trustees who established the foundation was to improve the quality of U.S. print journalism. For more information:

[Alicia Patterson Foundation](#)

APSA Congressional Fellows Program Deadline: December 1

In the American Political Science Association Congressional Fellows Program, for nine months, select political scientists, journalists, doctors, federal executives, international scholars, and health policy experts can gain "hands on" understanding of the legislative process by serving on congressional staffs. For more information, visit the [American Political Science Association](#).

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