

Columbia Journalism School E-News

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UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

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TORONTO, Oct. 7: Alumni Reception at CBC Broadcast Centre

NEW YORK, Oct. 22: "The Reconstruction of American Journalism"

NEW YORK, Oct. 26: "Sex and Death in the Galapagos" with Professor Jonathan Weiner

ALBANY, Nov. 4: Alumni Reception hosted by Rex Smith '80

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12: Columbia University Northern California Club Annual Dinner with Dean Nicholas Lemann

For more information, go to www.journalism.columbia.edu/alumni or 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. Class reunion agents are already working with the Alumni Office to plan a great weekend. More information at: www.journalism.columbia.edu/alumni

ALUMNI AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE OCT. 15

The awards are given to alumni of the Graduate School of Journalism for a distinguished journalism career in any medium, for an outstanding single accomplishment in journalism, for notable contributions to journalism education or for achievement in related fields. The awards are given

annually at Alumni Weekend. You are urged to participate in the selection process by nominating living alumni currently working in journalism, journalism education or related fields who merit the award. For more information: <http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/alumni/awards>

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Coming soon: A NEW JobNews

The Career Services Office will soon be transitioning to a new, more automated Career Services Management Center.

The new JobNews will provide one place where graduates can search listings in multiple ways, sort and store favorites, keep track of jobs, store resumes and other documents online, instantly access the J-School events calendars and more. The new site will remain password-protected and restricted to students and graduates of the Journalism School, and will allow each user to simply create an account that is easy to manage.

During the launch, alumni will be able to access both the old JobNews and the new Career Management Center. Soon after, only new system will be available and alumni will need to create an account in order to access the listings. Career Services will provide more details and simple instructions as it prepares to open the Career Management Center, so watch the Web site: www.journalism.columbia.edu/careers/JobNews

Dual Degree Program at Sciences Po Enters Second Year

The program, which began in the fall of 2008, allows students to study journalism in both New York and Paris. Students receive degrees from both the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University and the Graduate Journalism Program at Sciences Po, Paris. Rosa Di Martino '92, Eduardo Cue '74 and Rick Zednik '94 have been involved in the orientation of J-Schoolers enrolled in the dual degree program at Sciences Po.

<http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/cs/ContentServer/jrn/1175374650009/page/1175374645610/JRNSimplePage2.htm>

Who says that Columbia sports teams never win anything?

This summer, a group of Columbia alumni from different schools and walks of life played in--and won--the Yorkville Sports Association Summer 2009 Softball League in Manhattan. The team included Mike Prospero '03 and Dan Brillman '04, who battled work schedules and other commitments to play on the Columbia Kings Co-Ed Alumni softball Team.

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EVENTS OF INTEREST
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UPCOMING COLUMBIA CAREER FAIRS

International Organizations Day on Friday, November 13 in Low Library
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This event takes advantage of Columbia's location in New York City and the growing interest in career opportunities with multilateral governance and development organizations. Last year, this event was attended by over 800 Columbia students and alumni and featured 14 organizations such as The World Bank, IMF, UNDP, UNICEF, WTO and others.

ALUMNI CAREER DEVELOPMENT TELE-SEMINAR/WEBINAR SERIES

Please note that the tele-seminar series has changed to a webinar series!

The Self-Employment Option: How to Succeed at Starting Your Own Business

Tuesday, October 20, 1-2PM (ET)

Bonnie Mincu, Adult ADHD Coach, Founder of www.ThriveWithADD.com

Self-employment has become a viable option for people in many lines of work. If you are drawn to working on your own but fear that difficulties in areas of self-starting, follow-through, lateness, and disorganization will doom you to failure, join us on this webinar! We'll review the critical ingredients for self-employment success and the most common pitfalls of entrepreneurship. You will also learn strategies and alternatives to manage challenges to help you succeed as your own boss.

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=32380>

OTHER CCE AND CU CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Columbia Referral Network (CRN) Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 8 - 9 AM

Columbia Alumni Center, 622 West 113th Street

A Columbia Alumni networking meeting that is held on the third Thursday of every month. To register, please join the Columbia Referral Network group on LinkedIn. For more questions, please contact William@caa.columbia.edu.

Ivy Referral Network (IRN) Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 8:15AM

1177 Sixth Avenue, 29th Floor (between 45th and 46th Streets)

An Ivy League Alumni networking meeting. To register, please join the Ivy Referral Network on LinkedIn. For more questions, please contact jciardullo@kramerlevin.com. For those outside of NYC, check the IRN subgroup tabs on LinkedIn for upcoming networking events in your region.

If you would like to receive monthly email updates on CCE's Alumni Career Development Events, please let us know by sending an email to es2756@columbia.edu

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Robert Lipsyte, '59, a long-time city and sports columnist for the New York Times, is the host of LIFE (Part2), a weekly PBS show on how the boomer generation deals with kids, parents, sex, marriage, and personal reinvention as it ages in hard times. To get your local listing check the website <http://www.pbs.org/lifepart2>.

Phil Hardberger '60 ended his term as San Antonio mayor and the veteran sailor and his wife, Linda, set off on a trip through Middle America, from Port Aransas to the shores of Lake Michigan, finding solitude and friends along the way as they traveled upriver in a boat named Aimless.

http://www.mysanantonio.com/life/Hardbergers_travel_miles_in_boat_cal led_Aimless.html

Lewis M. Simons '64 and Christopher S. Bond have written "The Next Front: Southeast Asia and the Road to Global Peace with Islam (John Wiley & Sons, September 2009). With his co-author, Senator Christopher Bond, Simons, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, argues that Southeast Asia, and especially Indonesia, will be the next hot spot in the war on terror. The authors propose that the U.S., having lost credibility with failed military efforts in the Middle East, deploy "smart power" –civilians— instead of soldiers to defuse anger and create alternatives to violent movements.

Barbara Cochran '68, president emeritus of the Radio Television News Directors Association will be honored on Oct. 1 with the Giants of Broadcasting Award from the Library of American Broadcasting. Cochran retired as president of RTNDA in June, 2009, after leading the organization for twelve years. During her tenure at RTNDA she led the fight to end the Fairness Doctrine, to open courtrooms to cameras and microphones, and to protect press freedoms for electronic journalists.

Jim Willse '68, editor of the Star Ledger (Newark, NJ), will travel following his retirement in October. He'll then become a visiting professor at Princeton University, where he'll conduct a seminar on the business of news.

Margie (McBride) Lehrman '70 won another Emmy as part of the NBC News team selected for its 2008 election-night coverage. After 30 years at NBC, Margie retired June 1.

William Wong '70 is blogging on sfgate.com's City Brights blog

(<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/wwong/index>).

Ed Hersh '76 was named senior vice president, strategic planning for Investigation Discovery, based in the New York office, responsible for creating the long-term content, production, acquisition, marketing and promotion strategy for the network. Hersh was previously chief creative officer of StoryCentric LLC, a company he founded to provide executive-level strategic and programming insight to content producers and networks. Hersh joined Court TV in 2001 and spent seven years in leadership roles at the network, most recently as executive vice president, current programming and specials. Prior to his tenure at Court TV, Hersh was vice president, documentary programming for A&E Television Network, where he led the development, production and strategy for the network's signature investigation series, including Investigative Reports, American Justice and A&E documentary specials. An award-winning journalist and producer, Hersh spent more than 16 years at ABC News in senior production roles for programming ranging from "World News Tonight with Peter Jennings" to "Vietnam: The Soldier's Story (for TLC) and the newsmagazine "Day One". A two-time winner of the Columbia-duPont Award, Hersh also received an Emmy for the ABC News special "Peter Jennings Reporting: Who is Ross Perot?" and his work has been honored by the National Association of Black Journalists, the Gabriel Awards, the National Association of Science Writers and the American Bar Association.

Joe Seldner '76 is producing a feature film for which he wrote the script titled "Redemption," to be directed by Tony and Golden Globe-winning actor Brian Dennehy. The movie is based on one of the cases of Jim McCloskey, who founded and runs Centurion Ministries, an organization that has freed more than 40 wrongly convicted people in 30 years. The film centers on the case of Joyce Ann Brown, sentenced to life in prison for a murder in Dallas in 1980 she did not commit, and freed after McCloskey got involved, ultimately resulting in a story for "60 Minutes" in 1989. Seldner is also the executive producer of "Believe It or Not" for Paramount Pictures, to be directed by Chris Columbus, who directed "Mrs. Doubtfire," "Home Alone," two Harry Potter movies and more. But most of all, he's loving being a grandfather to gorgeous Liliana, who turned two in May.

Jonathan Landman '78, a deputy managing editor of The New York Times, was named the new culture editor. For the last four years, Landman has headed the effort to unite the printed Times and nytimes.com into a single, seamless operation. Landman served as acting culture editor in 2004 and 2005, when he reorganized the department. He has been an editor on the newspaper's masthead since 2003, first as assistant managing editor overseeing the paper's longest, most ambitious reporting projects. Previously, he was the metropolitan editor, the editor of the Week in Review section, acting editor of the Sunday Business section and deputy editor of the Washington bureau. Landman joined The Times in 1987 after having been deputy city editor of The Daily News in New York and a reporter at The Chicago Sun-Times and at Newsday.

Andrés Oppenheimer '78 won the VII ALGABA prize in biography, autobiography, memoirs, and historical research for a collection of columns that ran in the newspaper and will be published in the book, "The Non-United States of the Americas". The award came with a prize of \$34,404. The pieces examined the inability of Latin American countries to integrate. Oppenheimer will receive the prize Oct. 21 at a ceremony in Madrid. Oppenheimer is a columnist with The Miami Herald and is a member of the team that won a Pulitzer Prize in 1987.

Gloria Rubio-Cortes '78 is now Executive Editor of the National Civic Review, quarterly journal in its 98th year. She also serves as the President of the National Civic League, the co-publisher of the National Civic Review.

John Finck '80 was appointed to the Bank Street College board. Finck and his wife, Eve Burton, Vice President and General Counsel for the Hearst Corporation, have two children at the school. For 15 years, Finck worked in humanitarian aid for the U.S Office of Refugee Resettlement and the U.S. State Department. He directed programs that resettled 10,000 refugees a year from Asia, Africa, the Soviet Union, and Eastern Europe in 26 states. He is a founding board member of Legal Aid of Cambodia, an NGO based in Phnom Penh; and President of the Outsiders Baseball Association in the Bronx.

Anisa Mehdi '82, a Fulbright Scholar in Amman, Jordan, has started a blog about her experiences there (<http://anisaammanjournal.blogspot.com>).

William Cohan '83 has joined Bloomberg Television as a contributing editor, providing analysis on financial issues of the day, including mergers and acquisitions, bankruptcy and private equity. Cohan is the author of the two bestselling books, "House of Cards: A Tale of Hubris and Wretched Excess on Wall Street" and "The Last Tycoons: The Secret

History of Lazard Freres & Co.," which won the 2007 FT/Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year Award. Previously, Cohan spent six years at Lazard Freres in New York and later became a managing director at JPMorgan Chase & Co. In addition, Cohan is a contributing editor of Fortune magazine and has written for The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Financial Times, The Atlantic, Time Magazine and the Daily Beast.

Michael Rosenblum '83 is chief instructor at the New York Video School. Rosenblum taught one of the most popular courses in NYU's film school for years. He has lectured all over the world and has taught thousands of people to use video. His training has been used at places like the BBC, Oxygen, Al Gore's Current TV, Time Warner's NY1, and much more. He has produced hundreds of hours of television programming, and his students have gone on to use video in countless professions.

Mike Watkiss '84 has been named "Best Television Reporter" by Phoenix NewTimes Magazine for the second year in a row and for the fourth time in the last six years. In making the selection, the magazine wrote "It's downright impossible to find competition for Mike Watkiss in this wrecking ball of a media market. Watkiss, a might mite with a big voice and a bigger heart, is definitely old school. The guy literally pounds the pavement looking for lowdown stories about murder, mayhem, and the otherwise seamy side of life. And he's charming--if you are not the subject of one of his stories. Sadly street reporters like Watkiss are a dying breed, so enjoy him while you can. We love the SOB." Watkiss said he is grateful for the recognition and touched by the sentiment.

Ingrid Abramovitch '88 has published her first book, "Restoring a House in the City: A Guide to Renovating Town Houses, Brownstones, and Row Houses." The book spotlights town house renovations in ten cities and tells how the homeowners--a glamorous group that includes the actress Julianne Moore--restored their antique houses to their original glory. Ingrid, a former editor at House & Garden magazine, writes widely on design. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband Joel Simon (executive director of the Committee to Protect Journalists) and their two daughters. Her book tour includes the following appearances: Oct. 9 at Design Philadelphia; Oct. 22 at Book Court in Brooklyn; Nov. 5 at the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum; and Nov. 18 at the 92nd Street Y Tribeca. For more information, please visit www.Restoringahouse.com and www.IngridAbramovitch.com.

Malcolm Foster '93 started his new job as AP's Tokyo bureau chief in September after four years in Bangkok as Asia business editor for the Associated Press. He finds it's rewarding to return to the land where he was born and raised -- and he couldn't ask for better timing with the recent big political changes in Japan, which is grappling with economic woes and how to cope with its aging, shrinking population.

James Earl Hardy '93 has written the screenplay for "The Day Eazy-E Died," which was optioned by Southern Fried Filmworks. Hardy has created memorable characters in this youthful drama set in 1990s New York City. Principal photography is scheduled to begin April of 2010 in New York City coinciding with the 15th anniversary of the passing of rap pioneer Eazy-E, founder and original member of the group N.W.A. Hardy is an author and award-winning entertainment feature writer and cultural critic whose byline has appeared in The Advocate, Entertainment Weekly, Essence, New York Newsday, Newsweek, OUT, The Source, Upscale, Vibe, The Village Voice, and The Washington Post.

Michelle Conlin '94 was interviewed by New York Magazine about her role in the documentary "No Impact Man." Her husband, Colin Beavan, came up with the idea for his family to live a year in New York City with as little environmental impact as possible. "But the star of the film is his wife, Michelle Conlin, a senior writer at Business Week."

<http://nymag.com/movies/features/58860>

Elizabeth Trostler LaBan '94 has published her first book, "The Grandparents Handbook: Games, Activities, Tips, How-Tos, and All-Around Fun" (Quirk Books). No longer content to sit on rockers and bake cookies, today's grandparents are involved in the lives of their grandchildren more than ever before. "The Grandparents Handbook" features dozens of activities that will guarantee hours of fun, educational quality time

Steve Schifferes '94 will lead a new financial journalism M.A. at City University in London. Schifferes has been named the institution's first Marjorie Deane professor of financial journalism. Schifferes was economics correspondent for the BBC, where his positions included acting editor of its online business pages, issues producer for its online coverage of the last general election and producer for 'On the Record' and 'The Money Programme'. Most recently he co-coordinated the BBC's online anniversary coverage of the 2008 financial crisis.

Carol Berman '95 and Craig Philips Brown were married Sept. 5 in Philadelphia. Berman is a public relations consultant in Ardmore, Pa.

Brown is an assistant vice president and director of internal strategic communications at the Lincoln Financial Group, an insurance company in Radnor, Pa.

Micah Fink '95 worked on a five-part documentary series on HIV/AIDS in Jamaica, which aired on PBS World Focus International News Program, funded by a consortium of groups, including the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, PBS World Focus and the Mac AIDS Foundation.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/200909u/jamaica-aids>

Dave Saldana '95 has picked up stakes and moved to Berkeley, CA, where he is now the Senior Associate for National Security and Human Rights at ReThink Media. In that position, he will provide strategic communications training to organizations working on addressing civil liberties and human rights abuses since 9/11, to the end that national security does not come at the expense of our rights. Since leaving Media Matters in January, Dave has gotten married, to Carla Fehr, Ph.D., associate professor of Philosophy and Women's Studies at Iowa State University, on March 14. They are now a bi-coastal couple (if you consider the Des Moines River a coast).

John McGrath '97 is taking Wordie (www.wordie.org -- "Like Flickr, but without the photos") to the big time, merging with Wordnik.com.

Molly Ann Morse '97 and Randy Rothstein were married Sept. 12 at the Plaza Hotel in New York. Morse is a partner in Kekst & Company, a corporate and financial communications firm in New York. Rothstein is the director of LakeView Day Camp, a summer camp in East Brunswick, N.J.

Rebecca Santana '97, who has covered the Middle East and Russia as a reporter and editor, has been named bureau chief for The Associated Press in Baghdad. Santana will lead a bureau of reporters, photographers and TV news producers and videographers who cover Iraq's daily news and violence, the planned reduction in the U.S. military presence and political reconciliation efforts across sectarian lines. Santana joined the AP in 2005 in Trenton, N.J., covering the environment, the military and religious issues. After working at the AP's North America desk in New York, she joined the Mideast regional desk in Cairo in late 2008, where she also undertook numerous reporting and editing assignments to Iraq. Before joining the AP, Santana worked as a reporter for Cox Newspapers and Voice of America, as a freelance reporter for Fox News and held

positions with NBC News. She has worked extensively in the former Soviet Union, as well as in Jerusalem.

Manuel Rivera-Ortiz '98, recognized internationally for his images of poverty and people throughout the world, is featured in the new book published in Colombia titled "Percepciones en Blanco&Negro" (Adéer Lynad Ediciones). This new book features 110 emerging photographers working throughout Colombia, South America. Rivera-Ortiz wrote the introduction to this amazing new book. Rivera-Ortiz is a documentarian dedicated to picturing stories of hardship and hope in the third world. His photos marry journalism and the very personal experience of his childhood growing up poor in outposts throughout Guayama, Puerto Rico. His award-winning work can be found in the permanent collections of the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film, as well as in private and corporate collections. Rivera-Ortiz's work has appeared in magazines and newspapers in the United States and abroad (www.rivera-ortiz.com).

Kathy Chu '99 will be a foreign correspondent/Asia economics reporter for USA TODAY in Hong Kong as of Nov. 1.

Chris Ballard '00 has written his third book, "The Art of a Beautiful Game: A Thinking Fan's Tour of the NBA" (Simon & Schuster/Sports Illustrated Books, Nov. 3), which follows Ballard as he delves into the art and science of basketball, shadowing LeBron James for a week, breaking down Kobe Bryant's killer instinct, challenging Steve Kerr to a 3-point shootout and looking at the game through the eyes of those who've mastered its various skills. Ballard is a senior writer for Sports Illustrated who writes a weekly column for SI.com and the back-page column for the magazine every third week. He'll be in New York in early November, shamelessly promoting the book and hoping to catch up with old classmates.

Alexa Capeloto '00 is an assistant professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City, teaching journalism and serving as faculty advisor for the college's student newspaper. Capeloto was enterprise editor at The San Diego Union-Tribune.

Marisa Kakoulas '00 has written "Black Tattoo Art: Modern Expression of the Tribal" (Edition Reuss), a photographic journey across the globe in search of avant-garde tattoo art that pays homage to the ancient roots of tattooing in their contemporary interpretations. The journey begins with a look at the history of tattooing before featuring black tattoo portfolios divided into the following chapters: Neotribal, Dotwork, Art Brut, Traditional Revival and Thai/Buddhist. Kakoulas is a New York lawyer and journalist who contributes to tattoo publications as well as mainstream

media. Her daily musings on tattoo culture can be found at NeedlesandSins.com

Paula Lugones '00, Editora Sección El Mundo, Diario Clarín (Argentina) wrote that the paper's Route 66 project won the Funcacion Nuevo Periodismo prize as the best multi-media work in Iberoamerica in 2008 (http://www.clarin.com/diario/2008/10/10/conexiones/inicio_ruta.html)

Sara Clemence '02 is deputy business editor at the New York Post.

Lynette Wilson '02, staff writer for Episcopal Life, has been promoted to editor/writer of The Episcopal Church's new quarterly publication, set to debut in 2010. From 2007 to 2009, Wilson served as editor of The Episcopal New Yorker, the award-winning bimonthly publication of the Diocese of New York. 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.

Aaron Chimbel '03 has left WFAA-TV in Dallas-Fort Worth after several years to join the faculty of the Schieffer School of Journalism at his other alma mater, TCU. While at WFAA, he won five Advanced Media Emmy Awards and a National Edward R. Murrow Award.

Itai Maytal '03 has completed his fellowship at the New York Times and, beginning in September, started as a teaching assistant to mid-career students at the J-School taking the 10-week Journalism and the Law course.

Michael Steel '03 is press secretary for Senate Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio). Steel was a reporter at the National Journal Group from 2000 to 2002.

Ryan Blitstein '04 is a regular contributor to AOL's DailyFinance. His reporting for DailyFinance focuses primarily on sectors with a strong presence in the Midwest including legal/accounting, transportation/infrastructure, and food/agribusiness. Blitstein remains a Chicago-based freelancer for publications including Time and Fast Company, as well as a Contributing Editor at Miller-McCune.

Jeff Novich '04, an SAT tutor in New York City with Bespoke Education, conceived and created VocabSushi (<http://www.vocabsushi.com>). The VocabSushi philosophy believes you can learn the meanings of words faster, more accurately and more efficiently by reading through sentences rather than just trying to memorize definitions. It provides thousands of sentences that demonstrate any vocabulary word's actual use in news articles. Compared to the brute force method of flashcard definitions, the tutors who developed the program believe that a deeper understanding of a word can be attained easily and straightforwardly by reading actual, interesting sentences that contain that word.

Kimberly Holmes '06 has joined WXIX-TV in Cincinnati as a nightside reporter. She previously worked as the weekend anchor/reporter at WBOC-TV in Salisbury, Md. She also just received an award from the Religion Newswriters Association for her story "Prayer: The Heart and Soul of Religion."

Ellen Gabler '07 has joined the investigative team at the Chicago Tribune. Gabler was with the Journal Sentinel in Milwaukee.

Deena Guzder '07 (SIPA '08) received a Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting grant to cover commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking in Thailand. As a freelance journalist, her articles have appeared in Mother Jones, Time Magazine, National Geographic – Traveler, Ms. Magazine, Common Dreams, and elsewhere. She is represented by William Clark Associates in NYC and currently finishing her literary nonfiction book, "A Higher Calling: North American Religious Movements for Social Justice" (Chicago Review Press, 2010).

For more information, please visit: www.deenaguzder.com

Elizabeth Landau '07 is a writer/producer at CNN.com in Atlanta, Georgia. She reports on health and science news for the site, and regularly appears on CNN.com's video portal cnn.com/live to talk about her latest stories. She recently attended a Knight Science Journalism Fellowship "boot camp" on nanotechnology at MIT.

Domenico Montanaro '07 was named an off-air Political Reporter for NBC News in September 2009. He continues to write, report and edit for the network's political blog, First Read (<http://firstread.msnbc.msn.com>), as well as occasionally reporting from Capitol and field producing for the network. He also hosts a Webcast called The Week Ahead, which airs on Fridays.

Amanda Rivkin '07 will have work from her "Obamaland: The New Era," series exhibited in the 10th International Photography Gathering in the Electric Building in Aleppo, Syria from October 1–15. Two images featured in the show which was previously exhibited in Chicago, a portrait of Barack Obama waving to crowds through bulletproof glass on election night 2008 that previously ran as a doubletruck in The London Sunday Times Magazine, and a New York Times front page picture of former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich in his Springfield office his final day in office were one of 60 of more than 6,300 images shortlisted for the Taylor Wessing Photographic Portrait Prize organized by the National Portrait Gallery in London. The two images also received an honorable mention in this year's International Photography Awards. Amanda recently moved to Washington, D.C. upon receiving a significant scholarship from Georgetown's School of Foreign Service for a three-semester master's degree program in security studies where she will focus on terrorism and sub-state violence, which she hopes will enhance future coverage of regions of conflict and social upheaval beyond the well-worn narratives traditionally told by Western media. While in school, she is still accepting assignment work and her website can be found at [www \[dot\] amandarivkin \[dot\] com](http://www.amandarivkin.com).

John Soltes, '07, was recently recognized by the New Jersey Press Association and Society of Professional Journalists for his work at The Leader newspaper in northern New Jersey, where he serves as editor in chief. Soltes won first place in enterprising reporting from the NJSPJ for a piece on the state's efforts to prepare New Jersey for a natural disaster. He also received the Wilson Barto Award for a piece entitled, "The Railroad to Nowhere" and shared an award for reporting and writing a five-part series on the controversial EnCap development in the Meadowlands region.

Sam Stein '07 was married to Jessica Leinwand on Sept. 6 in Vermont. They met at Dartmouth College and both attended Columbia University. Leinwand earned her J.D. from Columbia Law School. The couple live in Washington, D.C. Stein, a reporter for the Huffington Post, has worked for Newsweek magazine, the New York Daily News and the investigative journalism group Center for Public Integrity.

William Wheeler '07 and Anna-Katarina Gravgaard '07 are in Bangladesh on a grant from the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, finishing up a five-month environmental reporting project that has taken them through India, Pakistan, and Nepal. Their print and multimedia work has appeared in GOOD Magazine, Foreign Affairs, TIME.com, The Caravan Magazine, and World Politics Review.

David Cohn '08, founder of Spot.Us, the community funded journalism project founded less than a year ago in San Francisco, announced it is expanding to Los Angeles through collaboration with USC Annenberg's School of Journalism. The USC Annenberg partnership, which will integrate Spot.Us' innovative news delivery method with the journalism academy and strengthen ties to the local media community, is made possible by additional funding from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, one of the original backers of the project.

Beth Kowitt '08 is a reporter at Fortune, where she covers a wide variety of topics from investing to the beer industry. She was hired in April after interning for six months.

Betwa Sharma '08, M.A. '09, is the UN/NY correspondent for the Press Trust of India, the largest newswire service in the country.

Gizem Yarbil '08 is in Turkey and she was the correspondent for a piece that aired on "Worldfocus" in September. It is the first in a series about women in the Islamic world.

Daarel Burnette II, M.A. '09, is at the Chicago Tribune on a two-year metro residency program, writing general assignment and breaking news stories for the metro desk.

Bilal Haye '09 has launched the Web site "The Pakistan Intelligencer."

www.pakistanintelligencer.com

Casey Riddle '09 was selected as a White House intern.

DeLancey Jones '39 of Richmond, Va., formerly of Williamstown, Mass., died Aug. 25. He was 93. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara; his second wife, Catherine; and his brother, Griffith Jones. He leaves his one daughter, Deborah Walter and husband, Richard, of Kamas, Utah; two stepdaughters, Susie Benson and husband, Taylor, and Holly Antrim and husband, John Mason, both of Richmond; stepson, S. Kirk Materne and wife, Stuart, of Naples, Fla.; sister, Valerie Jones Materne of Washington, Conn.; brother, Christopher Peter Jones of Wayland, Mass.; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. DeLancey was a World War II Navy veteran and retired from Ohio Bell in Cleveland. After his

retirement, he and Barbara lived in Williamstown, Mass. He moved to Richmond in 1997, where he and Catherine lived.

William Trombley '53, a veteran journalist and education analyst who wrote for Life magazine and The Los Angeles Times during a five-decade career, died Sept. 6. He was 80. Trombley had respiratory and other problems and died after a heart attack. At The Times, where he was a reporter for nearly 30 years starting in 1964, Trombley was known for reshaping the paper's coverage of higher education, starting on the beat during a tumultuous period when the Free Speech Movement was roiling college campuses from California to New York. He also covered crucial issues in lower education, from the desegregation lawsuits that brought busing to Los Angeles schools to prickly battles over bilingual education and textbooks. At National CrossTalk, Trombley wrote a series of in-depth articles on Kentucky's efforts to reform its higher education system. He also wrote memorably about the obstacles facing the UC system's newest campus at Merced, including its infringement on the habitat of several endangered varieties of fairy shrimp, "microscopic creatures that float on their backs, waving their 11 pairs of delicate legs" at frustrated UC officials. After graduating from J-School, he joined Life in 1953, working in the magazine's New York and Chicago offices before heading its San Francisco bureau. After brief stints as bureau chief at Hugh Hefner's short-lived Show magazine and associate editor and contributing writer at the Saturday Evening Post, he joined The Times as an education writer and was immediately swept up in coverage of the student protests of the 1960s.

His stories documented the upheaval of the period, including the birth of the Free Speech Movement at UC Berkeley and the firing of UC President Clark Kerr.

He remained on the education beat for 11 years, switching to general assignment in 1975 and urban affairs in 1984. During his last three years at The Times, he reported from the Sacramento bureau. Whatever his official beat, he always returned to education stories and won a number of prizes, including the John Swett Award for Media Excellence from the California Teachers Assn. in 1983. In addition to his wife of 55 years, Trombley is survived by daughters Patricia Trombley Ball of Montclair, N.J., and Suzanne Rice of Los Angeles, and two grandchildren.

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John B. Oakes Awards

Deadline: October 31

The Columbia University Journalism School is seeking submissions for the 2009 John B. Oakes Award for Environmental Journalism. For more information on the award, please follow this link:
<http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/cs/ContentServer/jrn/1165270069770/page/1175295288563/JRNSimplePage2.htm>.

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Deadline: Nov. 1

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Deadline: December 1

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