

Columbia Journalism School E-News

-- September 2, 2009 --

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UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS
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BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 4: Alumni Drinks with Christine Souders, associate dean for admissions

KOLKATA, Sept. 8: Alumni Drinks with Leon Braswell, director of admissions

LIMA, Sept. 9: Alumni Breakfast with Christine Souders

NEW DELHI, Sept. 10: Alumni Drinks with Leon Braswell

MUMBAI, Sept. 14: Alumni Drinks with Leon Braswell

BANGALORE, Sept. 18: Alumni Drinks with Leon Braswell

CHENNAI, Sept. 24: Alumni Drinks with Leon Braswell

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2: Alumni Drinks at ONA Conference

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

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

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12: Columbia University Alumni Club Annual Meeting with keynote speaker Dean Nicholas Lemann (details TBD)

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>

FEATURED NEWS

Dart Center announces Ochberg Fellowships

The Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma announced the 2009 Dart Center Ochberg Fellows, including Jina Moore '06, an independent journalist and a correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor. The 10 journalists will learn to deepen their coverage of traumatic and violent events during the week-long program. More at: <http://dartcenter.org>

MENTOR A CURRENT STUDENT

Want to help J-School students navigate the industry and make the most of their time in NYC?

Be an Alumni Mentor! You don't have to live in NYC to be a mentor. The deadline is Sept. 2. For more information, go to:

<http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/cs/ContentServer/jrn/1175295304480/page/1175295293673/simplepage.htm>

Alumni Annual Fund – We Did It!

Thanks to just over 1,500 alumni, we surpassed our Alumni Annual Fund goal, raising \$695,000 that will go directly to scholarship aid for the J-School class of 2010. Thank you to all who contributed in this difficult year. We are profoundly grateful for your support. A special thanks to our Class Annual Fund Agents who helped us this year – their enthusiasm and dedication is an inspiration.

Calling the Class of '60!

The Class of '60 is the only reunion year without a Class Annual Fund Agent! Help us make your 50th reunion memorable and volunteer! This is an excellent opportunity to reconnect with your classmates and the school. Contact Sharon Meiri Fox at sm2849@columbia.edu or 212-854-5263 if you would like more information.

Professor Emeritus Penn Kimball Moves to Washington, DC

As of September 4, Penn Kimball will be once again a DC resident: Penn Kimball, Chevy Chase House, Apt. 217, 5420 Connecticut Ave, N.W., Washington, DC 20015, T: 202-450-1244. From his daughter Lisa: "Once he gets settled, one of the cool things about his new digs is that there is an on-site restaurant so you can enjoy a bite with him. One thing to remember, Penn is 94 and tires easily,

but his mind is as sharp as ever. I know he'll enjoy getting to reconnect."

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 the 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

UPCOMING COLUMBIA CAREER FAIRS

Fall Career Fair on Friday, September 25 in the auditorium of Alfred Lerner Hall

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The event will be open to students and alumni beginning at 12 noon. Almost 1,700 students and alumni from across the University attended last year and the fair featured 116 leading employers from a variety of industries.

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.

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>

SEPTEMBER 2009 ALUMNI CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

ALUMNI CAREER DEVELOPMENT TELE-SEMINAR/WEBINAR SERIES

Please note that the tele-seminar series will be changing to webinars in September!

Navigating Successfully Through Corporate Change

Thursday, September 24, 12-1 PM (ET)

Maggie Mistal, Career Consultant and Career Coach on SIRIUS Satellite Radio, www.maggiemistal.com

Do you feel frustrated in your corporate career? With all that's going on in the economy, downsizing, mergers, reorganizations, even day-to-day job demands can be daunting. Join Career Coach Maggie Mistal as she shares her insights and tips about how to

navigate successfully through corporate change. Maggie will cover not only the common myths about change but also a process for you to leverage these shifts to move your career forward.

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=32375>

ALUMNI CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS (NYC)

*** What's Your Next Journey? Career Change Webinar Workshop for Alumni***

Wednesdays, September 23 – November 4, 12 – 1PM (ET)

Access via Webinar

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 and an action plan with next steps to take.

Additional info:

This workshop meets for six one-hour sessions via a webinar platform. Participants will need to have access to a computer, the Internet, and a telephone and will receive detailed instructions on how to join. Participants will be encouraged to complete homework assignments between sessions, which may include career exercises as well as online and telephone discussions. This workshop is open to alumni of all ages from all schools at Columbia University.

Registration:

The fee for this workshop is \$50, which covers four career assessment tools and reports. Cancellations must be made by 12pm on Monday, September 21 in order to receive a refund. To register email Emily Seamone at es2756@columbia.edu or click on this link (link will not be activated until the beginning of September)

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=34366>

OTHER CCE AND CU CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Employer Information Sessions

Throughout Fall Season

Faculty House and CCE Conference Room

Throughout the recruiting season, employers host information sessions/presentations on campus to share insights into their organization and what they are looking for in potential employees. This is also a great way to meet representatives from the organization. For more information, please see CCE's Events Calendar at <http://www.careereducation.columbia.edu/events>.

Columbia Referral Network (CRN) Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 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 information, please contact William@caa.columbia.edu.

Ivy Referral Network (IRN) Meeting

Wednesday, September 2 and September 9, 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 information, please contact jciardullo@kramerlevin.com. For those outside of NYC, check the IRN subgroup tabs on LinkedIn for upcoming networking events in your region.

NON-COLUMBIA CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Out to Work: LGBT Career Fair

Thursday, September 17, 11am to 4pm

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center,
208 West 13th Street NYC (www.gaycenter.com)

For more information about the largest LGBT Career Fair in the Northeast, visit www.outtowork.org.

Graduate School Fairs

Sep 10 – New York, NY

Sep 14 – Providence, RI

Sep 15 – Boston, MA

Sep 17 – Toronto, ON

Sep 21 – Washington, DC

Sep 23 – Pittsburgh, PA

Idealist.org is hosting 17 Graduate School Fairs across North America this fall. Each fair includes representatives from 50–200 graduate programs in social impact fields, including Nonprofit Management, Education, Social Work, Global Health, International Affairs, Law, Public Policy, and Urban Planning to name a few. For more information, other dates and locations, and to register, visit <http://www.idealists.org/gradfairs>.

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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EVENTS OF INTEREST

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Black and White and Red Ink All Over: Newspapers in Peril

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Flom Auditorium, 6th floor, Woodrow Wilson Center

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC

A panel with Leonard Downie, Jr., Weil Family Professor of Journalism, Arizona State University;

Allison Silver, Founding Editor, The Washington Independent; Paul Starr, Stuart Professor of Communications and Public Affairs, Princeton University; and Gabor Steingart, Washington Bureau Chief, Der Spiegel. As advertising revenues shrink, so, too, does the number of reporters. Newspapers are shuttering their overseas bureaus and curtailing investigative journalism. Meanwhile, new journalistic platforms are emerging in the form of blogs, twitters, and online newspapers. What does this mean for journalists, their profession, and the standards of reporting? And what does it mean for the American public and their ability to make informed decisions about the critical matters that affect them? This is a free public event presented by the United States Studies Program of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, but RSVPs are requested at usstudies@wilsoncenter.org.

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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William Beecher's '56 third novel, "The Acorn Dossier," focuses on caches of weapons, including some nuclear suitcase bombs, hidden in the West, including the US, during the Cold War in case it suddenly turned hot. A renegade Russian general unearths some nukes and threatens to devastate some American cities unless paid a huge ransom. Two hunter killer teams--one led by the FBI, the other dispatched from Moscow--race to eliminate the general before he can trigger a possible missile exchange between the two countries.

Lew Simons, '64 is co-author with Senator Kit Bond of "The Next Front: Southeast Asia and the Road to Global Peace with Islam". It is being published September 29 by Wiley. Lew is married to J-School classmate Carol Seiderman Simons. He is a winner of the Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting and the School's Alumni Award.

Constance Rosenblum '67, former editor of the City section of The New York Times and currently a writer of the Habitats column for the paper's Sunday Real Estate section, is the author of the new book "Boulevard of Dreams: Heady Times, Heartbreak, and Hope Along the Grand Concourse in the Bronx," published in August by NYU Press. The book, which tells the story of one of the nation's iconic streets, is being published to coincide with the boulevard's centennial later this year. She is speaking at various locations in New York City and beyond; details are available on the book's website, <http://www.boulevard-of-dreams.com>.

Anthony Mauro '72 has been elected chair of the executive committee of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. Since 1970, the committee has offered free legal assistance to journalists in First Amendment, access, and freedom of information disputes. Mauro is Supreme Court correspondent for National Law Journal and Incisive Media.

Gail Reed '76 is the International Director of Medical Education Cooperation with Cuba (MEDICC), an Atlanta-based non-profit organization that develops programs bridging the US, Cuban and global medical, nursing and public health communities. She is Executive Editor of MEDICC Review, a quarterly journal on Cuban medicine and public health. Reed has written on social and economic issues in Cuba for the last two decades. From 1993 to 1997, Reed regularly contributed to BusinessWeek magazine, and from 1994 to 1996, was producer in Havana for NBC News.

Boyd F. Campbell '77 was selected for inclusion in the 2010 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America" in the field of immigration law. Campbell has been in private practice in Montgomery since 1988 and has served as general counsel of the Alabama Center for Foreign Investment, L.L.C., since 2006. He serves as a mentor for members of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and is serving his second year as vice chair of AILA's EB-5 Investors Committee.

Frances Hardin '77 is Director of Communications for the Project on National Security Reform. PNSR is a non-profit, non-partisan organization, funded by Congress, to analyze and recommend how to improve the country's national security system. Last fall, PNSR issued an 800-page report that made specific recommendations for overhauling national security. Several of PNSR's board members are now serving in the Obama administration including National Security Advisor, Jim Jones; Director of National Intelligence, Dennis Blair; Under Secretaries of Defense, Michele Flournoy and Ashton Carter; Deputy Secretary of State, Jim Steinberg.

Fred Johnson '80 launched "Point of Departure," a music blog. "Point of Departure," takes an eclectic approach to the music of Black folks," said Johnson. "In this podcast series we will cross boundaries, blur distinctions and bend genres in the service of finger popping, foot tapping, head bobbing and other involuntary physical responses to international, cross-generational, multicultural swing. Feel me?"

Andrea Stone '81 is joining AOL's general news site as senior Washington correspondent. Stone will be the team leader for the site's Washington coverage, translating DC for the general reader.

She was with Gannett, almost all at USA TODAY, for the past 25 years.

Emilia Askari '83 left her reporting job at the Detroit Free Press after almost 20 years to begin a two-year master's program in social computing and human-computer interaction at the University of Michigan's School of Information, which is ranked third in the country by U.S. News and World Report. Her first year's tuition is covered by a Spectrum Scholarship from the American Libraries Association and supplemental scholarships from the University. Askari will continue to freelance and teach an environmental/public health journalism class to University of Michigan undergraduates.

Jim Jubak '84 has joined MoneyShow.com as Senior Markets Editor. Jubak will write two columns a week, post blog entries every weekday, and produce weekly video segments about the markets, the economy, and individual stocks he follows. Jubak was a Knight-Bagehot Fellow and has been in financial journalism for 25 years. He was editor of Venture magazine and senior editor at Worth magazine before joining MSN Money as senior markets editor in 1997. He has written three books, most recently "The Jubak Picks", published by Crown Business.

Scott James' '85 latest novel written under the pen name Kemble Scott is now out in hardcover. Originally launched as a digital edition, "The Sower" was the first novel sold by giant social publisher Scribd.com. That led to national media coverage, and now Numina Press is publishing the first printed edition. The time from when James signed the contract to when the book hit stores was only 29 days, a very fast turnaround for the publishing industry. In an unusual partnership for the hardcover release, James restricted sales of books from the first printing to independent bookstores.

Paul Schultz '89 wrote "Eat, Drink and Be Merry" for the New York City International Fringe Festival (Aug. 14-30). The musical comedy followed Adam and Eve on their quest for food and freedom, from the Garden of Eden to the Queens of today. The first two humans are cave people, sacrificial lambs, serfs, Pilgrims, pioneers and modern shoppers.

Rosiland Jordan '90 anchored the Al Jazeera Network English Language Channel broadcast, "The Americas."

Jodie Gould '91 has collaborated with image consultant Anna Wildermuth on "Change One Thing: Discover What's Holding You Back – and Fix It – With the Secrets of a Top Executive Image Consultant" (McGraw–Hill). Stephen Covey, author of the bestselling "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People," said, "This superb book gives excellent advice to help jump–start your engine." In addition to writing books and magazines articles, Gould is also a regular contributor to Harvard Health Publications.

Sasha Abramsky '94 has written "Breadline USA: The Hidden Scandal of American Hunger and How to Fix It" (Polipoint Press, June 2009), about the tens of millions of Americans who live in a continual state of anxiety about where their next meal is coming from and are suffering shame, despair and malnutrition. Abramsky is a freelance journalist and Senior Fellow at the New York City–based think tank, Demos: Ideas & Action. His work has appeared in The Nation, The Atlantic Monthly, New York magazine, The Village Voice, and Rolling Stone. In 2000, he was awarded a Soros Society, Crime, and Communities Media Fellowship. He is also the author of "American Furies: Crime, Punishment, and Vengeance in the Age of Mass Imprisonment", "Hard Time Blues" and "Conned."

John Annese '00, a reporter for the Staten Island Advance, won first place for continuing coverage from the New York State Associated Press Association. Annese's award is for "Youth Scourge: Prescription Drugs," a series of in–depth stories highlighting an epidemic on Staten Island. Work on the series began after authorities broke up a 23–person prescription forgery ring that put 21,000 painkiller pills into the hands of young Staten Islanders. Annese joined the Advance in 2004 after working at the Journal Inquirer in Manchester, Conn.

Prue Clarke '01 won a national Edward R. Murrow for feature reporting and a Gabriel award for a radio piece in Liberia. The piece was on a Liberian man intent on getting news to the majority of his countrymen who can't read or afford a newspaper. He came up with an ingenious blackboard newspaper that reports in simple language and symbols and has gained the largest readership of any publication in Liberia. The piece is at: www.prueclarke.com

Josh Lipton '01 has joined Minyanville Media as staff writer covering Business and The Markets. Before joining Minyanville (www.minyanville.com), Lipton most recently was a staff writer at Forbes.com, where he covered stock market activity and trends. Prior to that he was an assistant editor at The American Lawyer. His articles have also appeared in Rolling Stone magazine, New York magazine, and The Wall Street Journal, among other publications.

Michael Bobelian '03 has written "Children Of Armenia: A Forgotten Genocide and the Century-Long Struggle for Justice" (Simon & Schuster; September 1, 2009), which profiles the leading players—Armenian activists and assassins, Turkish diplomats, U.S. officials—each of whom played a major role in furthering or opposing the Armenian cause, and reveals, for the first time, the events that have conspired to eradicate the “hidden holocaust” from the world’s memory, including a profound shift in U.S. foreign policy, beginning in the 1920s, that has helped stymie any attempt to hold Turkey accountable for its crimes against humanity. Bobelian is a lawyer, journalist, and grandson of Genocide survivors. His work has appeared in Forbes.com, The American Lawyer, and Legal Affairs magazine and has been featured on NPR’s Leonard Lopate show.

Angela Rozas '03 was named Chicago Bureau Chief of the Chicago Tribune. Rozas was previously the paper's crime reporter.

Claire Hoffman '04 was married to Benjamin Goldhirsh on Aug. 29 in Los Angeles. Hoffman is a contributing editor for Rolling Stone magazine and is an assistant professor of journalism at the University of California, Riverside. Goldhirsh is a founder and the chief executive of Good, a Web site, magazine and production company in Los Angeles that provides coverage of social activism and culture. He is also a director of the Goldhirsh Foundation, which is in Boston and supports brain cancer research and other issues.

Lane Johnson '04 left New York and his post as the photo editor at amNewYork, photo adjunct at the J-school and freelance magazine photographer in March of 2008 to travel and photograph around the world for 10 months en route to San Jose, CA where his fiancé is

now attending chiropractic school and where he is inventing a new life.

Patrick O'Connor '04 was married to Katherine Gates Lindsey on Aug. 22 in Beaver Creek, Colo. O'Connor is a staff writer in the Washington office of Politico, a news Web site with headquarters in Arlington, Va. Lindsey is an associate at the Washington law firm Williams & Connolly.

Tanya Rivero '04 (Tanya Warren) is an anchor for ABC News Now, where she hosts two daily half-hour shows "Good Morning America Health" and "Good Money". She also covers breaking news and delivers news briefs for ABC's 24-hour cable/digital channel.

Alia Malek '06 has written "A Country Called Amreeka: Arab Roots, American Stories" (Free Press, October 2009), which was Publishers Weekly's "Pick of the Week." With a remarkable ability to capture her subjects' voices, Malek, a Syrian-American civil rights lawyer, sketches illuminating responses to her question: "What does American history look and feel like in the eyes and skin of Arab Americans?" There's the Lebanese-American, too dark for 1960s Birmingham; the Palestinian-American surrounded by anti-Arab violence during the Iranian hostage crisis; the Yemeni-American deployed to Iraq with the Marine Corps.

Allison Bourne-Vanneck '07 is a sports anchor/reporter with WLNS-TV (Lansing, Mich.) and won the women's division of the NABJ golf tournament in Tampa. Her prize is a trip to Curacao.

Tamar S. Snyder '07 won second place in the Simon Rockower 2008 Awards for Excellence in Jewish Journalism for her article entitled: "Anti-Semitism 2.0 Going Largely Unchallenged." She covers business and philanthropy for The Jewish Week in New York.

Lauren Weber '07 has written "In Cheap We Trust: The Story of a Misunderstood American Virtue" (Little, Brown and Co., Sept. 2009), an exploration of cheapness and frugality in America, through the lenses of history, economics, psychology and a bit of autobiography. Kirkus Reviews called it a welcome reading for a newly frugal world, and the September issue of O: The Oprah Magazine described it as entertaining, wide-ranging and very

timely. For more information and a schedule of readings:
www.laurenweber.com

Lauren Feeney '08, Senior Multimedia Producer, and Renee Feltz '08, Multimedia Producer, worked on WIDE ANGLE'S "Eyes of the Storm," which premiered on PBS on Aug. 19. On the heels of Burma's release of an American prisoner and extension of the house arrest of pro-democracy leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, WIDE ANGLE tells the story of orphans left to fend for themselves in the aftermath of Cyclone Nargis.

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/wideangle/episodes/eyes-of-the-storm/introduction/5327>

Miriam Gottfried '09 is a reporter for Barrons.com, writing about insider trading and the stock market.

Jennifer Jo Janisch '09 is an intern at CBS "60 Minutes" in New York.

Habiba Nosheen '09 has been selected as a Kroc Fellow at NPR and its member stations. She will participate in a year-long intensive training and reporting program. Nosheen is currently producing a documentary for NOW on PBS.

Margaret Polk Yates Berkheimer '43, writer and journalist, died August 13, 2009 in New York City at age 93. She is the widow of the late Dr. George A. Berkheimer, and the sister of late Eugene A. Yates, Jr and Betty Yates Shepard Ensign. She is survived by the children of her brother and sister and their children and grandchildren. She was born December 9, 1915 in New Jersey, spent her early childhood years in Birmingham, Alabama, came out as a debutante in NYC in 1933, and resided in Manhattan her whole adult life. She served in the OSS during WWII and wrote two mysteries published by EP Dutton including "The Widows Walk," published in 1945, one of the first mysteries with Nantucket, MA as the setting. Mrs. Berkheimer was a devotee of Nantucket, residing there in the summers for over 60 years, and contributing to numerous Nantucket causes.

Warren Leary Jr. '47 died Aug. 17 at age 86. The former owner and publisher of the Rice Lake Chronotype (Wisc.), September would have been his 50th year writing the column "Out Amongst 'Em" for

the Chronotype, the newspaper that his father, Warren Leary Sr., and August Ender bought in 1923. It also would have been his 70th year writing for the paper. In 2003, Leary was inducted into the Wisconsin Newspaper Association's Hall of Fame. Leary began his career with the Chronotype in 1938 when, at age 16, he was getting paid 25 cents an hour to help his father with the printing end of the business. He graduated from Notre Dame and served in World War II. He enrolled at Columbia Journalism School, the second generation to graduate from the institution. After graduation, he briefly worked at the Milwaukee Journal, but soon returned to the Chronotype. The paper's editor had contracted tuberculosis, so Leary rose to the task of editing the large weekly newspaper.

Kenneth Bacon '68 died Aug. 15 at age 64 on Block Island, RI. He was president of Refugees International, the Washington-based organization that serves as a global advocate for the displaced. Bacon was a familiar figure in Washington, DC as chief Pentagon spokesman during the Clinton administration. He had previously worked as a reporter and editor for The Wall Street Journal, where his assignments included covering the Pentagon. At Refugees International, Bacon helped raise the organization's profile as an advocate for refugees in Darfur. In Iraq and Pakistan, he helped bring attention to as many as five million refugees who had abandoned their homes to escape wars and terrorism. Despite suffering late-stage cancer, he testified as recently as June before a House committee to describe conditions in Pakistan. He was an intern at the Wall Street Journal in 1965, and scored a rare (for an intern) page-one story, about an automated car-repair system that one overheated mechanic described as "the greatest thing since girls." He went on to join the Journal's Washington bureau and covered defense, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Federal Reserve. He later became an editor in the Washington bureau. In 2001, explaining why he took the Refugees International job, Bacon said his interest was piqued during the Kosovo conflict in 1999, when a flood of Yugoslav refugees were cared for by international aid organizations. On Aug. 10, Refugees International announced that Bacon had endowed a new program to focus on refugees displaced by climate change. He is survived by his wife, Darcy Wheeler Bacon; two daughters, Katharine Bacon of Brookline, Mass., and Sarah Bacon of Brooklyn, N.Y.; his father, Theodore S. Bacon of Peterborough, N.H.; a brother; and two grandchildren.

Sam Brown '72, longtime broadcast award-winning journalist died in August in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was 59. He was honored with a Columbia Journalism School Alumni Award during Alumni Weekend in 2003. Brown was also a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Kentucky. He was an investigative reporter and anchor at WATE-TV in Knoxville, arriving from WSM-TV in Nashville in 1974. Brown was later an anchor for WKX-TV now WVLT. His three-decade career in broadcast news was studded with honors, both locally and nationally, culminating in four Edward R. Murrow Awards for journalism excellence at radio station WNOX. Most recently, he was an adjunct professor at the University of Tennessee's College of Communications.

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FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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Punch Sulzberger Executive News Media Leadership Program

Deadline: November 20

Executive Leadership program, a unique performance-based management program for news executives, is now accepting applications for the January 2010 class. For more information, click on to <http://www.sulzbergerleadership.com>.

Knight Science Journalism Fellowship: Medical Evidence Boot Camp

Deadline: September 15

MIT's Knight Science Journalism Fellowships program offers an intensive course, now in its eighth year, on how to evaluate medical evidence. Twelve journalists will be chosen to attend the Boot Camp, from Dec. 1-4. Information and applications are available at:

<http://web.mit.edu/knight-science>

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

European Journalism-Fellowships in Berlin

Deadline: Nov. 1

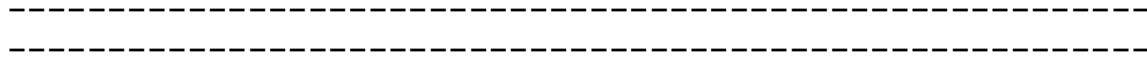
Journalists from across Europe and the United States are invited to apply for the European Journalism-Fellowships, offered by the International Center for Journalism at Freie Universität Berlin. Participants are given the opportunity to take a two-semester leave from their professional positions and spend a sabbatical year of research at Freie Universität Berlin, widening their knowledge while pursuing a major research project. At the same time, the program enables participants to network with professional colleagues from Eastern and Western Europe and the United States. The program starts in October 2010 and ends in July 2011. For more information, go to: www.ejf.fu-berlin.de

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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Are your address and email changing? Have you changed jobs? Don't lose touch with the Graduate School of Journalism – to change your contact information, go to:

<http://www.journalism.columbia.edu/cs/ContentServer/jrn/1175295309167/page/1175373950982/simplepage.htm>

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