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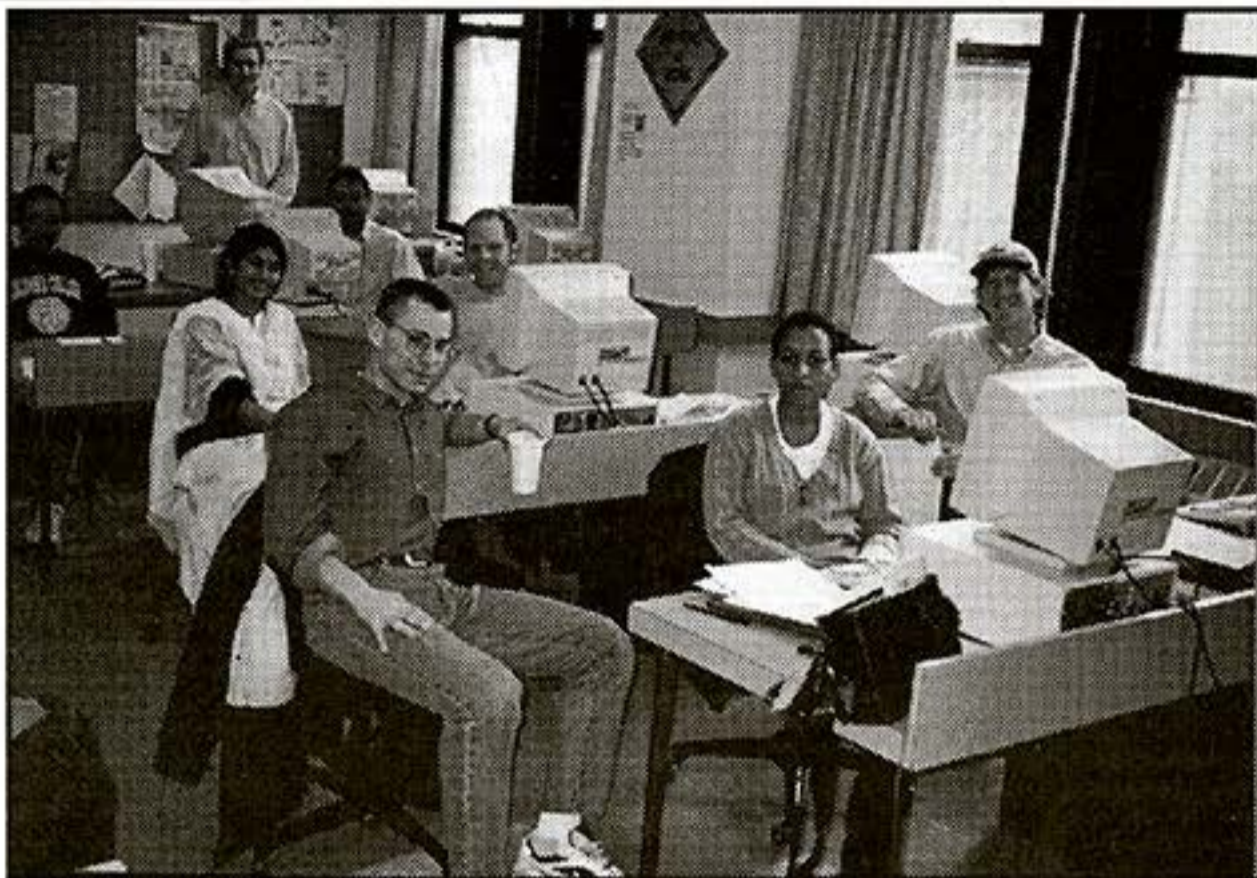
10th Class Matriculates

The tenth class of graduate students began the public affairs reporting course of study in the fall of 1995. In addition to seven continuing students, the class included nine new students:

Colette Borda is originally from Guadeloupe in the French West Indies and completed her undergraduate degree in political science and applied foreign language at the Universite de Paris before coming to Chicago. She hopes to become a European correspondent specializing in analysis of American politics and society and would eventually like to establish a political magazine on her home island. Colette interned in both the Chicago and Washington, D.C. offices of U.S. Senator Carol Moseley Braun.

Susan Doyle is an English and French graduate of Northern Illinois University

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Room with many views—Students in Todd Sloane's 1996 State and National Government Seminar gather in the light and airy graduate newsroom of the 624 S. Michigan Ave. building. The first classroom dedicated to graduate journalism study was in the Wabash building and the Field Foundation funded the first generation of computers for the graduate program in the 1980s

Thesis Triumphs: Awards and Publications Validate Work



Jennifer's Doubly Blessed with awards from Cardinal Bernadin (top) and the Illinois Broadcasters Association.

Jennifer Keiper-Russo has set a new standard for graduate thesis project assessment by winning not one, but two awards including an "Outstanding Achievement in Broadcasting" certificate from the Illinois Broadcasters Association and the Cardinal's Communications Award from the Archdiocese of Chicago and His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Bernardin for her radio series representing "excellence in the promotion of positive human values."

Her radio project about the Chicago Abused Women Coalition aired as a two-part 30-minute series on WBBM-FM radio during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October 1995. In addition to garnering a third place certificate for her thesis project in the highly competitive category of "best radio public affairs program or series" in the state, Jennifer won first place for the community service campaign, "City Year" that she produced while Community Affairs Director at WBBM-FM. Her two awards helped the station, known as B-96, win a

Silver Dome Award and become 1996 Radio Station of the Year.

In her final semester this spring, Jennifer interned at MediaTracks Communications, a broadcast producer and syndicator of public affairs programs, while working part-time as afternoon drive time traffic reporter on WBBM-AM Newsradio 78 and as Chicago Automobile Club traffic reporter on weekends at the same station.

Other recent graduates who have had their thesis projects published include **Shehnaz Sait** whose research on Asian Indian genetic predisposition to heart disease was excerpted in the *AAPJ Journal* of the American Association of Physicians from India; **Maria Kanzvelos** who managed to convince her boss to give her release time to research community policing in eastern DuPage County and then publish it in a two part series in Press Publications; **Laura Teubert's** research on the Illinois Child Support Enforcement Division was serialized in the Leader-Post newspapers.



Previewing the Production—Members of the graduate class who put together "Chicago: Where the World Meets" look at an unedited version of their program which, in polished form, aired on Chicago cable channel 23.

BROADCASTERS FOCUS ON INTERNATIONAL

Going into its third year of operation as the two-semester sequence of broadcast journalism courses, the elective has offered graduate students the opportunity to produce a cable tv program in cooperation with the International Visitors Center each spring.

This year, five graduate students researched, produced, reported, wrote and edited a 46-minute program on the consulate corps of Chicago. The program, hosted by Chicago Tribune's Foreign Editor Mike McGuire, featured stories on France, India, Mexico and Argentina. Last year, four graduate students completed a 30 minute show on Chicago as an international attraction for tourism and business.

BRAVO TO OUR BENEFACTORS

Over the last eight years of the graduate program, 84 students have benefitted from the generosity of the **Channel 50 Foundation**, and the **Reader's Digest Travel Research Grants** which have provided the means for them to cover capital news in Springfield, Illinois and Washington, D.C. **Pritzker Foundation** funded the first two years.

Since Columbia's Washington Program began, master's students have interned at bureaus of the *Chicago Tribune*, *Boston Herald*, *Copley Newspapers*, and NBC-TV's "Today Show," Montgomery (County) Community Television, *Government Executive* magazine,

Museum and Arts magazine, *States News Service*, *Washington Flyer* magazine, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Fox TV's Washington affiliate, Washington Radio and Press Service, *Washington Times*, (international desk), National Public Radio's "Talk of the Nation": National Coalition for the Homeless, The Center for Public Integrity, the Voice of America and in Capitol Hill offices of various U.S. senators and representatives.

Last year, under the guidance of Kathy Catrambone, the graduate students

established a portable newsroom in a conference room of the Mansion View Motel in Springfield where they wrote under daily deadlines and faxed stories to Chicago area clients after Kathy's careful editing. During the final weeks of the Illinois legislative session, seven students managed to get 36 of their stories published. In many cases, their bylined articles comprised the bulk of a newspaper's state news coverage, including front page play for three! For the past two years, the broadcast journalism students also have benefited from a day trip down to Springfield to shoot Capitol activities on a tight deadline.



Springfield '96



Washington '95



Springfield '95

CLASS NOTES

1985-86

Charlotte Holland, who has been working for various California newspapers since 1987 including, most recently, Los Angeles County and Pomona municipal court reporter for the 84,000 circulation *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*, recently moved to Florida.

Marybeth Johnson is director of media relations for Ameritech, "working to open competition in the communications industry, including long distance and local service, wireless, cable and security monitoring." She is a member of the Board of Regents, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls.

Ilyce Reisman is a public relations writer in the corporate communications department of Trustmark Insurance Company in Lake Forest.



Paul Tarini is on the communications staff of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Princeton, N.J.

Nicholas Thompson has been teaching and doing public relations for Chicago State University.

Mary Jo Wenckus recently marked her fifth anniversary at Ameritech where she works as a writer and editor of proposals. She wrote "Even though I am not helping change the world through the power of the pen (as I was so sure I would do as a pioneer of the Journalism M.A. endeavor at Columbia), I would do it again, in a heartbeat. I am 10 years older since I graduated and I haven't written that book I keep telling myself I will write. I think by the time I am 50 the need-to-write momentum will exceed the current torpor."

1986-87

Maryanne Giustino Cherrier is an account supervisor with Weiser Minkus Walke Communications, Chicago.

Kathleen (Kathy) Gurchiek joined the *Savannah (Georgia) News and Press* morning and evening newspapers with a combined circulation of 72,0900, as associate metropolitan editor in 1993.

Mary Nolan works for *BOCA News*, the magazine of the Building Officials and Code Administrators International. She compiled and edited a 150-page history of Cook County's Oak Forest Hospital that was published in 1994.

Rachel Pepper reports from San Francisco: "Since I graduated from Columbia, my life has remained focused on the printed word and those who read them. While I'm doing some writing and editing these days—mostly in my capacity as book editor and music columnist for *CURVE* magazine, I've changed directions slightly from my Columbia days. In May 1995, I opened a bookstore in the Bernal Heights district of San Francisco, an up and coming neighborhood in the city. Bernal Books is where you'll find me most days, ordering, shelving and tending the books, or dashing off a quick article on the computer. Pop by when you're in San Francisco and say hello."

1987-88

Shelley Acoca is deputy metro editor of Gannett's *Florida Today* newspaper in Melbourne, Florida where she "oversees education, cops, courts coverage plus daily operational planning." She participates in strategic planning as part of the management team and reports "I can see alligators out the window of my office—we're located on a wildlife refuge". She previously was city editor of the *Lafayette (Indiana) Journal & Courier* and before that was managing editor of three suburban Chicago Pioneer Press newspapers, where she won awards for general excellence and editorial writing.

Jerry Bowman is public relations manager of the American Academy of Pediatrics in Elk Grove Village, Ill..



Mary Fran Gleason is in her eighth year with the *Syracuse (New York) Herald-Journal*, she recently was named a bureau chief, after serving successively as

bureau reporter, Lifestyle sections editor and assistant sports editor. She is winner of several national feature and sports writing awards. She married Ted Devendorf on July 9, 1995.

Catherine (Katie) Hanley Cromer reports: "After graduating from Columbia, I decided to enroll in a Master of Arts in teaching program at National Louis University. I finished my course work in the fall of 1991, just as my husband, Fred, and I were moving to Minneapolis. I student taught in the third grade class up there and graduated from NLU in Spring 1992. I had to take extra classes to meet Minnesota state requirements for certification. During that time we had Lauren Elizabeth (August 1993). I decided to stay at home with her for a while—then Caroline was born (May 1995). We have since moved to the Houston area (Fred is vice president at Continental Airlines) and I'm planning to be a full time parent here also, for a while at least! The most writing I'm doing these days seems to be grocery lists."



M.A.M.A. Katie's Lauren and Caroline

Karen Klemens reports "My husband, Matt Krasnowski and I are enjoying life in Los Angeles now that part one of the O.J. Simpson trial is over. We are in the throes of redecorating our newly purchased home while Matt continues covering the legal beat for Copley News Service, and I try to keep my sanity commuting to Newport Beach (100 miles roundtrip). I successfully secured another director position [after Tennessee Valley Power Assn.], this time with the National Nutritional Foods Association, a 4,000 member trade association for the natural products industry. I'm happy to report the job is great and I even travel a bit. We welcome visitors anytime anyone is in the L.A. area!"

Elizabeth (Beth) Owens Schiele was promoted to assistant feature editor of the *Chicago Sun-Times* in April 1996 where she is responsible for the food and travel sections, initiating new features, editing and coordination of other features as needed, syndicate liaison, comic editor and director of special projects including books. In her 1 and 1/2 years at the *Chicago Sun-Times* as syndicate manager she reports:

"I single handedly quadrupled the revenue, increased the subscribing newspaper client base from 13 to 650 newspapers, edited and designed an editorial and travel section insert weekly which is syndicated overseas to the *Jerusalem Post*, while editing and electronically transmitting *Sun-Times* features to newspapers across the country." Beth was previously an editor at Pioneer Press.

1988-89

Joyce Kelly's current whereabouts are unknown. When last heard from, she was freelancing, after interning with the *Indianapolis Star*. Before that, she was reporter for the *Daily Herald*.

Danielle Michard reports: "After living in Arizona, California and Utah, I have finally found the perfect place to live here in Montana. I've abandoned city living for clear air, little crime and whole lot of nature. In addition to big cities, I've also given up the title and huge salary I would be making as a journalist (ha!), opting instead for a more 'flightly' career as a

founder and assistant director of a non-profit wild bird rehabilitation group. We care for injured or orphaned birds (from chickadees and owls to pelicans and cranes), as well as conduct education programs all over the state. Even though my hands are often soiled with just a little more than ink, I do use my writing skills to compose newsletters, various publications, grant proposals and press releases. The salary's not great, but every day I wake up with so many expectations and plans for my day—I'm actually happy to be getting to work! My career didn't turn out as I had envisioned seven years ago, but I've got no complaints!"

Molly Miller has been promoted to senior editor from associate editor of *Mother Earth News* in New York City, published by Sussex Publishers which is also home to *Spy* and *Psychology Today*. Prior to that, Molly spent 1993-94 teaching English at the Faculty of Sciences of Charles University in Prague in the Czech Republic and before that spent three years as a writer and editorial assistant at *New City* weekly newspaper in Chicago while teaching English part-time for Columbia's English Department. In summing up her post-graduate career, Molly writes, "I am 30 years old and I still sleep on a futon on the floor and keep my clothes in milk crates. Clearly, I haven't adopted the suburban lifestyle yet. But I guess I could probably pass for a yuppie."

Kerry O'Rourke is working part-time for a Maryland legislator in the state cap-

ital and her district office after taking a buyout from the *Baltimore Sun* where she had worked as a reporter on the metropolitan staff for six years. She is also "selling books part-time at one of those trendy stores with a coffee bar and comfortable chairs where people hang out for hours" and says she isn't sure what she'll do next. "All I know is that I don't miss reporting, but I miss writing. I like the Baltimore area and bought a townhouse in late '94, so I'm looking for jobs here and in the D/C area." Kerry created a Women in Journalism group that meets for lunch every other month to listen to guest speakers and network. "We've heard two Pulitzer Prize winners and have had some great discussions about newsroom culture, job sharing and other issues women face in this field." She also has been a mentor for a young girl for three years and is on the organizing committee for an American Cancer Society fund raiser called "Relay for Life." "I play lots of tennis, but unfortunately am not good enough to make that my next career!"

Eric Peterson is a reporter and editor for the *Des Plaines Journal and Elk Grove Topics*, where he writes a political column "Just Wondering."

April Rivera Hattori is communications coordinator for Standard & Poor in New York City. She previously was midwest correspondent for the *Bond Buyer* in Chicago and before that was a reporter for the *Waukesha Journal* edition of the *Milwaukee Journal*.



Robin Orvino-Proulx (1987-1988) worked as vice president of public relations for JDI International Communications Inc., a consulting and engineering telecommunications firm creating, developing and installing a modern

telecommunications infrastructure for the populations in the Far East Regions of Russia after graduation.

Later she joined Altheimer & Gray, Chicago-based international law firm where she was marketing coordinator. Robin was awarded a scholarship by the Italian Cultural Center in Chicago, upon finishing her work with the USIA, to study Italian at the University of Foreigners, Dante Alighieri in

Reggio Calabria, Italy.

While volunteering as publicist and member of the board of directors of Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Program in Chicago that teaches persons with disabilities how to sail on specially designed boats at Burnham Harbor, she met Don Proulx whom she married April 28, 1995. He had been an advertising artist and production manager in Chicago prior to becoming a charter boat captain in the Florida Keys. Now he is a consultant managing health care industry facilities in Southern Illinois. "That's why I live where God lost his shoes," explains Robin who lives at the edge of the Shawnee National Forest on Lake of Egypt where she operates the only sailboat in Creal Springs, IL. When she isn't sailing, Robin is freelancing and has joined the Southern Illinois Writers Guild. In 1995, she worked as correspondent and later reporter for the *Marion Daily Republican* newspaper covering county government, school board and the environment.

1989-90



DeShanna Byrdlong was married Dec. 3, 1994 to Clifford "Bullet" Brisseus, a football coach at South Shore High School in Chicago. A certified phlebotomist,

DeShanna has been associated with her mother in First Phlebotomy Registry, Inc., Chicago.

Cary Eldridge's current whereabouts are unknown. He previously worked as sports and news director of radio station KNFT, Silver City, NM.

Shari Mannery's current whereabouts are unknown. She previously was a staff writer at the *Peoria Journal Star* for 6 years.

Eileen McMahon's current whereabouts are unknown. She previously worked for the Chicago Tribune Co..

Ann-Christe Young reports: "It took me four years, but I finally found my dream job at a magazine. Thanks to Keith Luson in Career Services and the Columbia College Job Fair, I was hired at *U.S. Catholic* magazine three years ago. I enjoy being an assistant editor, and I can say confidently that the master's program prepared me well for this position. I can remember shedding quite a few tears while in the program because I didn't think I could make a 2 p.m. deadline during the City Hall semester. This was roughest semester for me because I had just graduated from undergraduate school, and I was used to writing fiction and essays. I had little experience with writing news stories, and the fast pace was driving me crazy! This was really good for me, though, because this kind of pressure reinforced my desire to stay away from all newspaper offices. My advice to students is to stick with the program and write, write, write! (Oh yeah, and rewrite, rewrite, rewrite too.) And don't underestimate the power of Career Services—both positions I landed at magazines were due to this office. Good luck and be patient!"

1990-91

Paul Caine has been free-lancing in Spain since leaving the *Chicago Reporter* in 1994, where he began as an intern before being promoted to a housing reporter and winning a Peter Lisagor Award in 1994.

Elizabeth Gleason is attending National Louis University to get her certification to teach elementary education.

Trent Hanneman is producer of the Six O'Clock News for Channel 6, WPSD-TV, an NBC affiliate in Paducah, Ky.



Richard (Rick) Michal is an associate editor for *Nuclear News* magazine, a monthly publication for members of the American Nuclear Society — professionals dedicated to the peaceful use of the atom; power generation, nuclear medicine and food irradiation. He joined the magazine in 1994 and also produces a newsletter, *ANS News*, which won the 1995 Silver Award at the International Newsletter Conference.

Karen Palacios (1990-1991) is the second woman golf instructor in the history of the David Leadbetter Golf Academy at Lake Nona Golf Club in Orlando, Fl. (Leadbetter is the world famous golf instructor who teaches pros such as Nick Faldo, Nick Price and Brad Faxon). Karen reports: "I have been writing instructional articles for several magazines. I can be seen giving golf tips weekly on the new cable channel—The Golf Channel...due on all basic cable packages by end of year. I love my job!" While working on her master's at Columbia, Karen played amateur golf (she completed undergraduate work at Stetson University in Deland, Fl. on a

golf scholarship) as she worked as a newspaper and magazine editor. She won several local, regional and international titles as well as qualifying for nine pro tournaments, including three LPGA events.

Debra Williams is associate editor at *Catalyst* magazine. She reports: "A funny thing happened on the way to finishing my masters. Eric Lund urged me to try an internship at *Catalyst*, which reports on school reform and the goings on in Chicago's public schools. "You have kids. You've served on a local school council 'You'd be perfect,' he said. So I did. Turns out editor Linda Lenz (one of our seminar guest speakers) thought so too. When my internship was over, she offered me a job. So I've been an associate editor at *Catalyst* for 3 years."

1991-92

Kevin Belgrade's current whereabouts are unknown. He previously worked as a staff writer at W.W. Grainger Inc. and taught writing at Oakton Community College.

Edward "Ed" Collins Jr. is editing and publishing two trade publications: *Illinois Development News* and the *Mid-America Economic Development Council News* which serve approximately 3,000 readers in Illinois and throughout the Midwest and provide trade news and legislative happenings affecting the field. Ed reports he recently set up an online edition of the Mid-America EDC News that can be seen on the World Wide Web at:

<http://www.embarc.com/edrv/maedconline.html/>



Alexia Hall continued as an adjunct instructor of English at Columbia after graduation. She also worked at Sen. Carol Moseley Braun's office with her then deputy press secretary, Hope Daniels (now on the faculty of Columbia's Radio/Sound Dept.) Alexia, who responded while in transit, said: "As I am writing this, I'm on a plane to Paris, France. From there, I'm going to Portugal, Spain, Italy and Switzerland. I am engaged to wonderful man who I met while doing a homework assignment in

the M.A. program. Although I've yet to obtain my dream position, Columbia's program allowed me to solidify my career goals. I went from not knowing how I wanted to use my degree to learning about the opportunities for journalism majors in public relations."

Maria Kantzavelos is the city editor of the Villa Park Argus edition of Press Publications.

Kimberly (Kim) McCullough is starting a new position in government and public affairs at Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Center. She previously worked as a staff reporter for the *Daily Journal* in Franklin, Ind. where she won a Hoosier State Press Association award for her series on political patronage.

She also freelanced for Lerner Times newspapers, *The Catalyst*, *Springfield Journal-Courier*, *The Villa Park Argus* and *the Daily Southtown*.

1992-93



Cara Jepsen is a busy free-lance writer. She puts together the Days of the Week/Calendar every week and also does rock reviews and features for *The Reader*. She was a staff writer at *New City* for a while and still writes for it regularly. Her recent *New City* cover stories were about dog sled racing, birth control and daytime sex. She also covers radio a lot for *Billboard Magazine*, with two stories "on hold" at the *Rolling Stone*. Her other writing gigs include *The Neighborhood Works*, *Crain's Small Business* and *Tribune on-line*. She also did a cover story on talk radio for *Illinois Issues*. She reports: "I spend most of my day next to the phone, waiting for sources to return my calls. If it hadn't been for the help of my two mentors—

Bill Wyman and Robert Feder—the phone would probably not be ringing. After finally finishing that thesis a couple of years ago, I'm almost ready to dump my second career as a waitress.



Fred Krol who joined Chicago '96, the host committee for the 1996 Democratic National Convention, in June 1995, said he has no firm plans after Chicago '96. "Heck, why not journalism? I did get an M.A. in it after all! Seriously, I never would have developed an interest in politics had I not gone through the Journalism Program." Fred, who visited then Comptroller Dawn Clark Netsch while in graduate school, ended up volunteering for her gubernatorial campaign and later Fred successfully managed the re-election campaign of 43th Ward Ald. Chuck Bernardini.

Shehnaz Sait (1992-1993), who was working for the Channel 23 Asian Indian television program, "Chitrahah" (both on the air as a broadcaster and hostess as well as assistant producer behind the scenes) while in graduate school, continues to be involved in multimedia and multicultural efforts after graduation. She reports: "Just turning in my thesis and getting the M.A. initials after my name has been a great morale booster. I have the confidence to read an article and judge its contents, fairly and accurately. I thank Columbia College and the journalism faculty for giving me this confidence. And I also know that I've finally found my writing specialty—medical writing."

After her graduation, Shehnaz did a post-master's internship in print media at Medical Economics in New Jersey. She was deemed the best intern of the summer by the internship coordinator of the Magazine Publishers Association. As an intern, she had two articles published in *Patient Care* magazine and edited and published a regular department on new projects. She also edited and adapted an article from another magazine, *Contemporary Pediatrics*, for *Patient Care*. She continues to freelance for the company and recently had a full-length article, published on urinary incontinence. Shehnaz is also working on an article with gynecologist Dr. Reena Jabomoni of Loyola Medical



Hospital and University on the drawbacks of a new medical treatment, Assisted Reproductive Therapy (ART), that helps infertile couples have babies.

She serves on a "Sacred Space" task force at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, Ill. which is exploring the possibility of establishing a space where various religious traditions could be practiced without leaving the premises. The group hopes to design a handbook for health care providers on religious dos and taboos, the rites of pas-

sage and advice for handling people of differing faiths with sensitivity, caring, compassion and understanding. Designed for patients, visitors, staff and employees, the pilot project, if successful will act as a prototype for all other Chicagoland hospitals.

Shehnaz also volunteers for the "Imagine Chicago" organization, collecting data on the contributions of the various religions to the ethnic, cultural and social mosaic of Chicago and serves as Islamic representative on a Northwestern University task force, studying how the media handles coverage of religion.

"In between times, whenever my friends need help to make commercials of their businesses, I do the scripting and advertising copywriting for them." Recently, she worked with the University of Illinois Medical School and a local Indian organization to do pr work on a collaborative effort with medical schools and other medical organizations in India.

"I have also become a role model for the younger generation in my community, especially my son's friends, to take up journalism; to cover issues of concern to the community at large, to speak their minds and to get involved in the activities of mainstream America. Who knows what I'll do next, but for now I certainly have my hands full."



Ayesha Mustafaa is editor of the *Muslim Journal*, an international weekly newspaper and recently appeared on the John Calloway "Chicago Tonight" television program as a representative of Islam and of the *Muslim Journal*. She reports: "I'm certain that my training at Columbia contributed to my 'poise' and ability to handle a difficult scenario in front of television cameras. In November 1995, I made my third trip to Saudi Arabia as part of a delegation with Muslim leader W. Deem Mohammed. We were in Saudi Arabia for two weeks touring their schools, social and governmental offices. I was able to sit on a conference hosted by Saudi women on the Fourth World Conference of Women held in Beijing, China. Saudi women are not as passive as they look!"

1993-94

Laura Callo, who interned at Loyola Medical Center while in graduate school, went to full-time work as an editorial assistant in acquisitions/continuity at Mosby YearBook, Inc., a medical publisher. She later moved within the company to direct marketing specialist before she was recently downsized out of her job. On the good news side, Laura reports she found romance while riding the rails, specifically with a man she struck up a conversation with on the Orange Line. "I knew that interviewing stuff I learned at Columbia would come in handy!...Now we are completely and utterly two sappy people in love" she reports. She also put her investigative reporting skills to use in finding her birth mother in Arizona and an older brother she never knew she had.

Suzanne (Suzy) Carmel was recently named managing editor of *Travel Today*, a Northfield, Ill. magazine inserted monthly in the 65,000 circulation *New York Times* Midwest edition. Prior to that she freelanced for two years as a feature writer for *Restaurants and Institutions*, *Key Magazine/This Week in Chicago*, *Lake Shore Drive*, Lerner Newspapers, *Camp Management Magazine* and *Synergy Solutions Inc.*, a marketing newsletter. She also freelanced as the entertainment editor for *Today's Traveler* magazine, a Chicago based publication.

Suzy has interviewed celebrities and entertainers including former New York Mayor Ed Koch, Miss America Heather Whitestone, astronaut James Lovell and the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. Her travel writing assignments have taken her to the Bahamas, Mexico, and the Netherlands as well as Florida and Mackinac Island. She reports: "I'm looking forward to a long career in both travel and entertainment writing."

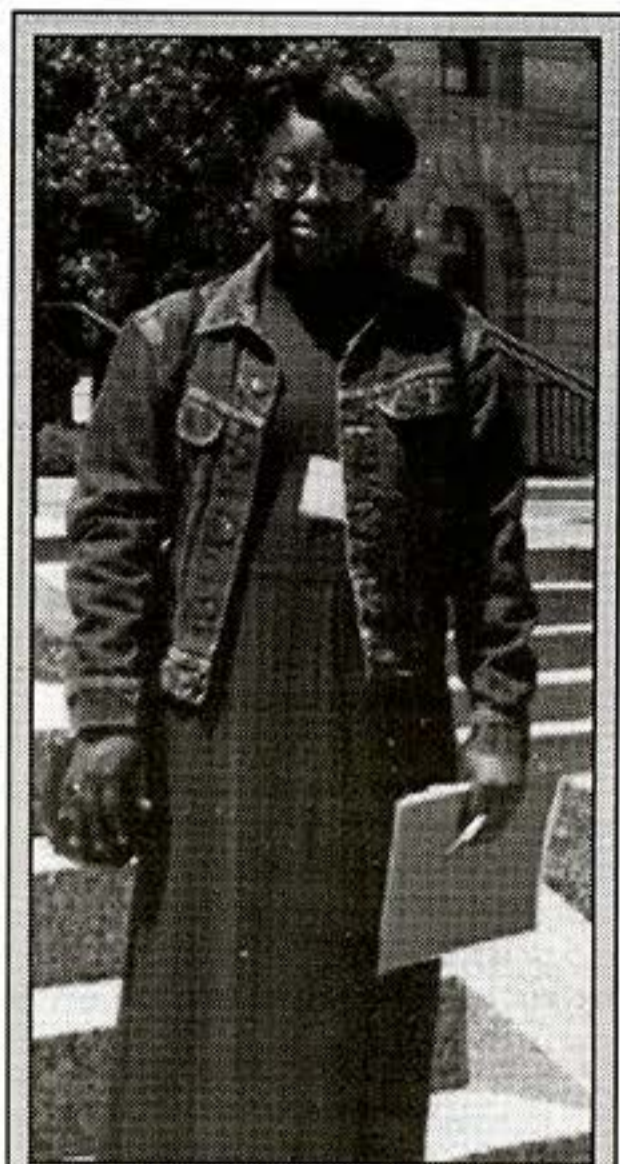
Sherilyn (Sheri) Ritter is working for Hilton International in management at The Drake Hotel and freelancing as a program coordinator for the University of Illinois at Chicago where she arranges meetings and contacts for delegations coming to Chicago. Sheri reports. "I recently coordinated a trip for 50 Chinese media executives and am happy to say I received quite a few job offers with one stipulation—I would have to be fluent in Chinese (which I'm not)! Oh well, maybe next year."

Cristina Romo who held quite possibly the world's longest internship at Fox Television in Chicago for three years, graduated to working for City News Bureau after receiving her M.A. and early on scooped the other reporters during a suburban hostage situation when she was the only one able to understand the Spanish speaking suspect and law enforcement officials.



Mike Sebastian, who interned at a Decatur, IL tv station while in school, went to the ABC-TV affiliate in Sioux City as a reporter and later returned to Illinois and covers Springfield as a reporter/photographer for the only capital-based station WICS-TV.

Laura Teubert has returned to school to receive her secondary education certificate in speech, English and Political Science. She had been free-lance writing and substitute teaching and is currently editor in chief of her parish's 8-page quarterly newspaper. On her own, Laura launched a newsletter aimed at single mothers called U.W.M News Mag. She had to take time off from graduate studies, when her daughter Judy became an unintentional newsmaker as the first child in Illinois diagnosed with the "flesh-eating disease" in 1994.



Alonda McCree (1993-1994) became News Editor of the *Wednesday Journal*, an Oak Park, Ill. weekly newspaper before the ink was dry on the final draft of her thesis, which was about banking discrimination on the near West Side. Alonda reports, "I still find it funny how when I cover meetings or activities, people sometimes mistake me for a high school student. Once while at Oak Park- River Forest High School, I almost got into trouble because a teacher wanted to know where my elevator pass was—I didn't have my Visitor Sticker on my jacket. And there have been times when people thought I was a student writing for the high school newspaper. Needless to say, I love this because I'll be 29 years old in November."

I've learned so far that some people find my reporting to be very objective, which tells me that I'm doing my job the right way. I'm still learning about the village and about what a news editor means. But I'd say that one of the most important things that I've learned so far is that if you show people that you write about that you're interested in them and in their work, and if you keep your reporting fair and objective, people will respect you more and be more willing to talk to you."

Fortunately, Judy is now fully recovered and attending full-time kindergarten. "Thanks to all the faculty and all our friends at Columbia for all their support and well wishes for Judy. She is strong and energetic and full of life."

1994-95

Peter von Buol has been working part-time at WBBM-AM in the traffic and continuity departments as he finished final editing of his thesis project, a video documentary on the issue of Hawaiian sovereignty and the upcoming Native Hawaiian vote, which debuted on Hawaiian television this summer.

Jeff Cappel is freelancing for the Illinois State Bar Association newspaper where his bylines regularly appear as well as *Collective Toys and Values* magazine where his article on the history of "All in the Family" television show and its merchandising campaign was published. Also, two 3,500 word articles on movie advertising have been accepted by *Today's Collector* magazine. His article details the history, use and collectibility of lobby cards and movie presskits which he collects. Jeff is also busy researching a book on the movie "Blade Runner," which will discuss the original novel the film is based on "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?", the movie itself and the book sequels to the movie.



Hilarie Pitman was recently named marketing assistant for the Interactive Coupon Network, an startup online enterprise begun by the former owner of

Chicago magazine that is designed to tie into the new Microsoft Network launch. Before moving to cyberspace endeavors, Hilarie worked full time at two part-time jobs as a writer at *Laboratory Medicine*, a trade journal for pathologists, where she had interned while in graduate school, and *Hospital and Health Networks*, a trade magazine published by the American Hospital Association.

Karen Wagenhofer was recently named assistant editor for three trade magazines for lawyers published by Steps Media Corp.—*Illinois Legal Times*,



Corporate Legal Times and *U.S. Business Litigation*. Karen reports "Given the subject matter, there is an overwhelming number of new concepts to learn, but I'm up for the challenges. I recently interviewed the national trial counsel for silicone breast implant manufacturer Dow Corning." She moved to a 1905 home in Berwyn where she rents the first floor with a roommate. "We're in love with the place, with its blond hardwood floors, fireplace and interesting elements like a walk-in cedar closet and metal disk in the floor that residents long ago would press to summon up servants from downstairs." Karen also volunteers as a tutor for seventh graders at the Metro Center for Girls, and worked as Berwyn precinct captain during the primary election.

1995-96



Karen Craven who was a correspondent for the *Daily Southtown* and became editor of the *Darien* (Illinois) *Progress* newspaper, while in graduate

school, is working at City News Bureau. Her thesis was entitled "Building Barriers To Curb Crime: Chicago's infatuation with cul-de-sacs."

Tasha Knight has continued to work at HBO-TV while revising her thesis on state welfare reform.



Michelle Willman, worked briefly as editor at *Interludes* magazine and freelanced for her former full-time employer Stagnito Publishing Company, while completing her thesis "Innocence Behind Bars: Pitfalls in the Illinois justice system that lead to wrongful convictions."



Capitol Idea- The 1996 Washington Program students and their instructor, Linda Fibich (far right) pose on the Hill in the District of Columbia.

FACULTY NOTES

Former Springfield and seminar instructor **Peggy Boyer Long** is marking her second anniversary as editor of *Illinois Issues*, a monthly magazine published by University of Illinois-Springfield (the former Sangamon State).

Kathy Catrambone was promoted to managing editor from international editor of *Advertising Age* magazine. She's a former Springfield Program instructor, who pioneered a "portable news service" for the journalism students reporting on state government to client newspapers in Chicago suburbs.

Thom Clark and **Hank DeZutter**, who team teach the Local Politics and Government Seminar, are president and vice president respectively of Community Media Workshop headquartered at Columbia. The workshop trains non-profits groups in how to use the media to get their message across. They are gearing up for the Democratic National Convention with their Community News Project. It will provide background material for journalists on 21 topic areas including everything from the economic role of immigrants in Chicago to local political convention history dating back to 19th century. The material will be carried on the AP convention wire. The Project is co-sponsoring urban issues conferences in San Diego and Chicago with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Local Initiatives Support Corp. Their web site <http://www.mcs.net/comm-news/dnchome.htm> is garnering praise

Steve Corman, who teaches the broadcast sequence of graduate courses, has reviewed a proposed new journalism text, "Reporting in the 21st Century: From Interviewing to the Internet," for Pine Forge Press due out in Spring 1997. He found the book "innovative and all encompassing."

Bill Crawford, former Courts and the Law instructor and Pulitzer Prize winning *Chicago Tribune* reporter, has become vp-communications at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

Norma Green, Ph.D., Director of the Graduate Journalism Program, is contributing author of the just-released *The Eye of the Reporter: Literature's Legacy in The Press* from Western Illinois Press. She will be sharing her other research about the history of street newspapers at the first ever gathering of journalists from North American newspapers by, for and about homelessness scheduled for mid-August in Chicago. She is on the host committee with Chicago's award-winning *StreetWise*.

Eric Lund, who retired as Graduate Journalism Program Director in 1994, is keeping busy with his many research interests "I'm working on two books, a political biography and a 50-year history of the Swedish-American Historical

Program Founders



Nick Shuman and Eric Lund

Society, of which I'm past president and current chairman (until October)," he reports. The society, founded in 1948, has a 1,100 members in some 40 states and Sweden, publishes books and a quarterly and sponsors conference, including one coming up this fall in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

"I'm also a director of the Swedish Council of America and led a panel on the press at its Conference of Swedish American this spring in Davenport-Rock Island." Also in April he was banquet speaker at the 75th anniversary celebration of Norwood Park Lutheran Church, which has Scandinavian (as well as German) roots."

On the travel itinerary, Eric reports: "it's been four years since Grace and I were last in Sweden and we hope to get back next year if not later this year. Last summer we visited her family in northwest Ontario on the other side of the Rainy

River separating Canada and Minnesota, for the third time since we were married in 1990. Shorter trips have taken us to Door County and Kentucky, which has great state parks." He enjoys hearing from former students, so check out his e-mail and residential address in directory.

Former instructors **Diane Monk** and **Kathy McLelland** continue their writing and editing partnership, Leone & Co.

Ellen Shubart, former seminar instructor, is editor and syndicated columnist at *Franchise Buyer*, a Crain Communications monthly. Previously, she was managing editor of *City & State*. Both she and Kathy Catrambone are active on the Chicago Headline Club board. Ellen was coordinator for the 1996 journalism awards judging exchange with other Society of Professional Journalists chapters in Connecticut and San Diego.

Nicholas (Nick) Shuman, who retired as associate director of the program in 1991, remains involved with Columbia as head of the annual judging for the John Fischetti National Editorial Cartoon Competition. "I remain in warm contact with Eric Lund, which whom I helped organize the graduate program under the late Daryle Feldmeir and with Mike Alexandroff, former Columbia president and great baseball fan, who took me to a Cubs ballgame last year."

Nick is proud of his son, Mark, a St. Olaf College and City News Bureau graduate, who is following in Nick's journalistic footsteps as a part-timer for the *Chicago Tribune* and free-lancer for *Time* and *People* magazines, the *Denver Post* and *New York Times*.

Nick says "retirement leaves plenty of time for travel with my wife, Marilyn." "In recent years we have taken one tour of the Soviet Union, Poland and Finland, and another to Taiwan, China, Japan and South Korea. Last winter we cruised the Caribbean to the Bahamas, Mexico, the Panama Canal, and Colombia. And next fall we're going to do Egypt and the Nile. Maybe Israel too, which I often did journalistically, having interviewed every prime minister since Golda Meir, including the recently assassinated Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres."

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who also studied at L'Universite d'Aix-en-Provence. She is a part-time student, interested in science writing, who works full time as an environmental claims representative for Kemper National Insurance.

April Knox went straight from Columbia's undergraduate journalism program with a summer internship at *Essence* magazine in New York into the graduate program. She discovered political consulting through media relations internships with First Trace Communications where she worked on Cook County Supervisor Danny Davis' successful primary campaign for the 7th Congressional District and worked for U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. in Washington.

Bob Musker, an English graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana and film student at large at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, interned in Washington, D.C. for the National Coalition for the Homeless and would eventually like to produce his own public affairs show and documentaries. Before graduate school, he worked as a production assistant on "Hoop Dreams", an *Extra* Newspaper reporter, producer for cable access shows on community activism and Peace & Justice Radio Projects. Bob has volunteered for Chicago Walk for the Homeless and the Cabrini Green Youth Program and Legal Assistance Foundation.

Steve Ordower, a University of Wisconsin at Madison graduate in international relations, also wants to be a documentary filmmaker. Before coming to Columbia, he taught English in Costa Rica, worked as a Chicago real estate appraiser and cable documentary producer. He interned with the NBC-TV "Today Show" in Washington, D.C. Back in Chicago he assisted a BBC film crew shooting a documentary on ... prohibition. In August, he's participating in Volunteers for Israel.

Sheyphali Sharan took a leave from her government post in the press information bureau of the minister of finance in New Delhi, India to study for her second master's while her husband completed his doctoral studies at the University of Chicago. She has both a

B.A. and M.A. in history from Delhi University and was a trainee news-editor at All India Radio as well as trainee sub-editor at two newspapers, *Jansatta* and *Free Press Journal*. One of her last assignments before coming to the States was to handle the media arrangements for the U.S. Secretary of Treasury's visit.

Jim Perez, a Columbia communications undergrad, joined the program in February and commuted from Fort Wayne, Ind where he worked as a copy editor for the *Journal Gazette*. Before that, he worked as a copy editor for the Rockford, Ill. *Register Star* and the Mesa (Ariz.) *Tribune* and was general assignment editor at the *Southwest News Herald* in Chicago and editorial assistant at the *Chicago Tribune*. He also reported for the *Joliet Herald*, *Southwest Courier*, *Daily Southtown* and *Chicago Heights Star*. Jim is a 1991 Fellow of the Editing Program for Minority Journalists of the Maynard Institute at the University of Arizona, Tucson. In graduate school, he plans to enhance his reporting skills and combine that with his desk experience to work as a reporter on a major market daily, eventually as either an assistant metro editor or an assistant business editor with the intention of moving into a special sections position. Jim is interning with the Center for Public Integrity in Washington, D.C. for the entire summer.

Don Woolf is a Human Services graduate of St. Mary's College in Winona,

Minn. He worked as a law clerk, apartment leasing agent and manager of Spirit of Chicago cruises before coming to graduate school. Don, who freelanced as a writer and editor for the 1996 *Living in Greater Chicago* annual, interned with the Washington Radio and Press Service covering Capitol news events for client stations in California, Arizona, Minnesota, Florida and Illinois.

Maria Yannetos, a University of Illinois at Chicago grad in French and Commercial Studies, has been working as Chicago correspondent for a national Greek language magazine and producer/announcer and talk show host for a Greek language radio station. In Washington, D.C., she interned with the Greek Service of the Voice of America and covered the U.S. visit of Cypriot President Glafkos Clerides.

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