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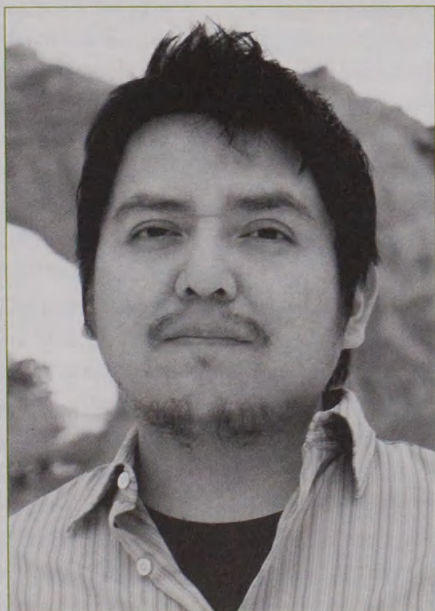
J-alum Jason Begay joins faculty, inherits McAuliffe's Reznet post

Navajo Times reporter and J-School alumnus Jason Begay will join the faculty as an assistant professor and director of *Reznet* beginning in August.

Jason will replace *Reznet* founder Denny McAuliffe, who resigned in October to return to *The Washington Post*, where he is overnight news editor. Denny came to Montana in 1999 to teach for a year and stayed for 10. He created *Reznet* and built it into a top journalism training and mentoring program for American Indian college students across the country.

Jason was among the first students Denny recruited to UM and mentored. He had earned an associate of arts degree in creative writing in 1996 from the Institute of American Indian Arts and had held a number of newspaper internships when he caught Denny's eye. Denny was determined to get him to UM, and succeeded.

Jason had internships at the *Duluth News Tribune* and *The Oakland Tribune* before coming to UM. After his studies here he worked a summer at *The Wichita Eagle* and, upon graduation, accepted the James Reston summer internship at *The*



New J-faculty member Jason Begay

New York Times. The *Times* offered him a two-year internship, but Jason was eager to get back to the West, so he accepted a job at *The Oregonian*. After two years, he took a job at *The Navajo Times* in Gallup, N.M., where he was a reporter covering tribal government and education.

Since April Jason has been acting editor of *The Navajo Times*, an independent newspaper and one of the most respected tribal papers in the nation.

Jason will teach one course each semester, recruit and mentor students, and raise funds for and direct *Reznet* and other Native American initiatives.

Denny raised more than \$700,000 for the site and recruited Native American students around the country to write and take photographs for the website.

Before Denny left for the *Post*, representatives of UM's American Indian Support and Development Council honored him with a Pendleton blanket called "The Record Keeper," a design adapted from the work of Cherokee artist and flautist Terry Lee Whetstone.



Stubbs and Rott bring home top Hearst awards

The UM School of Journalism is the only one of the more than 100 accredited journalism programs in the country to score in the top 10 in the print, photojournalism and broadcast competitions of the Hearst Journalism Awards program for this academic year.

Two print students also qualified for the Hearst national championships in New York City.

The Hearst competition involves a series of contests throughout the year, with points awarded for students scoring in the top 20. At the end of the academic year, photojournalism students ranked seventh, print students ranked eighth, and broadcast students ranked ninth. The school's overall ranking was sixth.

Now in its 50th year of handing out scholarships, the Hearst Awards are often referred to as the collegiate Pulitzers, and placing in the competition is a major honor, said Dean Peggy Kuhr.

"I'm proud of our excellent placement in print, photo and broadcast," Kuhr said. "It shows we have a well-rounded program."

Roman Stubbs, who will take the reins as editor of the *Montana Kaimin* next fall, won first place in the person-



Roman Stubbs



Nate Rott

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► Three signature J-School projects wrapped up at the end of spring semester.

• The 2010 RTV student documentary **Cannabusiness** examined the issues that surround the sale and use of medical marijuana in Montana. Montanans voted in 2004 to legalize marijuana for medical uses and at present more than 12,000 people have signed up and are authorized to buy marijuana from any of the 2,797 caregivers. The 19 students' semester-long investigation found that as traveling clinics make medical marijuana cards more readily available to walk-in patients, authorities are struggling to regulate the use and distribution of the drug. Students interviewed doctors, legislators, police officers, caregivers, patients and community members about the impact of medical marijuana on their lives. The interviews reveal how Montana residents are struggling to find a balance between the business, health and legal issues involved with medical marijuana. The last three student documentaries can be viewed online at montanapbs.org.

• The latest **Native News Honors Project** revisited health care, an issue that students first looked at in the second year of the project, now in its 20th year. Eight reporters and eight photographers reported in-depth stories from the state's seven reservations, and looked at the access to health care of Indians who live off the reservation. They were guided by three student copy editors, a photo and multimedia editor, and their work was designed for print publication by a design editor and for publication online by an online editor. Professors **Carol Van Valkenburg** and **Jeremy Lurgio** teach the course. You can see the students' work at: <http://nativenews.jour.umt.edu>.

• The **Montana Journalism Review** this year is devoted to "Thriving and Surviving in a Multimedia World." Among the stories is a look at how magazines are trying to reach Gen Y, whether the iPad will change personal computing, a critique of Twitter in covering news, the debate provoked by web comments to news stories and how journalism schools are teaching multimedia reporting skills. The issue can be seen at: <http://mjr.jour.umt.edu>.

► The J-School hosted three major lectures last academic year:

• In the fall, **T. Anthony Pollner Professor Chris Jones** delivered the Pollner lecture, which he titled "Accidents." He said many accidents come down to luck, good or bad, but what happens afterward, how we deal with the happy accidents and cope with the sad occurrences are part of what defines us. He told about what he'd learned covering stories for *Esquire*, including working for a story as an EMT and a story he wrote about a man who had lost family members in an airplane crash and later became an aviation accident investigator. And he praised the Pollner family for turning the tragedy of their son Anthony's death into an unforgettable experience for the *Kaimin* staff, for

students in the Pollner seminar, for the faculty and for the Pollner professors.

• In March, **Rebecca Blumenstein**, deputy managing editor and the international editor of *The Wall Street Journal*, delivered the second annual **Jeff Cole Distinguished Lecture**. Her focus was "Making Journalism and Global Coverage Relevant in the Internet Age." Journalism has been reshaped by the recession, globalization and technology, Blumenstein said. So the key is to make journalism relevant, timely and trusted. For the *Journal*, she said, that means it will be newsier, pay more attention to visual presentation, and have expanded international coverage. Blumenstein talked about the importance of street reporting, and advised students to get out of the office, learn another language, and travel overseas.

• **The 53rd Dean Stone Lecture** was delivered in April by **Caesar Andrews**, former executive editor of the *Detroit Free Press*. He oversaw coverage that resulted in the paper's winning the 2009 Pulitzer Prize in Local Reporting. Last spring he was a visiting professor at the University of Nevada-Reno. In his lecture, "Journalists and 'American Idol': What We Can Learn," he said the show is a model for finding a way to succeed in a fast-changing media world. He said the performances – like much of journalism – are works in progress. And the public has a voice in the outcome. "You can't use the same game plan from 1979 [or anytime in the past] and win," he said. "Take the best of what was there and move forward."

At the Dean Stone banquet the following evening, the school handed out nearly \$110,000 in scholarships and awards.

► From Aug. 7 through Oct. 23 The University of Montana hosted "**Capture the Moment: The Pulitzer Prize Photographs**," the largest display of Pulitzer Prize-winning photos ever shown in the United States. The photos

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AROUND THE WORLD



were displayed in two galleries in the PARTV building and in a third in the Social Science building. The exhibit drew more visitors than any other in UM history.

► Print journalism students landed a handful of prime internships for this summer. **Carly Flandro** rose from the ranks of 300 applicants to capture the coveted *Seattle Times* general assignment internship. **Tyson Alger** also swung for the fence and landed *The Oregonian's* sports reporting internship. **Karen Garcia** landed an internship at *Utne Reader*. On the RTV side, senior **Garrett Browne** is working at WAMU Radio in Washington, D.C., a public broadcasting station.

► The Society of Environmental Journalists will hold its national conference on campus Oct. 13-16. J-School alum **Jim Bruggers**, a reporter for *The Courier Journal* in Louisville, is a conference co-chair. The conference, Wild Rockies and the Changing West, is expected to attract up to 1,000 participants.

► The student-produced television program "**Montana Journal: Unaffordable Education?**" premiered on MontanaPBS on Oct. 29. It addressed the issue of whether education is slipping out of reach for many Montanans. The program featured a Helena family working to put five children through college; a Billings student making the trade-off of military service to pay for his education; a Flathead Valley student who found a local community college as a cost-saving alternative; a former Montana State University-Bozeman student who realizes he may never have the opportunity to return to school because of the expense; and a Corvallis High School senior trying to plan her college financial future. The program is produced by **RTV seniors** and is taught by MontanaPBS producer and RTV adjunct **John Twiggs**.

► Advanced photojournalism students taught by Associate Professor **Keith Graham** and Assistant Professor **Jeremy Lurgio** focused on Seeley Lake last fall as part of the program's second year of the Montana Towns Project. The previous year's project focused on Corvallis, Mont. Students do documentary photojournalism that looks at the people and places that make up these small towns. To see their exceptional work, go to <http://www.mttowns.jour.umt.edu/>

► White House Deputy Chief of Staff **Jim Messina**, a journalism school graduate, visited the school on Oct. 8 for an informal discussion with students, faculty, staff, and alumni. He was chief of staff for Sen. Max Baucus before joining the Obama campaign staff and then landing the White House job. He's one of two deputies working for Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel. One story he related to the students was how, when covering a city council meeting as a student reporter, he asked his professor for extra time to write the story. He remembers the answer vividly: "Jim, it's not a maybe line. It's a deadline." He said that lesson has been an invaluable one in his career. (*Missoulian* reporter Kim Briggeman wrote about his visit: http://missoulian.com/news/local/article_96ee95a8-b48e-11de-a068-001cc4c03286.html.)

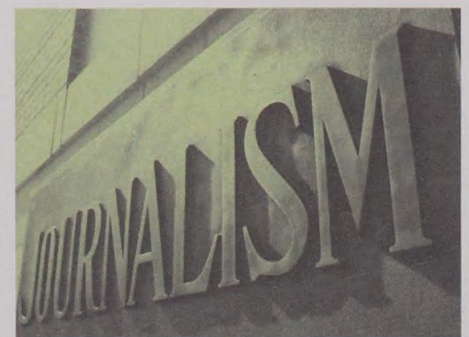
► In the Broadcast Education Association's Best of Festival 2010 competition, RTV senior **Grant Beaudette** received an honorable mention in the student TV features category, and *Unspoken: Voices of Suicide*, the 2009 student documentary project, received an honorable mention in the student long form documentary category.

► Two journalists from Nepal visited the J-School Sept. 12-20. **Rajendra Dev Acharya**, news director of Nepal Television, who earned a master's degree in RTV from UM, and **Prabal Raj Pokhrel**,

head of the Central Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu, visited classes, met with faculty, and participated in two public forums. (For more on the school's budding relationship with Tribhuvan University, see Professor Clem Work's faculty update.)

► Student work posted online from Associate Professor **Henriette Löwisch's** feature writing class can be viewed at nightvisionmissoula.com. The students explored everything from the city's bars and nightlife to its population of late-shift workers stocking shelves or saving lives while everyone else is asleep. In general, they offered a portrait of a city between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

► In last year's *Communique* we told you that 1979 RTV alumna **Colleen McGuire** received her first star, making her one of only a handful of brigadier generals in the U.S. Army. Now she's received even more remarkable recognition. Brig. Gen. McGuire was recently named head of the Army military police force – the Army's provost marshal general and the commanding general of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command. She answers directly to the U.S. Army's chief of staff and is in charge of all of the Army's military police and its investigations of felonies that involve U.S. soldiers at home and abroad. She is the first woman to head the office.



New requirements take effect this fall

J-School notes media evolution, updates curriculum

After years of faculty study and discussion, a blizzard of paperwork, and scrutiny by several university committees, major curriculum changes for undergraduate and graduate programs in the School of Journalism will take effect beginning with fall semester.

The faculty closely watched the many changes occurring in the news media and had ongoing discussions on how the school should train students for work upon graduation.

During the past five years, faculty updated the content and their teaching in many courses. Still, they felt the need to go further and adjust requirements in both the pre-journalism and professional journalism programs.

Newly required pre-J courses

In the new pre-journalism program, all students must take:

- Jour 100 – Media History & Literacy
- RTV 151 – Beginning Video Photography & Production
- Jour 227 – Beginning Photo-journalism
- Jour 270 – Reporting

The new Jour 100 course emphasizes media literacy, an important concept as the number of information sources has exploded. All students must learn how to use still photography and video to tell stories and to write clearly and concisely. The reporting class assignments help students tell stories for print and online and also teach them how to use audio to produce radio stories.

Once students are accepted into the professional program, which can now occur in either semester, they are able to take courses in all four options—print, photo, broadcast news and broadcast production.

To broaden their depth of knowledge, students are required to choose at least five courses from among an array chosen by the faculty. They must also take a capstone course before graduation.

“The idea is that students in all options will get the same foundation, so that once in the professional program, they will be able to cross disciplines and take courses in any option if they meet the prerequisites,” said Carol Van Valkenburg, print journalism department chair. “That way students can choose their own direction, based on what they want to do after graduation.”

More options for students

RTV Associate Professor Denise Dowling said this new structure will still allow for “specialists,” students who want to follow an option, but will permit the school to graduate “jacks of all trades,” students who want experience in all emphases the school offers.

Dean Peggy Kuhr said the changes will make the students adaptable. “The idea is to integrate, across various options, all the possibilities,” said Kuhr. “The lines are blurring as far as what journalists do. Now, students (can) chart their own path.”

The new graduate program will

provide an environmental science and natural resource education for journalism graduates and others with previous journalism experience. Students with science backgrounds also will be recruited for the program.

New emphasis for grad program

Professor Dennis Swibold and Assistant Professor Nadia White spent a year studying possibilities for the new graduate program structure and curriculum. In the school’s application for program approval, it cited a “growing need for versatile storytellers knowledgeable about energy policy, climate change and conservation issues.”

Students will take courses in print, photo and broadcast media, as well as graduate courses across campus in the hard sciences, history, philosophy, ethics and law, among others. Swibold and White, assisted by Dean Kuhr, collaborated with faculty in other disciplines to compile a list of appropriate courses outside of journalism for the new grad class to take.

Associate Professor Henriette Löwisch, hired in 2009 to head up the new graduate program, said: “To communicate environmental science and natural resource issues to the general public is one of the most important challenges for journalists and scientists today. The new program fits seamlessly into the university’s cross-disciplinary focus on those issues and capitalizes on faculty expertise across campus.” ❖

Where did those high-paying internships go?

In an era of unpaid internships and an average debt load of \$20,000 for UM students by the time they graduate, it was interesting to come across a letter in the files that Dean James L.C. Ford wrote to a recent graduate in 1956.

Dean Ford told the student that he had 26 jobs posted on the bulletin board in May 1956, some with starting salaries of \$4,200. He was having a hard time

finding enough students to fill them.

He said the *Cut Bank Pioneer Press* editor had just interviewed students for summer internships and was offering \$50 a week for the first month, \$60 a week for the second and \$70 for the third.

In today’s dollars the yearly starting salary would be nearly \$33,000. The \$70 a week internship would be almost \$550.



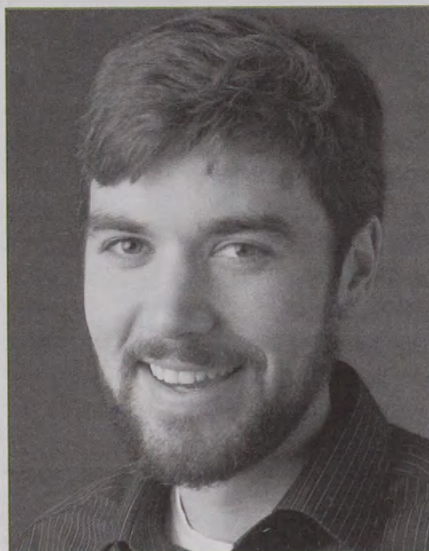
Pollner professor Eli Saslow's reporting career inspired by 'sleepless' college newspaper days

Washington Post reporter Eli Saslow will be the school's 2010 T. Anthony Pollner Distinguished Professor. Saslow was selected from among 20 applicants for the fall semester visiting professorship.

Saslow is a national enterprise reporter at the *Post*. Prior to that assignment he was political features writer and sports enterprise writer. Before coming to the *Post* he worked for *The Star-Ledger* in New Jersey and *The Buffalo* (N.Y.) *News*. He received his journalism degree from Syracuse University.

Among recent stories Saslow has covered are the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and a look inside the White House at President Obama's reading of 10 letters each day from among the 20,000 that arrive daily. Saslow looked at what prompted one of the letter-writers to write to the president and her reaction to President Obama's response.

In his letter to the Pollner selection



Eli Saslow, 2010 Pollner Professor

committee, Saslow wrote: "I've flown on Air Force One with Barack Obama on the day of his election; I've waded into New Orleans to write about the victims of Hurricane Katrina; I've traveled to a remote Scottish island to write about

the world's oldest and most violent sport. And still, no matter where I am or what I'm covering, I rarely have felt so energized as when I was 21, sleepless and unshaven, editing the sports section of a college newspaper that few people read."

He proposed a class that will mirror life in a newsroom, with three-week segments on story conception, deadline news writing, blogging with attitude and voice, quick feature writing, and writing magazine-style narrative.

Saslow will be the school's 10th Pollner professor. Established by the family and friends of 1999 alumnus T. Anthony Pollner, an endowment allows the school each fall semester to bring a distinguished journalist who teaches a class, works with the staff of the *Montana Kaimin*, and delivers a public lecture.

The Pollner lecture this year is scheduled for Oct. 18. ❖

Record scholarship & awards contributions

Alums & friends allow students more opportunities

As I write this year's *Communique* column, I can't help but reflect on the last 18 months I've spent with the J-School. For those of you who may not be familiar with the current faculty and Dean, I must tell you, they are an incredible group of people. No one on campus works harder or is more committed to students than they are. The J-School really is a family, in every sense of the word.

I also want to thank our alumni and friends for your continuing support of the School. Because of your generosity, nearly \$110,000 in scholarships was awarded at this year's Dean Stone Banquet – a record amount. In these tough economic times, students depend on your contributions more than ever.

While the J-School has tremendous scholarship support, among our biggest needs are additional financial resources to help pay for student projects such as *Native News*, *Montana Journalism Review*, and the senior documentary. These projects give students invaluable hands-on experience travelling across the state to develop stories that air on public television, online and in state newspapers. These projects are not funded by the University, but through the Dean's discretionary fund, which comes entirely from private donations.

I encourage you to check out the J-School's website at www.jour.umn.edu. There's a great video by students under "Video Showcase," as well as student and alumni news, upcoming events and

featured works. We're also on Facebook: School of Journalism, University of Montana, with more photos, student and faculty news, job notices and features.

Donating is easy – just click on the "Giving" link at the top of our website. If you would like to learn more about our needs or to discuss gifts to the School, please feel free to contact me at 406.243.5354 or laura.biancoadams@mso.umn.edu.

Thank you again for your generosity.



Laura Bianco-Adams
Director of Development

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Student Hearst awards help fund J-School

ality profile competition, while **Nate Rott**, a recent graduate, took first for in-depth reporting.

They were among seven print students who competed in the national championships in mid-June. While they didn't finish in the top three there, Stubbs won \$1,500 for what the judges assessed was the "story of the year." Each of them also won \$1,500 awards as finalists in the national contest.

Professor Carol Van Valkenburg said the two wins in the monthly competitions were unprecedented for the school. "It's a real coup and it does draw attention to how strong our program is," Van Valkenburg said.

Stubbs' story, "Gladiator School," which was cited as the best story from any of the competitions, profiled former Grizzly football player Jimmy Wilson, who was charged with murder, tried twice and ultimately acquitted. Van Valkenburg said the story's extensive reporting and literary merit set it apart. He wrote it for Pollner Professor Chris Jones' class. It can be found by going to the montanakaimin.com and searching for stubbs and gladiator.

"Roman is a superb writer," she said. "I think that was really a strong point of his story and I'm sure it caught the judges' attention, because he is able to describe scenes in such a unique and compelling way that he keeps readers mesmerized. He really has a writing ability that is far beyond his years."

Rott's story from the 2009 *Native News Honors Project* explored the legal issues of sovereignty and extradition in a case from the Crow Reservation.

"It was so complex and nuanced," Van Valkenburg said of Rott's story, "Beyond Reach." "He had done such good reporting that a complex story was made easily understandable, yet he didn't gloss over the complexity of it." It can be found by clicking on "Media Projects" on the J-School web page and going to *Native News* archives, then the Urban Indian tab in the 2009 issue.

Each student won \$2,000 in his respective category, plus matching grants for the school.

Two photojournalism students also placed high in the rankings. Senior **Shane McMillan** placed fourth in the picture story-multimedia competition while 2009 graduate **Russel Daniels** placed fifth in the same contest. Their winning pieces appeared in the 2009 online edition of the *Native News Honors Project*.

Assistant Professor Jeremy Lurgio credits the students with playing to their individual strengths when conceiving and working on their multimedia pieces.

"He's a great producer," Lurgio said of McMillan, whose piece focused on a family who claims their son's killing was unjustly ruled self-defense. Lurgio said Daniels' creativity was the lifeblood of his project. The piece explored troubled youth on the Blackfeet Reservation. McMillan won \$750 and Daniels \$600.

Broadcast students also placed in the top 20. Junior **Jake Stevenson** won eighth place and \$500 in the radio multimedia category for his piece featuring sustainability efforts surrounding Missoula's "Flat House," and placed 14th in the radio contest that required students to submit a number of radio reports. His stories looked at so-called "pharm" parties, new rules about the alcohol content of Montana-brewed beers, and a Missoula music festival. Stevenson is co-anchor of Montana Evening Edition on KUFM radio.

"Jake used video to show the building techniques and technical devices used to monitor and improve energy usage in the home," Associate Professor Denise Dowling said. "His audio work brought out the personalities of the students and professors working on this remarkable project."

Brittany Wooley placed 19th in the radio multimedia competition for her reporting on the effects of cap and trade legislation.

Kaimin editor **Allison Maier** won 11th place in the editorial writing competition. Her editorial was about the *Kaimin's* dispute with former Montana football coach Bobby Hauck and his refusal to answer questions after the paper reported on alleged assaults by Montana football players.

Our student successes are a boon for the journalism school's coffers, as well as its reputation. The Hearst Foundation matches scholarships given to students placing in the top ten with grants to the school. This year that comes to \$5,850.

Rott also wins top national SPJ award

Nate Rott '09 was a national winner in the Society of Professional Journalists 2009 Mark of Excellence Awards. He won first place in In-Depth Reporting for his story "Beyond Reach" that ran in last year's Native News Honors Project.

Nate's story, which also took a first place in the Hearst College Journalism Awards, is about tribal sovereignty and the legal implications facing a young man from the Crow Reservation who committed a crime off the reservation, then ran back to the reservation because he knew the Crow Tribe has no extradition agreement with the state.



The J-School did well in the regional SPJ Mark of Excellence Awards as well. First place regional winners, besides Nate Rott, were:

- **Native News**

Honors Project 2009, Best Independent Online Student Publication

- The **Grace Case Project**, website and course by Associate Professor **Nadia White** and Associate Professor Andrew King-Ries from the Law School, Online In-Depth Reporting
- **Jake Stevenson**, for Smoking Ban, Radio Feature
- **Gillette Vaira**, for Suicide Prevention Walk, Radio News Reporting
- **Vince Bagby**, for UM Football Series, Radio Sports Reporting
- **Ashley Korslien** and **Mark Wilson**, for Military Study, TV General News Reporting
- **Paige Browning** and **Katrina Hesper**, for Montana Journal: Unaffordable Education, TV In-Depth Reporting
- **Dustin "Buddy" Cowart**, for Hospital Helpers, TV News Photography
- **Jon G. Denny** and **Laura Elizabeth Wilson**, for Griz Bye-Week, TV Sports Reporting.



Chris Miller and Gillette Vaira gather information and video for the student documentary *Cannabusiness*, which examines Montana's controversial medical marijuana business.

Students, faculty bring home the Emmys

It was a good night to be a Griz at the Northwest Regional Emmy Awards in early June. Radio-Television student projects from 2008-2009 won Emmys in two of three student categories, while adjunct professors and former students also received awards.

Last year's student documentary, *Unspoken*, won the award in News-Long Form. Sixteen students produced the hour-long documentary in spring semester 2009 examining suicide in Montana. Associate Professor **Denise Dowling** and Adjunct Professor **Gita Saedi-Kieli** were the faculty advisers.

In addition, 2010 graduates **Ashley Korslien** and **Dustin "Buddy" Cowart** won a student Emmy in the News-Short Form category.



The two profiled a small business called "Lissie's Luv Yums" for an episode of *Business: Made in Montana*. The dog biscuit company is run by a woman with developmental disabilities due to Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. **Dowling** and RTV Chair **Ray Ekness** advised. Both winning student projects aired on MontanaPBS.

Emmy Awards also went to Adjunct Professors **Gus Chambers**, **John Twiggs** and **Kagan Yochim** of KUFM/MontanaPBS. Chambers and Yochim earned their undergraduate degrees at UM while Twiggs earned his masters.

A 2003 journalism graduate, **Jordan Caskey**, won four Emmy awards in documentary, sports and editing categories.

More firsts in Durso broadcast competition

J-School alumni and students won several awards in the 11th annual Joseph Durso, Jr. Awards for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism, sponsored by the Associated Press.

First place winners are: senior **Jannette McDonald**, reporter/anchor at KGVO-AM, for best radio newscast;

Carmen Ebert '10, for best radio sports coverage; **Dan Boyce** '09 of KUFM for best radio audio; **Kevin Maki** '78 for best radio newswriting and best radio enterprise; RTV adjunct **Sally Mauk**, KUFM news director, and **Emilie Ritter** '07 for best radio spot news live and best radio spot news edited category.

Dear Friends,

As I write this, it's one of those spectacular mornings in June. Mount Sentinel, Mount Jumbo and Mount Dean Stone have greened up, and stand against a blue sky. The air has that mountain-crisp smell and the river is running high. Inside Don Anderson Hall, it's quiet – a rare moment in the busy life of the J-School.

In the past year, we've redesigned our curriculum, welcomed two new faculty members, said goodbye to another, and seen our students' work rank among the best in the country. In many ways, our work here reflects the wider world of news media today: Change is a constant.

The J-School started last fall with new faculty members Henriette Löwisch and Lee Banville, who've brought new expertise especially in international and online journalism. By mid-fall, we were wishing the best for Denny McAuliffe, Reznets founder and Native American journalist-in-residence, who was lured back to *The Washington Post*.

That means in Fall 2010 we again will start the year with a new faculty member. We're thrilled to welcome aboard Jason Begay, a reporter and editor at *The Navajo Times*. Jason, a 2002 J-School alum, says Denny McAuliffe is the person who convinced him to come to UM to study journalism. What a wonderful legacy!

We'll also start the fall with new curricula at the undergraduate and graduate levels. All incoming undergraduates will take a core series of classes that includes multimedia reporting and writing, photography, and broadcast video and production. Once admitted into the professional program, students can either specialize in a particular area of journalism, or they can generalize and take classes across the spectrum.

At the graduate level, we're specializing in an area that allows us to work with some of the best minds across campus. We have recruited our first class of graduate students who will inaugurate our new Master's Degree in Environmental Science and Natural Resource Journalism.

In the middle of all this change, the School keeps a focus on excellence.



DEAN PEGGY KUHR

Here are just two highlights:

- Our faculty continue to be selected for major presentations across campus. Associate Professor Denise Dowling gave last fall's convocation speech to incoming students and their parents. At the end of the year, Associate Professor Henriette Löwisch gave a keynote address at the national undergraduate research conference here.
- At the student level, just look at this year's Hearst College Journalism Awards. Montana placed among the top 10 in three contest categories – writing, broadcast news and photojournalism/multimedia. We are the only accredited program in the nation to do that.

I can't mention student work without mentioning the students themselves. If you ever need a boost, I encourage you

to listen to eight of our students describe life at the J-School. You can listen by going to our website and clicking on the video on the right-hand side: <http://www.jour.umt.edu/>

There, Carly Flandro explains that “we always know to work our hardest, because we want to do it as much for our audience and ourselves as we do for our professors.” Adam Sings in the *Timber* explains that, for him, “the most important thing about journalism is to tell the story of Native Americans – to help dispel the myths and stereotypes about Natives.” And Shane McMillan reminds us that “Everyone loves to think of the lone journalist but we really are a team.... It's more about journalism than ourselves.”

What you won't hear is a story about the young woman who made that video. Ashley Korslien filmed and edited the interviews, and spent hours putting them together – all on her own time in her final weeks as a student last Fall Semester. The J-School tried to pay her at least something for her work. But Ashley turned us down. Instead, she took the money we offered; her parents added a contribution; and she gave it back to us for a scholarship.

“I want it to go to a student who needs it,” she said. So, at the 2010 Dean Stone Awards Banquet, our newest scholarship was created by a graduating senior.

Ashley, now a reporter at KRTV in Great Falls, is a model of giving back to the community – in this case her J-School community. We appreciate all the support – moral and financial – that so many of you have offered this past year. Do stay in touch, come and visit, and spread the good word about Montana. We couldn't do the job without you!

Peggy Kuhr

FACULTY NOTES

◆ Associate Professor **Denise Dowling** received UM's John Ruffatto Memorial Award, which recognizes UM faculty who integrate practical, applicable principles into their classroom presentations. Denise won based on several student and professional projects she's supervised, including *Legislative News Service*, *Business: Made in Montana* and the *Montana Economic Minute*. Denise also won a Best of Festival honor from the Broadcast Education Association for a radio story called "The Choking Game." It was named the best work in the faculty news division. She also earned an Emmy nomination for her work on election coverage for MontanaPBS. Denise spent more than two months teaching an experimental radio news course at Salish Kootenai College in Pablo. While on the Flathead Reservation, she reported several stories for National Native News, including pieces on an American Indian history project and a traditional diet and exercise study being conducted on the reservation.

◆ Professor **Ray Ekness** has been awarded a sabbatical for the 2010-2011 academic year. He hopes to produce a follow-up to a program he created in 1997 called "Building Bridges" in which he profiled a dozen young adults from Ireland and Northern Ireland who helped build a Habitat for Humanity house in Missoula. **Denise Dowling** will take over chair duties while Ray is on sabbatical. Ray continues to contribute to the popular MontanaPBS series *Backroads of Montana*, working with co-producers and RTV department adjuncts **John Twiggs**, **William Marcus** and **Gus Chambers**. One segment Ray produced for *Backroads* received a Best of Competition award in the faculty news division from the Broadcast Education Association.

◆ Professor **Dennis Swibold** marked his 20th year on the faculty. The year's highlight, he says, was his Investigations course, which examined the causes of wrongful convictions. He'll be making presentations this summer on investiga-

tive techniques and Montana journalism history, and will co-teach a reporting boot camp for students in the school's new master's program in environmental journalism. This fall, he'll supervise student election coverage for a string of Montana newspapers and moderate a panel on asbestos contamination in Libby, Mont., for the Society of Environmental Journalists' national convention in Missoula. Otherwise, he enjoys perfecting a drag-less drift and exploring the musical possibilities of an Open G tuning.

◆ Associate Professor **Keith Graham** collaborated with colleague **Jeremy Lurgio** to rework three photojournalism classes to make sure students learn the variety of skills they need in today's professional photography world. He and Jeremy have reworked many photo and multimedia courses during the last several years. In August Keith will teach a workshop for the Rocky Mountain School of Photography on photographing and writing for publications. He also will be on the road to prepare for a workshop next summer that takes students on a photo tour along Montana's back roads. In August he'll speak on convergence in the J-School's journalism program at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication's convention. He's also continuing work on his documentaries about rodeo and multi-generational family ranches.

◆ Assistant professor **Jeremy Lurgio** and his wife **Caroline** welcomed Lachlan Daniel Lurgio into the world on April 7. Jeremy will be spending his summer baby gazing, but will also travel to the Montana Hi-Line to work on his Lost and Found project, in which he is documenting dying Montana towns. This spring he won a university grant to help support his work. In May Jeremy and **Denise Dowling** participated in Missoula's gifted education conference by putting on workshops for gifted and talented elementary and middle school students from the region. Denise taught sessions on podcasting, while

Jeremy offered instruction in photojournalism.

◆ Associate Professor **Henriette Löwisch** gave a featured lecture April 17 as part of the National Conference on Undergraduate Education, which was held at UM. "It's the questions, stupid: How the new American generation can make a global difference," posed the idea that change isn't driven as much by the one right answer as it is by asking smarter questions. Henriette, director of the J-School's new graduate program in Environmental Science and Natural Resource Journalism, also participated in the 10th National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment in Washington, D.C.

◆ The *Christian Science Monitor* published a piece on its website this spring by Assistant Professor **Lee Banville**. "In Montana, 'tea party' revolution begins with a pot luck," was part of Patchwork Nation, a PBS project that divides all American counties into 12 categories based on voter makeup and then focuses on illustrative communities across the United States. Lake County, Montana, was chosen as a typical "Tractor County," mostly agricultural and rural, with higher-than-average unemployment and a reliably Republican voting base. Banville, former PBS NewsHour Online editor, and students Carly Flandro and Rollo Scott posted pieces this spring about Lake County, focusing on Ronan, on the Patchwork Nation community page, <http://ronan.patchworknation.org/>. Lee and his wife, **Jule**, who taught editing courses for the school last fall, recently welcomed Kate Gardner Banville, who was born Dec. 8.

◆ Professor **Clem Work** is traveling to Nepal in June to explore plans for an exchange program with Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu. He will be joined there by Associate Professor **Denise Dowling** for a week of meetings and tours of the university facilities. Clem then will fly to Bhutan to conduct a workshop for reporters and editors at ▶

Kuensel, the national newspaper, in the capital city of Thimphu. Next stop is in a remote part of the country with UM graduate student Passang Norbu, who is working on his professional project there. Clem also helped lead a Davidson Honors College study tour of Ireland over winter break. The group of 20 students met with two editors at the *Belfast Telegraph*, who explained the challenges of reporting in Ireland during the Troubles, and current issues affecting journalism in Ireland. The group also met a leading journalist in Cork, who writes for the *Irish Times*.

◆ Professor **Carol Van Valkenburg** was an invited speaker at the UNESCO World Press Freedom Conference in Brisbane, Australia in May. She spoke about the J-School's 20-year-old Native News Honors Project. She also participated in a discussion with former journalism professor **Teresa Tamura** at the Montana Committee for the Humanities Festival of the Book about the internment of Japanese during World War II. Carol talked about the detention of 1,000 Japanese nationals at Fort Missoula by the Department of Justice, and Teresa showed several photographs she has taken of people and places connected to the War Relocation Authority's Minidoka detention camp in Idaho. Carol spoke to a number of groups in the last year about the detention camps, sparked by publication of a revised edition of her book, *An Alien Place*. Carol also served on a site visit team reviewing the re-accreditation application of Iowa State University's Greenlee School of Journalism.

◆ Assistant Professor **Ray Fanning** designed and built a website celebrating the history of UM's Memorial Row. The site focuses on the origin of the two rows of Ponderosa Pine trees that run from Eddy Avenue to Don Anderson Hall, north of the Oval. UM planted the trees in 1919 as a memorial to students and others who lost their lives during World War I. Some died in combat and others died in the 1918 influenza pandemic. The website blends text, archival photos, audio and video clips to tell the story of the memorial and the people it honors. See it at www.umt.edu/memorialrow.

◆ Assistant Professor **Nadia White** joined UM law school professors Andrew King-Ries and Beth Brennan MA '95 to teach interdisciplinary teaching techniques to law professors at the Institute for Learning and Teaching Law conference. They discussed how law and journalism students collaborated to cover the criminal trial of W.R. Grace Co. executives a year ago. This summer Nadia will begin a project following the spirit and route of her great grandmother Josephine Keys White. Josie was a newspaper roustabout married to the early Alaskan newsman Elmer John White, better known as "The Stroller." She was a typesetter, reporter, editor and crack shot with the family .22. All summer Nadia will ride her bicycle in Josie's spirit from Kenton, Okla., to Sumner, Wash. You can follow along at <http://www.travelswithjosie.com>.

◆ RTV adjunct instructor **Kagan Yochim** received a plaque this spring from the Great Falls Police Protective Association in honor of his television production work for the Great Falls Police Department.

◆ The MontanaPBS documentary "Playing for the World: The 1904 Indian Girls' Basketball Team," produced by RTV adjunct instructor **John Twiggs**, was fed via satellite last fall to PBS stations around the country for national broadcast.

◆ Adjunct **Printer Bowler** received confirmation that "presentation matters" when a 50-page paper he edited and designed earlier this year found its way to the White House, NSA and Joint Chiefs of Staff. Steven Pressfield (*Legend of Bagger Vance*, *Gates of Fire* et al) asked Bowler to produce Special Forces Major Jim Gant's Afghanistan strategy piece, *One Tribe at a Time*, for publication on his blog at stevenpressfield.com. Gant's team and a Pashtun tribe had "adopted" each other, fought side by side and drove Taliban forces out of their tribal area. "We became family, a model of what we can do over there," Gant said. He told Bowler, "I've written a hundred papers like this and they all end up on the shelf. You made people want to read it. Now it's part of our Afghan strategy because the right people took it seriously."

FORMER FACULTY

Nathaniel Blumberg continues to live near Bigfork and remains in touch with many alums and admirers. Nathaniel's wife, Barbara, died in 2007. ◆ **Charlie Hood** has reacclimated to Missoula after his several years living and teaching in Prague. Last year he volunteered to be a writing coach for students needing help in Jour 270, the reporting class. ◆ **Bob McGiffert** recently moved from his apartment to The Springs, an assisted living facility in Missoula. His eyesight continues to give him fits, but he's as sharp as ever. ◆ **Jerry Holloron** took a buyout from *The Seattle Times*, but still does contract editing and enjoys Seattle, mostly. ◆ **Patty Reksten** recently left her job at *The Oregonian* and continues to live in Portland with her husband, Jim. ◆ An exhibit of **Teresa Tamura's** photographs was on display at the Missoula Art Museum from October through December. Teresa was in Missoula for the exhibit opening.

A few former **T. Anthony Pollner professors** have taken on new roles or made news recently. ◆ **Jonathan Weber** left *New West* to become editor-in-chief of the *Bay Area News Project*. ◆ **Tom Cheatham** attended a reunion in April of journalists who covered the Vietnam war. Tom has traveled several times in recent years to Southeast Asia and published a book of photography from Burma. ◆ **Maurice Possley** left the *Chicago Tribune* a few months after he shared a Pulitzer Prize with five other *Tribune* reporters. He taught at the University of Michigan law school, then moved to California to do investigative work for the Northern California Innocence Project. He and his wife recently adopted a 10-year-old boy from Malawi, Africa, whom they had met there and brought to the United States for heart surgery. ◆ **Chris Jones** continues to write for *Esquire*. A profile he wrote for the March issue about movie critic Roger Ebert, whose cancer surgeries have left him unable to speak, drew 800,000 hits online in 10 days, *Esquire* editor David Granger reported.



OBITS

Mary Jane “Judy” Bartley, 84, died Feb. 4 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Judy Beeler was born Jan. 23, 1926, in Montgomery, Ala., the youngest of six siblings. She moved with her family to Billings when she was 10 years old. She graduated from UM in 1948 and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

On March 17, 1949, she married John M. Bartley, and they moved to Federal Way, Wash. Her husband died in 1967 and she and her young children moved back to Montana. She later married Hank Ostermiller, who also preceded her in death. In 1988, she moved to Great Falls, then retired in 1994 and moved to State College, Pa., to be near her daughter. She later lived in Wyoming and in 2001 moved with her daughter's family to Anchorage. She loved singing, dancing, theater, travel and wearing her favorite hats and was an extraordinary cook. Her family said that with her journalism background, she believed in getting to the truth with information and taught her children how to apply critical thinking when evaluating news and the media.

She is survived by her daughter, Jo Ann Bartley, and son, John Scott Bartley, a stepdaughter, Cheryl Blaquiere, and a grandson.

Robert P. Burns, a 1950 alumnus, died Oct. 8, 1999. For several years he was manager of the National Electrical Contractors' Association in Portland, Ore.

He was born in Chicago on March 10, 1923, and at age eight moved with his family to Butte. He graduated from Boy's Central High School in 1942 and enrolled at the Montana School of Mines. He enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and was deployed to the South Pacific. He was discharged in 1946 and began college at UM that fall. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta and president of Intrafraternity Council.

After graduating in 1950 he took a job with the Montana Physicians Service in Butte, married Marjorie Fryberger in September 1950 and was called back into the Navy in December. After 16 months in the Middle East, he was discharged and returned to MPS, this time in Great Falls. He took a job as manager of the Butte Country Club. Burns later worked with an electrical contractors' group for many years.

In 1971 he wrote a letter to the journalism school, suggesting that all law students be required to take a quarter of journalism. He said he remembered at least one admonition, that writers keep their sentences short, and enclosed a letter from a lawyer that had a 314-word sentence.

Duncan R. “Scotty” Campbell, a longtime publisher of the *Montana Standard*, died Nov. 27, 2009, at his residence in Bigfork. He was 91.

Mr. Campbell was born Oct. 6, 1918, in Butte, the oldest of four boys. He graduated from UM in 1941, and joined the Army. He was a staff sergeant, serving as editor of an Army newspaper in Kauai, Hawaii, and later on the staff of *Stars and Stripes* in Honolulu.

After his discharge in 1945 he worked in Chicago, where he met his wife, Barbara “Bobbi” Dobbin. They married in May 1947 and he accepted a job with the *Montana Standard* in Butte. His career was devoted to the *Standard* and he was named publisher in 1967, a post he held until retiring in 1979.

He was active in numerous organizations, both in Butte and Bigfork, and was made an honorary life member of the Montana Press Association. He was a singer, painter, golfer, bird hunter, cross country skier and a hiker. Mr. Campbell was also the author of a book titled “Perhaps It's God's Plan” which was privately published.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Rae Renne, and a son, Duncan.

Vinton Corwin, 82, died April 13 in Yarmouth, Maine. A 1949 graduate, he worked in advertising and public relations for oil companies.

Mr. Corwin was born July 27, 1927, in Great Falls. His family moved to Billings and later to Detroit, where he graduated from Royal Oak High School. After graduation from UM he took a job for a year at the *Billings Gazette* and was then hired by the Carter Oil Co. He edited company publications, living in Billings and Denver during his years with the company. He later worked for Exxon, living in Texas. He married Phyllis Von Eschen on July 17, 1954, and she predeceased him.

John Vernon Honey Jr., who found a third career in publishing newspapers for senior citizens, died April 6 in Salem, Ore. A 1961 graduate of the J-School, he was 72 years old.

He was born Oct. 4, 1937, in Great Falls. At UM he was a member of Sigma Chi. He and Sue Lind were married Dec. 31, 1960, and soon after graduation they moved to Billings where he took a job with Standard Oil Co., which later became American Oil Co. In addition to Billings, they lived in Missoula, Salt Lake City, Casper, Wyo., and Vancouver, Wash. In 1976 he moved to Salem and became a lobbyist for the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors of Oregon. Three years later he began to collaborate with the Salem Senior Center in publishing its monthly newspaper, a venture that he enjoyed so much it was expanded into the *Senior News Monthly*, with four editions in seven Oregon counties. He ▶

sold the business in 1996, but continued to serve as the publisher until his retirement in 1998.

His family said he was a news junkie and highlighted every publication he could find with sticky notes and paper clips.

He is survived by his wife, sons, John, III, Darin and Adam, and daughter Kathleen Kleint, plus a sister and seven grandchildren.

Ralph Allen Jackson, who spent 27 years with the Montana State Employment Service, died in Helena on April 12 at the age of 91.

He was born Oct. 24, 1918, in Choteau and grew up in Buffalo, where his father was the station agent for the Great Northern Railway. Following graduation from UM in 1940, he worked at the White House Department store in San Francisco until 1942, when he joined the military. He served in the Pacific Theater with the Army Air Corps and was awarded several service stars. Mr. Jackson sailed for home from Japan on Christmas Day 1945.

He began work at a jewelry store in Havre, where he met his future wife, Mary Patricia Langdon, whom he married on Jan. 24, 1947. They lived in Missoula and Kalispell and he managed the F.A. Buttrey Co. store in Kalispell from 1952-1954. He began work with the Montana State Employment Service in Shelby and in 1960 subsequently moved to Helena, where he worked for the service until his retirement in 1981.

He loved fishing, classical music, oil painting and opera and was passionate about Montana wilderness and the world environment.

Survivors include his wife, sons Robert and Richard, and daughter Sylvia, four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Thomas S. Kerin, '40, who spent 36 years at the *Great Falls Tribune*, died May 21 in Bozeman. He was 95.

He was born May 1, 1915, in Anaconda and moved with his family to Hamilton and later to Missoula. After graduation he took a job with the *Helena Record* until enlisting in the Army Air Force in 1942. Following his discharge as a captain he married Margaret Rolczynski and they moved to Centralia, Wash., where he worked for the *Centralia Chronicle*. In 1948 he returned to Montana for a job at the *Tribune*, working as sports editor, state editor and business editor before his retirement in 1984. He also co-edited the *Montana Catholic Register*.

Mr. Kerin spent his retirement traveling and volunteering for several organizations and had dedicated 4,000 hours to community service by 2002. Among his life's highlights was an interview in 1932, while a high school journalist, with Franklin Roosevelt, and an afternoon spent with author Margaret Mitchell, whom he met in Atlanta while stationed in the South during the war.

His wife died in 1988 and son Kelly died in 2008. Among survivors are daughters Judy Green and Susan Simshaw, a son, Rick, and five grandchildren.

Evelyn Mayer King died May 18 in Missoula, just weeks after writing her last column for the *Missoulian*, where she began her newspaper career in 1942, a year before earning her degree from UM. She was 89.

She was born Feb. 24, 1921, in Round Butte and grew up in Pablo. While she was in school, and with so many men off to war, she was hired for the night police reporting job at the paper. She met Air Force cadet Colie King at a dance in Missoula and they were married in 1944. Ms. King took some time off from the paper to raise their five children, but returned to the paper in the 1960s.

Though her title upon her return was officially "women's editor," Ms. King covered all manner of stories and frequently took photographs to accompany them. She retired in the mid-1980s, but her column, "Patches," continued to run in the paper until just a few weeks before her death. In it she chronicled her life, the lives of her children and grandchildren, but also offered commentary on area happenings and political concerns. A few of her favorite topics, outside of family, were smoking — which she gave up after years of trying and adamantly encouraged others to do too — and swimming, a sport to which she was dedicated most of her life. She also was one of the first women pilots in Montana and loved to recount earning her wings at the old air field where Sentinel High School now stands.

Her husband Colie died in 1975. In 1991 she married Dick Moore, who survives her.

In addition to her five children, Karen, Sally, Pat, Tony and Colette, she is survived by stepchildren and several grandchildren. She wrote a touching tribute in one column to granddaughter Larissa Haar, who died of melanoma at age 27.

George R. Kraus, a 1951 graduate who spent his career working for the Southern Pacific Co., died Feb. 17 in Billings.

He was born March 29, 1930, in Butte to German immigrant parents. His family moved to Hamilton, but following his parents' divorce he moved with his siblings and mother back to Butte and graduated from Butte High School in 1947. After graduating from the J-School, he joined the Army and when he was discharged he began working at the *Williston (N.D.) Daily Herald*. After a short time he began his career with Southern Pacific in its news division, a job that took him to San Francisco and Portland, Ore. He wrote a book, *High Road to Promontory: Building the Central Pacific across the High Sierra*, and was ever interested in trains. He raised funds to refurbish the steam locomotive SP4449, which powered the "American Freedom Train" that crossed the country in 1975-'77 in honor of the bicentennial.

He is survived by his partner, Ron LeProwse, and several nieces and nephews.

Richard Ross "Shag" Miller, a 1947 graduate who started his career in newspapers, then became one of the state's most prominent broadcasters, died Dec. 7 in Butte.

He was born Sept. 3, 1923, in Lewistown, but at age three months his family moved to Butte. He graduated from Butte High School in 1941 and joined the Army Air Corps in 1942. He was a flight navigator based in Italy and earned a Distinguished Service Cross and Air Medal.

He earned a degree at UM, then returned to Butte to work at the *Montana Standard*, first as a reporter and later in advertising. In 1962 he purchased KBOW radio and two years later bought KOPR radio. He owned the stations until 1994, then purchasing Muzak Communications, which he operated until retiring in 2004.

He served on the CBS Radio Affiliates Board, AP Broadcasters Board and the National Broadcast and Engineering Board. He also served as a board member of the UM Foundation, Montana Power Co. and the Entech board of directors. In 1974 he scored a scoop in covering Butte icon Evel Knievel's attempt to jump the Snake River Canyon. His other passion was golf and he was a rules committee member of the USGA for more than 25 years. In 1996 UM named him a Distinguished Alumnus.

He married Danette Kelly in 1951 and she died in 1978. In 1979 he married Helen "Gus" Guthrie, who survives him. Other survivors include two daughters, Ellen Miller and Emily Morris, and two sons, Chris and Doug, and a stepdaughter, Eden Atwood and six grandchildren.

Gordon E. Nelson, one of the first Peace Corps volunteers and who later served as its deputy director in Malawi, died Nov. 29 in Bowie, Md. A 1948 alumnus, he was 84.

Mr. Nelson was born Feb. 19, 1925, in Scranton, N.D. He began working for the *Hettinger Herald* in 1940 and when the paper was sold to UM alumnus D.J. Shults, he was named editor. He moved to Wolf Point to manage the *Wolf Point Lariat* and attended J-School for a year before serving in the Marines during World War II. He later worked as a pressman in several cities before returning to UM to finish his degree.

After graduation he was editor of the *Lewistown Daily News*, then began working in 1950 for the *Fresno Bee*. He was a reporter, assistant city editor and city editor until leaving to work in public relations. He worked as an administrative assistant to a California legislator.

He earned a master's degree from George Washington University in 1972 and worked for Fannie Mae as vice president for corporate affairs until 1978. He then operated the D.C. office of the Farm/Water Alliance, a lobbying group that helped secure passage of federal water rights legislation. He retired in 1983.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Popisil Nelson, and children, Gary Nelson and Rita McGuigan, and three grandchildren.

Beverly H. Praetz Pietryga died Jan. 9 in Highland, Mich., where she'd lived since 1974. She was 77 years old.

She was born Sept. 29, 1932, in Mohall, N.D., and her

family moved to Chinook when she was 2. After graduation in 1954, she moved to St. Louis to work for the Christian Board of Education. It was there she met Leonard Pietryga. After their marriage they moved to Alaska, then in 1957 to East Lansing, Mich.

They subsequently lived in Taylor, Mich., and Dearborn Heights before moving to Highland. In Highland Ms. Pietryga wrote copy for Lansing radio stations and did editing and proofreading for writers. She also served on the Highland Board of Education and worked in other volunteer positions with the schools and her church.

She is survived by her husband, sons Michael and Matthew, a daughter, Mary Ogle, and several grandchildren.

Farrell Jane Coffman Stewart, 74, who did public relations writing for two colleges in Billings, died in her home Oct. 14.

She was born in Edina, Minn., on June 1, 1935, and graduated from the J-School in 1957. At UM she was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. On May 8, 1958, she married Robert Burns Stewart. The couple later divorced.

Ms. Stewart was a sports reporter for the *Billings Gazette* from 1957 to 1959, then was the public relations director at Eastern Montana College from 1964 to 1968 and Rocky Mountain College from 1970 to 1971. She completed her 26-year career as a news writer for Eastern Montana College in 1998. She was also a founding member of the Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, member of Junior League of Billings and Montana Press Women.

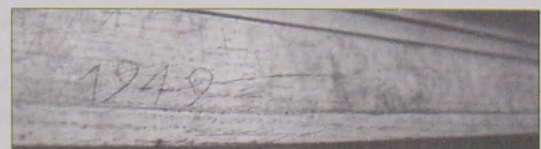
Survivors include her children Robert, Leslie, Jennifer and Todd, and three grandchildren.

Richard J. Wright, a 1948 alumnus, died April 19, in Portland, Ore., where he had lived for many years.

He was born Nov. 14, 1921, in Molt, Mont., and moved with his family to Missoula, where he graduated from Missoula County High School in 1939. He enrolled at UM, then joined the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in the South Pacific.

After the war he earned his degree and took a job as program director at KEYY radio in Pocatello, Idaho, then at KJRL in Pocatello before taking a job in Spokane. He became public relations director of KGW-TV in Portland in 1960, a job he held for many years. After his retirement he became publicity director for the Portland Rose Festival.

He was married to Bernice Enevoldsen for 65 years. She survives him, as do his sons Richard and Robert, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



CLASS NOTES

**Not listed?
We'd like to hear from you.**

1950s

Patrick Graham '52 has published a book about the history of steamboats on the Upper Columbia River. Patrick is a former publisher of the *Statesman-Examiner* in Colville, Wash. *Steamboats on the Upper Columbia* is part of his "Colville Collections" series of books, the first of which was published in 1989.

Kim Foreman '56 began service as a missionary for Total Common Ministry's Olympia, Wash., diocese on July 1, 2009. TCMs are small Episcopal mission churches in rural areas with limited resources. Kim has served at St. Hugh Episcopal Church in Allyn, Wash., for 10 years, and now serves the rural churches. Kim spent his journalism career with the AP and as director of employee communications for Burlington Northern until he earned his master's degree in theology from the University of Dallas. He was ordained in 1998. He is married to Mary Travis Foreman '58. His daughter, Susan, is a 1985 J-School grad.

1960s

Nils Rosdahl '67 will start his 26th year as the main journalism instructor and student newspaper adviser at North Idaho College, a community college with more than 6,000 students in Coeur d'Alene. With a staff of about 40 students and publication of 16-24 broad-

sheet pages about every three weeks, *The Sentinel* had its best year ever in 2009-10. It won first place in general excellence for two-year colleges at College Media conventions in Austin, New York (nine of the last 10 years) and Phoenix, and for the national Mark of Excellence for the Society of Professional Journalists. Two NIC students won national SPJ first places for general columns and sports columns, and two were among three national finalists for feature writing and breaking news.

Rosdahl is a finalist for SPJ's national teaching excellence award. He plans to retire this December.

1970s

For nine days AOL's Politics Daily website ran **James Grady's** serial political novella *What's Going On*. Grady '72 has published several books, among them *Six Days of the Condor*, which was made into a movie starring Robert Redford.

Jonathan Krim '77 has left his job as innovations editor at *The Washington Post*, where he was in charge of the paper's online coverage and services, to become senior deputy managing editor for the *Wall Street Journal Online* (wsj.com). He lives in New York.

Several J-School alumni spoke at the 2009 Montana Festival of the Book. Among those featured were **Paul VanDevelder** '82, **Judy Blunt** '91, **James Grady** '72, **Deirdre McNamer** '73, **Ginny Merriam** '86, **Deborah R. Oberbillig** '88 and **Carol Van Valkenburg** '72, who spoke on a panel that included former photojournalism professor **Teresa Tamura**.

Barbara Williams Perry '75 is the president of the Chicago/Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Moraine Byrne '78 was named president of Ontrac Management Services, a new member of Covenant Retirement Services, which provides management to senior living and health care nationwide. Moraine was recognized in 2009 as the developer of www.havingtheconversation.com, a heart-to-heart with aging parents. She lives in Denver.

The Champion Buffalo Hunter: The Frontier Memoirs of Yellowstone Vic Smith was revised and republished in Fall 2008. Editor **Jeanette Hortick Producers** '80 lives in Dillon.

1980s

Terry MacPheat '82 celebrated her 20th year working for St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center, currently serving as the hospital's cardiovascular registrar. She says, "While it may seem far removed from journalism, the background in detailed information gathering, verification, and then pulling it together to paint a broader picture is invaluable in my work."

Kjetil Rod '83, M.A. '93 says he survived the coldest, snowiest winter he remembers back home in Norway. He expects to finish work on a Ph.D. in spring 2011.

Lee Achenbach '84 is a senior IT analyst with Portland General Electric. He and his family live in Keizer, Ore., and he loves to watch the Grizzly football team when they play in Portland against Portland State.

Thom Jensen '88, an investigative reporter at KATU-TV in Portland, worked for more than a year on a series of stories that resulted in a man being released from prison on Dec. 18. Also working the story were KATU photographer **Kevin Farmer** '06 and DatelineNBC's **Shane Bishop** '86.

Two journalism school alumni have won first place in the National Education Writers Association contest. *Missoulian* photographer **Kurt Wilson** '89 and reporter **Chelsi Moy** '05 won first place in the small media-feature, news feature or issue package category for their story, "Recruiting on the Rez: UM Appeals Directly to American Indian Students."

1990s

Roger Renville '92 was a 2008 fellow at the University of Minnesota Human Rights Center and spent the summer interning at the Indian Law Resource Center in Helena, before earning his law degree from the University of Minnesota.

Roger, a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Ojibwe tribe, earned a master's degree in American History at Yale. Roger has also taught high school on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

Karen Coates and **Jerry Redfern**, who both graduated in '93, visited the school in October and gave presentations to several classes about how they practice "Slow Journalism," magazine and book writing based on reporting from Southeast Asia on cultural and social issues. Karen, the writer, and Jerry, the photographer, split their time between Albuquerque and Southeast Asia.

They recently signed contracts for two books, *Eternal Harvest: The Legacy of American Bombs in Laos*, the culmination of their project documenting the long-term effects of unexploded ordnance in Laos, and *This Way More Better*, a collection of essays and photos compiled

throughout more than a decade of Asian travels. In the fall Karen will be a Ted Scripps Environmental Fellow at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Mike Lockrem '93 is director of marketing and communications at South Dakota State University. Mike reports that he was offered the job in December, just days before SDSU played the Grizzlies in a football playoff game. Previously, Mike was director of athletic communications at the University of Minnesota and held a job in corporate communications in Sioux Falls.

Bill Heisel '94 left the *Los Angeles Times* to take a position at the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, a branch of the University of Washington that studies population health. He is also a contributing editor for *ReportingOn-Health.Org* where he writes for his blog, "Antidote." Bill says he and his wife, Jennifer, who are the parents of 2-year-old Charlotte, yearned to get back to the Northwest.

Don Barcus '95 lives in Browning and has been working for the U.S. Census this year.

Beth Brennan M.A. '95 was one of the law professors who assisted journalism Assistant Professor Nadia White in overseeing journalism and law students covering the W.R. Grace trial in federal district court in Missoula. She teaches legal analysis and legal writing at the UM law school and supervises two environmental law clinics.

Mark Matthews M.A. '95 has a new book out, *Droppers: Life in America's First Hippie Commune*. It's published by the University of Oklahoma Press. Mark is an adjunct at the University of Montana College of Technology.

Tracy Johnke '96 was promoted to broadcast correspondent at *MarketWatch Radio*. You may hear her doing midday business reports for WBZ-AM in Boston or KCBS Radio in New York or on *MarketWatch* podcasts. Tracy celebrates her fifth year at *MarketWatch* this fall.

Jeanne Kavanaugh Olson '96 teaches fitness classes and Kindermusic as an adjunct professor at Florida Keys Community College. Her husband, Garth Olsen, is a Navy pilot and flew one of the jets over Washington Grizzly Stadium for UM Homecoming 2009. They have four children.

After earning her Ph.D. in history from the University of California-Davis, **Elizabeth 'Libi' Sundermann** '97 took a job as a lecturer in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at the University of Washington-Tacoma.

Aime Thompson '97 won a National Headliner Award for a series of stories in the *Great Falls Tribune*. Aime won third place in the news series category for newspapers with a circulation of under 75,000. Her series, "Lethal Legacy," was about an extended Montana family afflicted with a rare genetic illness, Pallido-Ponto-Nigral-Degeneration, that manifests in early adulthood and leads to deaths within seven or eight years.

Cari (Cast) Hawthorne '99 has a new name and new career plans. Cari married U.S. Army Capt. Patrick Hawthorne and is finishing her second year of law school at the University of Hawaii. They live in Honolulu.

2000s

Christina Kindwall '00 is the field producer, who also shows up on camera from time to time, of the *Fine Living Network* program *Three Sheets*, produced by Screaming Flea Productions out of Seattle.

A documentary written and produced by **Anna Rau** '00 examines the details behind the 1997 deregulation in Montana of electric power rates, one of the most important changes in Montana's economic history. "Power Brokers" premiered on MontanaPBS on March 2.

For more than a year, Rau researched the origins of the deregulation movement and interviewed principal players in the Legislature, the Public Service Commission, power-industry experts and consumer advocates.

Elgin Smith '00 is moving back to Missoula after 10 years in the film production world of New York. Elgin and his wife, Sarah, are creating a production company called Backtrack Films to produce commercials, documentaries, narratives and promotional videos.

Kevin Van Valkenburg '00 and his wife, Jennifer McMenamin, are parents of Molly Sofia, born Dec. 4 in Baltimore. Kevin continues as the sports enterprise reporter for *The Baltimore Sun*. In the last year he also wrote two profile pieces for *The Montanan*.

Andres Bentley '01 lives in Fort Worth, Texas, and works as a producer/director at Fort Worth City Cable. She's also the producer, director, photographer, writer, and editor for *Fort Worth Focus Monthly*. She is back in school at the University of Texas at Arlington to get her teaching certification to become a high school journalism teacher.

Jennifer Perez Cole '01 left her job as Montana Indian Affairs director to become a public affairs specialist, outreach coordinator and state civil rights coordinator for the USDA Farm Service Agency in Montana. She'll live in Bozeman.

Sam DeWitt '01 is the digital content manager for Bonnier Mountain Group, publisher of *Ski Magazine*, *Skiing Magazine* and the Warren Miller film franchise. His day-to-day includes writing, producing and editing content for four Bonnier sites (skimag.com, skiingmag.com, warrenmiller.com and NASTAR.com), as well as overall digital content strategy for the two magazines.

He lives in Denver with his dog, Missoula.

Andy Johnson '01 is a freelance video photographer/editor living in Livingston. Andy shoots and edits outdoor

programs for Orion Multimedia, Bass Pro Shops, Winnercomm, Versus and The Outdoor Channel. He's working on a new series called "The Zone" for the Sportsman Channel.

Aaron Murphy '01 is communications director for Sen. Jon Tester, D-Montana. He lives with his wife and two children in Billings.

Melanthia Mitchell Peterman '01 is a freelance writer and photographer for *Seattle's Child Magazine* focusing on organic gardening, "green" issues and health. She left the AP after seven years as a military and general assignment reporter and weekend desk editor.

Nate Schweber '01 won a Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) bronze award in the writing category for "The Making of Meloy," a feature he wrote for the *Montanan* magazine about UM alum and rock star Colin Meloy, lead singer of The Decemberists. Nate reports for *The New York Times* and also plays in his own band, the New Heathens.

Tamara Sternoff '01 is freelance producing in Seattle for a variety of national networks covering breaking news, producing human interest stories for syndicated programs and conducting interviews for various cable programs.

Ted Sullivan '01 is a cops and courts reporter for the *Janeville (Wis.) Gazette*.

UM J-school alums are the backbone of the *Flathead Beacon* news staff, a newspaper and online news site that focuses on the Flathead Valley. **Kellyn Brown '02** is the editor and among his staff are **Dan Testa M.A. '07**, **Molly Priddy M.A. '09**, **Lido Vizzutti '03**, and former *Kaimin* reporter **Myers Reece**.

Zach Dundas '02 is the author of *The Renegade Sportsman: Drunken Runners, Bike Polo Superstars, Roller Derby Rebels, Killer Birds and Other Uncommon Thrills on the Wild Frontier of Sports*, which hit bookstores in June.

"It is an effort to both define and

explore a small movement on the fringe of the sports world, and examine what it might mean for the larger culture," he said. "Anyone familiar with the length of time it took me to turn in my senior thesis would not be shocked to learn that I've been working on the book since 2006." It's published by Riverhead Books, a division of Penguin.

Leilah (Beatty) Langley '02 began as an intern eight years ago and is now the executive producer at KREM-TV in Spokane.

Holly Pickett '02, formerly with *The Spokesman Review* in Spokane, now lives in Cairo, Egypt, and is a freelance photographer. Her recent photographs from Afghanistan were published in *The New York Times*, accompanying a story by Sabrina Tavernise.

Arianna Robinson '02 returned from Peru, where she served two years in the U.S. Peace Corps, to use her Spanish and her Intercultural Youth and Family Development master's degree as a bilingual family support specialist working for Healthy Families in Phoenix.

Katrin (Frye) Steck '02 is the Flathead reporter for *Montana Public Radio*. She was married last September and she lives in Bigfork.

Kristen Inbody '03 left the *Cody (Wyo.) Enterprise* in June to take a job at the *Great Falls Tribune*.

Evan Soderquist '03 is the assistant branch manager at Door to Door Storage and lives in Seattle. He was married in the past year and still picks up part-time work at a local sports radio station.

John Trousdale '03 is the co-owner of Animas Media LLC, a production company focused primarily on outdoor/action sports projects, and producers of *Inside Durango TV*, a locally focused magazine-style program. This summer he'll enter his second season hosting a half-hour travel/adventure series called "Ride to Adventure Extreme" on the Outdoor Channel.

Marci Krivonen '04 lives in Aspen, Colo., and work as the Morning Edition host and reporter for *Aspen Public Radio*.

Marina Mackrow '04 is living in Los Angeles and works as an associate producer for *Fox Sports* and foxsports.com's original online programming "Lunch with Benefits." She's become a Dodger fan, but refuses to cheer for the Lakers.

Ali (VanFossen) Mandell '04 and **Matt Mandell** '04 are living in Helena, where Ali is the marketing director for American Federal Savings Bank and Matt is a claims examiner for the Montana State Fund. Matt plans to go to graduate school in the fall.

Willy Miller '04 and his wife brought baby girl Cora Elaine Miller into the world on October 8. Willy still works at KECI-TV in commercial production.

David Nolt '04 is an editorial assistant for University Relations at The University of Montana Western. After graduating in photojournalism from UM, David served as editor, writer and photographer for the *Livingston Weekly* from 2005 to 2007 and later as a staff correspondent for NewWest.net in Bozeman.

Dax VanFossen '04 is doing double duty reporting in Kalispell for both KOFI Radio and KPAX-TV.

Mollie Bond '05 is keeping busy working at Kohl's, finishing her MBA at Kansas Wesleyan University and working as a DJ/assistant sales manager/website administrator at a local radio station. She lives in Kansas.

Aaron Carothers '05 is editing a *Trout Unlimited* television series for Barrett Productions in Missoula. Aaron and his wife, Darla, live in Missoula with their two-year-old daughter.

Aaron Flint '05 hosts the statewide talk show "Voices of Montana" for Northern Broadcasting out of Billings. The program airs on radio stations across Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Christine Tutty Johnson '05 is the business development director of Johnson Brother Companies. She's started her own grant writing and marketing consulting business and is president of the Missoula Businesswomen's Network. She completed the Missoula Marathon last summer.

Nate Peterson '05 travels about 240 days a year working for Barrett Productions in Missoula.

Van Redpath '05 is the online sales manager and commercial representative for Sleep City in Missoula. He also designed and manages its new website.

Libby Riddle '05 has been hired as a segment producer for the CBS-TV prime-time program "Big Brother." She'll be working on another CBS program called "Mommy Talk Show." A former member of the Grizzly dance team, Libby is on an all-star cheerleading squad called Cheer LA. She lives in Los Angeles.

Eric Schreiber '05 is the sales manager at Best Buy in Missoula.

After completing two years in the Peace Corps in Jordan, **Natalie Storey** '05 will enter the graduate writing program at Penn State in the fall. Before her stint in Jordan, she worked for three years at the Santa Fe *New Mexican*.

Jessica Wambach '05 is finishing her master's degree studies in Honolulu at the Center for Excellence in Disaster Management & Humanitarian Assistance, a Department of Defense agency that specializes in civil-military operations coordination. She started as an information analyst, writing daily briefs on political and natural disasters in Asia for the U.S. military. During the past year she has served as a DOD program manager for risk assessment, conducting research and analyses of the vulnerability to natural and man-made disasters in Asian countries and communities.

Andrew Weed '05 is a videographer with Warm Springs Productions based in Missoula.

Andra Wisnu '05 is a reporter with the *Jakarta Post* in Indonesia.

Jason Cole '06 works at Nintendo of America as a marketing support editor in Seattle. He creates television commercials, game trailers and online advertising for video game releases.

Tyler Claxton '06 is the marketing and public relations manager for *Magnum Global Media* in Corvallis, Mont., which produces hunting shows for the Outdoor Channel and Sportsman Channel in the U.S. and WildTV in Canada.

Cal Conrad '06 is backpacking the world. He says, "I am currently jobless and loving it." You can check out Cal's blog at <http://cal.withoutacompass.net>.

Trent Gary '06 wears many hats for Barrett Productions in Missoula. He is the media manager, Avid technician and systems administrator. He says he still hosts the "Drinking Team" class reunion party every Fourth of July.

Mike Greener '06 has had several photographs published in flyfishing magazines. Mike is a staff photographer for the *Daily Republic* newspaper in Fairfield, Calif. His work can also be viewed at <http://www.mikegreener.com/>. Last year Mike and his brother went on a five-month fly fishing expedition, which he documented in a book, *Shopping for Dynamite: A Brotherly Adventure to South America*.

Kevin Farmer '06 is a news photographer for KATU-TV in Portland, Ore. Farmer hopes to climb Mount St. Helens this summer.

Gabe Ferguson M.A. '06 is a news photographer at KHQ-TV in Spokane.

Courtney Hanson '06 has left KTVQ-TV in Billings, where she's worked as a reporter and anchor for four years, to join her fiancé in Phoenix. She's getting married in September in Red Lodge.

Heidi Hayward '06 moved to Los Angeles last summer and is performing stand-

up comedy and is writing with the goal of working for a talk show. She says, "Even though it's not news, the writing, shooting and editing skills I learned in college are so valuable to comedy writing and making comedy videos. And it all makes my resume look great."

Elyse Hughes '06 is the digital librarian in Digital Media Services for both Fox News Channel and Fox Business Channel in New York.

Stan Pillman '06 is the web content manager for WBBM Newsradio 780 in Chicago. The news website won the regional Edward R. Murrow Award for best radio station website for the past two years.

Eli Bierwag '07 is celebrating three years of employment as finish editor at Barrett Productions in Missoula, five years of marriage to Melissa and a second child coming in July, who will join their two-year-old daughter Carley.

Maritsa Georgiou '07 has moved from anchor/reporter at KCFW-TV in Kalispell to weekend anchor/producer at KECI-TV in Missoula.

Heather Hintze '07 works as a news photographer and editor at KEZI-TV in Eugene, Ore.

Eric Jochim '07 moved from news photographer to news producer at KECI-TV in Missoula.

Amy May '07 works at Outside Media, a public relations company in Columbia Falls that does public communications work for local and international outdoor-focused brands.

Jeremy Pool '07 is a video assistant for the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars.

Emily Ritter '07 has been the capitol reporter in Helena for Montana Public Radio for the past two years.

RTV alumni were part of the creative force behind a documentary on the Aber

Day keggers. **Becca Sayre** and **Marcus Chebul**, both '07 grads, wrote, produced and directed the film, which premiered on campus in October and has also aired on MontanaPBS. Like the legendary keggers, proceeds from the doc will support the Mansfield Library.

Courtney (Fawthrop) See '07 lives in Great Falls with her husband, Jake, and their son Hudson. She's working on a master's degree in public relations with an emphasis in public communication from Montana State University-Billings and works at Montana State University-Great Falls COT in Student Central/New Student Advising.

Abby Stitt '07 teaches third grade at Potomac School and expects to complete her master's degree in education from UM this summer. She's still upset that Brett Favre is no longer the Green Bay Packers' quarterback.

Alethea Young '07 is teaching English at a public school in Beijing, China.

Kimberly Cosgrove M.A. '08 is a producer in the nonfiction department of North by Northwest Productions in Spokane. She's producing documentary-style videos for non-profit groups, government agencies and colleges.

John Ryan Corwin '08 works for Mountain Broadcasting in Missoula. He hosts a morning show on KHDV-FM and an afternoon show on KMSO-FM.

Danny Davis '08 is a sports reporter for the *Austin-American Statesman*.

Layne Fisher '08 loves golfing, kayaking and flyfishing in western Montana when she isn't working as an assistant to an attorney in Missoula. She serves on the board of the West Slope chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Jason Hendrickson '08 trains troops and civilians on the Department of Defense's MRAP suspension system for the Oshkosh Corp. He lives in Spokane with his wife, Whitney.

Lauren Pedrick Karnopp '08 is an assistant editor and assistant producer at Barrett Productions in Missoula. Lauren got married last July.

Allison Kwesell '08 spent time in Haiti after the earthquake writing and photographing for the *Chattanooga Times Free Press*. **Greg Rec** '97 was also in Haiti shooting for *MaineToday Media*. Both Ali's and Greg's work is posted on their employers' websites.

Jamie Leary '08 was racing the clock to get a few more runs in on the ski slopes at Big Sky before heading off to attend graduate school in journalism at DePaul University.

Caitlin Mallory '09 lives in Seattle and is an editor at *Northwest Cable News*.

Kerry McKay '08 is a media strategist at Swirl Integrated Marketing and works on the San Francisco Giants account.

Anne Medley, M.A. '08 spent three months teaching multimedia journalism at a university in the Democratic Republic of Congo. You can see her posts and photographs on her blog at <http://anne-in-congo.blogspot.com>. She also teaches multimedia journalism at the Freedom Forum Diversity Institute in Nashville and the American Indian Journalism Institute in Vermillion, S.D.

Cristin (Rennick) Nielsen '08 works for Montana Tech in the Student Union Office, and is in charge of all the ad hoc scheduling on campus as well as student clubs and student events. She's also the head cheerleading coach for Butte High School, which recently placed second in the state championships. She lives in Butte with her husband, Ryan, and their three dogs.

Katie Stukey '08 is an anchor and reporter at KRTV-TV in Great Falls. She says, "I'm grateful to be employed and to have a job in which I grow personally and professionally everyday."

She also reports that 2010 grads **Ashley Korslien** and **Marnee Banks**

have been great additions to the KRTV news team.

Megan Taylor '08 lives in Boston and is attending the Cambridge School of Culinary Arts in hopes of writing about the food business.

Holly Baker '09 is the wilderness campaign director for the Rocky Mountain Front with the Montana Wilderness Association and living in her hometown of Choteau.

Josh Benham '09 has been writing for the *Rapid City Journal* since the end of January as a stringer for the sports department, doing features on local athletes, covering high school and college teams in the area.

Dan Boyce '09 has covered President Barack Obama, fired a tank, skied, scuba dived, hiked and danced all while working as a reporter and fill-in anchor at KBZK-TV in Bozeman.

Sam Bury '09 is directing and technical directing at KPAX-TV in Missoula. She says, "Directing is much more fun than I thought it would be and I'm enjoying it. It's fun bossing people around."

J-alumni **Russel Daniels** '09, **Breanna Roy** '09, **Devin Wagner** '08 and **Sarah Welliver** '07 were among the mentors for high school students at the annual Crazy Horse Journalism Workshop in South Dakota in April.

They were joined by senior **Charles Pulliam**. The workshop was created 11 years ago to encourage more Native Americans to consider news media as a career and to give them a taste of doing journalism.

Chris D'Angelo '09 is a reporter for the *St. Maries* (Idaho) *Gazette-Record*.

Amanda Ferucci '09 works part-time at KING-5 News in Seattle helping on the news desk and running the teleprompter. She's also working part-time at Safeco Field for the Seattle Mariners' in-house productions.

Will Friehofer '09 works for Raytheon Polar Services as a general assistant in McMurdo, Antarctica.

Kayla Matzke '09 is the city/health reporter for the *Gillette* (Wyo.) *News-Record*.

Colter Nuanez '09 is the sports editor of the *Daily Record* in Ellensburg, Wash. He covers five county high schools and Central Washington University, so he says while the job is "so so hectic," he gets a lot of clips every issue. "I also take most of my own photos and design my whole section every day, so it's great experience," he said.

After internships at *The Washington Post* and *The Oregonian*, **Bill Oram** '09 has taken a job writing sports at the *Salt Lake Tribune*.

Noel Pederson '09 works as an editor at a new Missoula production company called Hookem Productions.

Breanna Roy '09 is a news reporter at KPAX-TV in Missoula. She also served on a search committee for the School of Journalism this year.

Hugh Carey '10 was a photographer last fall at the 21st Summer Deaflympics in Taipei, Taiwan. His photos can be found on usdeaflympics.com.

Shane McMillan '10 is a Fulbright scholar and will study at Free University in Berlin in the fall. He's planning to create a documentary film or a multimedia project on German multiculturalism and identity and its collision with politics, racism, and racial and cultural identity. He also hopes to intern with a German-speaking newspaper or magazine.

RTV grad student **Gillette Vaira** had a radio story aired on National Native News this spring. Vaira filed a report on the work being done on campus dealing with Native American children and post traumatic stress syndrome.

Keep us posted

We look forward to getting regular updates for *Communique* from our alumni. For a new listing or updates to Class Notes, please email us at journalism@mso.umt.edu or write us at *Communique*, School of Journalism, Don Anderson Hall, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812.

For J-School news in between issues of *Communique*, check out our website, where you'll find news about the school, events and alumni updates. You can find it at: www.jour.umt.edu and on Facebook.

As we publish new issues of *Communique*, we'll also add new class notes to our web page. We'll also archive old class notes for your reference.

Finally, let us know if you'd like your email address included in your class note. We won't add it unless you say so, but several alums tell us they'd like to know how to communicate easily with other graduates.

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