

## **Outstanding School of Communications Alumni**

**1999—Leigh Manalong**, 1993 BA Journalism

Humanitarian. Past coordinator for Newspapers in Education program for *St. Louis Post Dispatch*. She has used her media talents to contribute to world relief efforts.

**2000—Aaron Pfau**, 1996 BA Media Communications

Senior Technical Animator. Creating special effects for movies at George Lucas at Industrial Light and Magic and later for Sony Imageworks. Credits include *Beowulf*, *Star Wars: Episode I*, *King Kong*, *Apollo 13*, *Titanic* and the *Harry Potter* series. His work has appeared in feature films, commercials, and theme-park attractions.

**2001—Al Wiman**, 1976 BA Media Studies

Television Executive/Reporter. Vice President, Public Understanding at the St. Louis Science Center. Previously Vice President of University Communications at Webster University and before that, a veteran television news reporter for 35 years in the St. Louis and Los Angeles markets.

**2002—May Scheve**, 1992 MA Media Communications

Public Servant and Legislator. Missouri House Budget Committee chairperson, former Chair of the Missouri Democratic Party and state representative. She has held a number of campaign and party posts, including four years as the first woman chairman of the House Democratic caucus. She has a strong interest in family-related issues, especially health care, childcare, education and the elderly.

**2003—Donn Johnson**, 1977 BA Media Studies

Non-profit Public Relations Executive. Director of Communications for the Missouri Historical Society. News reporter and anchor for 20 years at KTVI-TV in St. Louis. Received an Emmy for best spot news report and was honored by the St. Louis Press Club. Previously worked as a reporter for KMOV-TV and as a morning radio talk show host at KTRS-AM.

**2004—Marjorie Buckholtz**, 1977 MA Media Studies

Environmentalist. Marjorie has worked for two decades for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She helped create the National Brownfields Program in 1992 and presently serves as director of the EPA's Innovation Partnerships and Communications Office for the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response. She has three times earned the EPA's prestigious Gold Medal for Exceptional Individual Service

**2005—Dan Dreyfus**, 1975 MA Media Studies

Photographic Entrepreneur. Currently owner of Dreyfus & Associates Photography in St. Louis. His work in photography ranges from advertising to fine art and has appeared in numerous national and international publications. He is the author of the photography book entitled *Reflections of Shaker Spirit*.

**2006—Brian Jun, 2001 BA Film**

Film director. After a screening of his student film project, *For Jimmy Brown*, at the Los Angeles Short Film Festival in 2001, he was invited into the talent program, Fox Searchlab. While there, he directed the short *Researching Raymond Burke* with John Heard. Drawing on their experience working together, Jun wrote *Steel City* with Heard in mind and the star hired on. *Steel City* was selected for the Independent Film Competition: Dramatic Section at the 2006 Sundance Film Festival.

**2007—Frank Popper, 1980 BA**

Documentary filmmaker. In 2004, Popper was the director, producer, writer, and editor of "*Can Mr. Smith Get to Washington Anymore?*" a film about the underdog grass-roots campaign of an eager, young adjunct professor from Washington University who seeks to fill the shoes of Missouri Democrat Dick Gephardt in the U.S. House of Representatives. "*Can Mr. Smith Get to Washington Anymore?*" is his first feature length documentary; it received the Audience Award for Best Feature at Silverdocs, the AFI/Discovery Channel Documentary Film Festival in June 2006. This year, the film was shortlisted (one of fifteen films) for consideration for the Academy Awards in the documentary category. The documentary film that won was Al Gore's "*An Inconvenient Truth*".

**Other notable alumni accomplishments:**

**1997**

- Patrick O'Brien, Media Communications '95, is the producer at Y98 radio.
- Mike Harper, classes in Media Communications in 1994, is working for Stan Winston Studio in Hollywood and has received screen credit for his work on *Interview With a Vampire* and *Congo*.
- David Young, BA Media Communications 'xx, opens his company, The Sound Room.

**1998**

- Deborah Allen, BA Broadcast Journalism '97 and MA Media Communications '99, wins an EMMY from the St. Louis chapter of the National Television Arts and Sciences.
- Jeremy Lambertson, BA Film '97, creates the annual Tulsa Overground Film Festival in Tulsa, OK.
- Stephanie Elder, BA Journalism '98, opens her dance studio, Leaps and Bounds, in Camarillo, CA.
- Bryce Thomason, BA Film '99, is President and Co-Founder of Xclaim.inc, a Web design and hosting firm launched this year.
- Suzanne Corbett, BA Media Communications '94, earns 4 first place awards, 7 second place awards, 1 third place and an honorable mention for writing, editing and public relations categories of the Missouri Press Women's annual contest. Her first place entries now move on to the national competition to be held in Washington D.C.

- Andres Sulleiro, BA Media Communications '97, lands a job in Spain designing websites, Intranet and Extranet communication channels for a large bank in Madrid.

### 1999

- Eric Sturm, BA Video Production '99, and Robert DeValentino, BA Media Communications with an Emphasis in Photography '99, are stationed near the South Pole working on government and scientific project teams.
- Dave Alter, BA Broadcast Journalism '95, is named Assistant Producer of the CBS Morning Show.
- Dawn Grodsky, BA Journalism '89, works as local radio host, the editor of the *Gulf Coast Woman* magazine and a writer for the *Fort Meyers Observer* and The *Fort Meyers Beach Observer* newspapers.
- Carla Dorothy, Lane-Johnson, BA Media Communications '86, is the Executive Director for the Education Coalition, in San Ramon, California.
- Karen Ann Lordi, BA Media Communications '88, is Vice President of Business Development at Maritz, Inc. in Gardena, California.
- Leigh Knobbe Manalang, BA Journalism '93, is named School of Communications Outstanding Alumna and is the Coordinator for the Newspapers for Education project for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.
- Leyna Nguyen, BA Broadcast Journalism '92, is the Anchor/Reporter for the KCRA-TV in Sacramento, California.
- James Salmo, MA Media Communications '85, is Vice President for Advancement at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy.
- Michael Sandknop, BA Media Communications '89, is a assistant location manager for the movie "*Party of Five*" and resides in Los Angeles, California.
- Alfonso Cervantes, BA in Media Studies '76, is President of the Gary Player Golf Inc. in Los Angeles, California.
- Rita Herter, BA Media Studies '86, is Vice President and Director of Pohlig Brothers, Inc., and is a director of Goodwill Industries.
- Glenda Horton, BA Media Studies '78, wins two gold and one silver medal in the 1999 National Veterans Wheelchair Games held in Puerto Rico. The competition included more than 600 athletes from 40 states, Puerto Rico and Great Britain.
- David Richard Morton, BA Media Studies '76, is a playwright living in St. Louis and has had six plays produced and five books published. He is the co-founder of the Canine Assistance for the Disabled. He has had cerebral palsy since birth.
- Al Wiman, BA Media Studies '76, wins participation in the NASA "Journalist in Space" project.
- Suzanne Corbett, BA Media Communications '94; MA Media Communications '95, publishes her latest book *Pushcarts & Stalls*.
- Sean Phillips, BA Media Communications '94, is the Marketing Director of the Westfield Shopping town Northwest Plaza.
- Sarah Carmody, BA Photography '92, is featured in the *Achieve Magazine* including a variety of her St. Louis photography.
- Craig Unger, BA Audio Production '98, is named the producer of KTRS-Radio in Waterloo, Illinois and is featured in the *Waterloo Republic Times*.

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- Donna Linn, BA Media Studies '81, returns to St. Louis and opens the "Coffee With the Stars" coffee shop in Webster Groves after having spent two decades working in the business of entertainment in Hollywood.
- Maria Mertz Bayless, BA Public Relations '99, lands a job as a Financial Communications Specialist at A.G. Edwards & Sons, a few months before graduating.
- Jennifer Wheeler, BA Public Relations '97, is a Communications Specialist with Millennium Communications, a PR firm in St. Louis.
- Jenny Meyer, BA Broadcast Journalism '98, moves from the position of TV producer in Columbia, MO to Senior Associate Producer at Time Warner in Austin, TX.
- Van Reidhead, BA Video '96; MA Media Communications '00, joins the Foreign Service and travels with his wife for duty in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.
- Dr. Eric Schaefer, Media Communications '94, Associate Professor at Emerson College in Boston, publishes his second book on film history, "Plain Brown Wrapper." His first book was published in 1999 by Duke University Press was titled "Bold! Daring! Shocking! True!"

## 2000

- Frank Noelker, BA Media Studies '88, exhibits his latest photography show in the May Gallery at Webster University, *Zoo Pictures*. He is a tenured Professor at the University of Connecticut.
- Aaron Pfau, BA Media Communications '96 and 2000 recipient of the SOC Outstanding Alumnus Award, speaks with more than 100 SOC students about his work creating computer-generated monsters for George Lucas in the film *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace*. Other film credits include *Apollo 13* and *Titanic*.
- Scott Shepard, takes MA Media Communications courses through 1996. He is named the Senior Audio/Video Engineer at Walt Disney Imagineering.
- Toni DiMartino, BA Media Communications '89, is named the Executive Editor of the *Mary Englebreit Home Companion Magazine*.
- Bruce Buechner, BA Audio Production '98, is a Recording Engineer in Hollywood at Heartless Recording.
- Maria Bayless, BA Public Relations '99; MA Media Communications '02, is a Financial Communications Specialist at A.G. Edwards.
- Lisa Bedian, BA Public Relations '99 is the Community Relations Director at St. Peters City.
- Lisa Pavia Hollander, BA Public Relations '98, is the Director of Public Relations at the St. Louis Metropolitan YMCA.
- Michael Bracey, xx xxx 'xx, is the Vice President of Exhibitions at the Alliance of African-American Photographers in Chicago.
- Jennifer Condren, MA Media Communications '95, is the Senior Accounts Executive at Ralston Purina.
- Patrick Elsner, BA Media Communications-Journalism '91, is the Sports Marketing Director of KMOX Radio in St. Louis.
- Laura Gelezunas, BA Broadcast Journalism '93, is a Meteorologist at KAKE-TV in Wichita, Kansas

- Chris Shaw, BA Broadcast Journalism '99, is an on-air Reporter and TV Producer in Cape Girardeau, Missouri
- Brenda Berts-Long, MA Media Communications, Emphasis in Advertising/Marketing Communications '87, is the Creative Director at DMB&B Advertising Agency in St. Louis.
- Dave Alter, BA Broadcast Journalism '95, is an assistant producer with CBS This Morning TV
- Tram Anh Nguyen, BA Broadcast Journalism '96, is a news producer at an all-news station in Decatur, IL
- Josh Stevenson, BA Broadcast Journalism '99, is a reporter/weekend anchor at a TV station in St. Joseph, MO.
- Tim Peters, BA Broadcast Journalism '99, is a sports reporter/anchor at a TV station in Ottumwa, IA
- Jennifer Sparks, BA Broadcast Journalism '99, a reporter at WIL Radio in St. Louis
- Craig Unger, BA Broadcast Journalism '98, is the producer of a morning show at KTRS-Radio in St. Louis.
- Jason Allen, BA Broadcast Journalism '99; MA Media Communications '03, is the producer of the midday show at KTRS-Radio in St. Louis.
- Jeff Paur, BA Broadcast Journalism '99, is a reporter for the St. Louis Suburban Newspapers.
- Chris Shaw, BA Broadcast Journalism '99, is a reporter for a Minot, ND TV station.
- Brad Straubinger, BA Broadcast Journalism '98, is a reporter/producer for Fox Sports Midwest TV.

## **2001**

- Aaron Pfau, BA Media Communications '96 and 2000 recipient of the SOC Outstanding Alumnus Award, works as the “lead creature Developer” on *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone*.
- Nate Grubb, BA Film Production 'xx, wins a spot out of hundreds of national applicants to the Director’s Guild of America Training Program where he is an apprentice training on feature films. Upon completion of the course, he is issued his union card as an Assistant Director.
- Karen Glines, MA Media Communications '87, wins two first place awards in web-site writing from the National Federation of Press Women’s Communications Contest.
- John Schmitt, BA Media Studies '86, is the senior graphics preparer at the St. Louis Science Center’s exhibit on the Titanic.
- Stephanie Howard, BA Media Communications '89, is a staff writer for the *Will and Grace* and *Drew Carey* shows, lives in Hollywood and is a stand-up comedienne.
- Sabrina Bowling, MA Media Communications '90, is the Supervisor of Community Disaster Education for the American Red Cross in Louisville, Kentucky. She has previously worked as an anchor, director and producer of

- television in St. Louis and a Communications Specialist at Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum international architectural firm in Clayton, MO.
- Jeff Clobes, MA Media Communications '99, manages the sales and marketing for Media Pulse in St. Louis and is the website reviewer for *Fast Forward* magazine.
  - Jamica Jamison, BA Media Communications '96, is the Corporate Communications specialist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.
  - Stephanie Keister, BA Public Relations '98, is a Corporate Writer for Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. in St. Louis.
  - John David Merryweather, BA Media Communications '88, owns Merryweather Photography in Oklahoma City.
  - Kimberly Love, MA Media Communications '98, is named Vice President of Allegiant Bank in St. Louis.
  - David White, BA Media Communications '94, joins *Springfield! Magazine* as an Art Director.
  - Diane McKillip, BA Public Relations '00, is promoted to Senior Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations at First Banks Inc.
  - Vicki Nolle Carter, BA Public Relations '96, is named Public Relations Rookie of the Year by the Community Service Public Relations Council. She is the Public Relations Coordinator at the Family Support Network in St. Louis.
  - David Young, BA Media Communications '99, projects sales of \$6M from his St. Louis based company, "The Sound Room."
  - Jennifer Williams, MA Media Communications '00, joins Keller & Associates Public Relations Co. as an Account Manager.
  - Teresa Scates. BA Media Communications '00, becomes the Director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program in St. Louis.

## 2002

- May Scheve, MA '92 and Outstanding SOC Alumna '02, retires as Missouri State Representative and is named the Chair of the Democratic Party of Missouri.
- Angie Ottinger, BA Film Production 2000, has her senior overview film accepted at the Sundance Film Festival after successful screenings at the St. Louis International Film Festival and the St. Louis Filmmaker's Showcase. The film is titled, "*The Doughnut King*" She is living and working in Washington D.C. as an assistant producer at Biznews24, an Arlington, VA production company.
- Mark Taylor, BA Film '00, is working with Steven Soderberg in Los Angeles on the film "*Solaris*" and was a Production Assistant in the Art Department on another Soderberg film, *Ocean's 11*.
- Stephanie Keister, BA Public Relations '00, wins a Bronze Quill Award from the International Association of Business Communicators for her PR campaign, "Your Final Wishes."
- Trish Gazall, BA Public Relations '95, moves from KDNL Channel 30 TV to become the morning host on WVRV 101.1 The River-Radio. She was named one of those St. Louisans who are among up and comers, "30 Under 30," named by *the St. Louis Business Journal*.

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- Also named in the “30 Under 30” article is Mark Green, BA Advertising/Marketing Communications ’94.
- John Arenberg, BA Journalism ’88, completes his 11<sup>th</sup> year as the Sports Information Director at Emory University in Atlanta.
- Donn Johnson, BA Media Studies ’77, is named the Director of Communications for the Missouri Historical Society.

### 2003

- Spencer Keimon, BA Video Production 1993, is the film editor for reality shows *American Idol*, *Trista & Ryan’s Wedding*, *Dr. Phil*, *Survivor: Africa*, *Survivor: Outback* and *Celebrity Blackjack*.
- Bruce Buechner, ’98 BA Audio Production, earns 4 Gold/Platinum records that carry his credits for his audio engineering work.
- Becky Mollenkamp, BA Journalism ’96, is the Associate Editor of two *Better Homes and Gardens* special interest publications.
- Sally Tippet Rains, BA Journalism ’82, is the founder of Rainbows for Kids—a non-profit organization dedicated to raising money to help children with cancer. She is also the publisher of several books and has had her work published in the *Sporting News*, *Sports Now* and the *Suburban Journal* newspapers in St. Louis.
- Lynn Martinez-Olson, MA Media Communications ’88, is the news anchor for WSVN-TV in Miami and a host for an entertainment show at the station where she has worked since graduating in 1988. She has been named “Best TV anchor.”
- Marge Polcyn, MA Media Communications ’77, is president of the St. Louis branch of the national Older Women’s League (OWL) and a retiree of the Public Affairs Office of the St. Louis Public Schools. She currently works for the Press Club of St. Louis.
- Bill Deering, Media Communications ’88, receives his doctorate degree and is now a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.
- Kristy Sadich, BA Photography ’03, purchases the Saratoga Studio in St. Louis. The business specializes in family portraits.
- Patrick Elsner, BA Journalism ’91, becomes a Partner in Marketing Matters, a full-service marketing firm in St. Louis.

### 2004

- Steven Meyer, BA Media Communications ’99, animates more than 60 scenes for the feature film “*Sky Captain*.”
- Ryan Louis, BA Speech Communications ’02; Aaron Pfau, BA Media Communications ’96 and Outstanding Alumnus ’2000; Amy Moorehouse, BA Advertising/Marketing Comm ’02; and Andres Zuniga, BA Advertising/Marketing Comm ’01, return to campus to speak to current students about their career paths since graduation.
- Anne Frievoegel, BA Film Production ’04, earns her “camera operator” union card in Hollywood after completing a union feature film.
- Ryan Louis, BA Speech Communications ’02, and Alex Vietmeier, BA Video Production ’03, are hired by MTV in New York.
- Frank Noelker, BA Media Communications ’, authors the book *Captive Beauty* with a forward written by Jane Goodall.

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- J.J. Lane, BA Photography '04, wins the St. Louis Association of Media Photographers award for her image "Nikki's Back;" the art appears on the cover of the ASMP Fall magazine.
- Pamela Kramer, BA Public Relations 'xx, is the manager of the Corporate Communications Department of Consumer Education.
- Dwight Bitikofer, BA Media Studies '78; Maureen Zegel, BA Media Studies '77, and J.B. Lester, BA Media Studies '78, celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their local newspaper *The Webster-Kirkwood Times*.
- Christine Nelson, BA Media Studies '85, is a Media Specialist at the Boeing Military Aircraft and MIS Systems.
- Tom Rosenberger, BA Media Studies '80, is a Screenwriter in Los Angeles.
- Andrea Dylewski, BA Photography '00, works as a Production Assistant to Annie Liebowitz in NYC studio.
- Anne Frievoegel, BA Film '04, receives her union card after working as a camera loader on a feature film that went union.
- Rob Des Hotel, BA Media Communications '88, writes for national television series "Fantasy Island," "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," and the "Adventures of Pete and Pete." He is the Co-Executive Producer, Co-Producer and Producer of "That 70s Show."
- Karen Hylton, MA Media Communications '87, releases her first CD

### 2005

- Eric Frasier, BA Photography '0x, scouts the location for Woody Allen's latest movie.
- Brian Jun, BA Film Production '01, and Ryan Samul, BA Film Production '01, have their film *Steel City* accepted for showing at the Sundance Film Festival.
- Michael Witman, BA Film '04, earns acceptance of his film "*Red Ink*" at many film festivals in the U.S. including: St. Louis Filmmaker's Showcase, the Cinemerge Film Festival, the Schlafly Art Fair, the St. Louis International Film Festival.
- Rob Severson's senior overview film, BA Film Production '05, wins first place at the St. Louis International Film Festival for best local film.
- Tony Caraffa, BA Audio Production '2005 lands a job as a sound engineer at Harrah's Casino.
- Matt Allen, BA Audio Production '06, interviews at 3 Nashville professional audio recording companies and is offered jobs by all three.
- Monica Pruitt, BA Photography '05, is hired after graduation as a production assistant by David Ulmer, based on a recommendation by her SOC Webster faculty mentor, Adjunct Professor Jack Rhinehardt.
- Michael Sandknop, BA Media Communications '89, is a location scout working in the motion picture and television industry. His credits include *Party of Five* and *Melrose Place*. Sargeant Michael Sandknop returned home to Los Angeles from Iraq safe and sound in November, 2004. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves as a Broadcast Journalist and earned The Bronze Star.
- Leyna Nguyen, BA Media Communications '92, is a weekend anchor and reporter for KCAL TV in Los Angeles. She has been nominated for several

Emmy Awards, chosen as Miss Asia in 1987 and named YWCA Woman of the Year in 1996. Her work with at-risk youth in a non-profit foundation she started benefits underprivileged school children. She was born in Vietnam and came to St. Louis and Webster University as an immigrant in 1975.

- Ryan Samul, BA Film 'xx, returns to St. Louis as the cinematographer for a feature film.
- Vicki Biggs, BA Public Relations 'xx, is the Vice President of Marketing and Communications at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri, a \$2.2M agency
- Doug Weinmann, BA Media Studies '85, works as rigging electric best boy on the crew of the feature film *Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events*. He also has worked on the crews of *The Cat in the Hat*, and *The General's Daughter*.
- Nikki Boyer, BA Broadcast Journalism '97, wins an Emmy as a television host in Los Angeles.
- Mindy Pierce, BA Public Relations '02, joins Patrick Davis Communications 6 months after graduation.
- Michael Steinberg, MA Media Communications '97, creates a full-length documentary *Stan Kann: The Happiest Man in the World*. It is produced with funds from a CALOP grant of \$10,000 and is shown throughout US film festivals, winning Best Documentary award at the St. Louis International Film Festival.

## 2006

- Ross Bradley, Advertising/Marketing Comm '06, wins two professional St. Louis Addie Awards a mere 6 months following his graduation. He works for the Waylon Advertising Firm in St. Louis.
- Roberto Salas, Advertising/Marketing Comm '06, wins the U.S. Grand Prix Award in the national Ad Age Hispanic Creative Advertising Awards contest, (the top prize given) mere months after graduating. He is employed by the Bromley Communications Agency in San Antonio, TX, where his student internship turned into a full position upon graduation.
- Kelly Kochert, Media Communications MA '05, was named one of the "30 under 30 Outstanding Young Professionals" by the *St. Louis Business Journal*. Kelly was noted for her exceptional work as the Director of Search Operations for the Outrider Co, one of the world's leading buyers of ad space on search engines. Kelly's work performance was more exceptional as she was battling Hodgkin's lymphoma while she was working her way up the ladder.
- Jay Framm, BA Photography '97, is reviewed in the *St. Louis Riverfront Times* for his successful commercial photography business. He is also commissioned by University City to photograph the city for their annual calendar, and he created the photographs for the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, with equal contributions from fellow SOC alumna, Sarah Carmody, BA Photography '97.
- Brad McGrath, BA Audio Production '04, opens a state-of-the-art audio recording studio with a partner in Chicago (brickcitysound.com)
- Marty Barrett, BA Journalism 'xx, is the sports reporter on *The Lexington News* in Lexington, MO.
- Barbara Friedman, BA Media Communications '90, earns her PhD in Communications and begins working as an assistant professor in Journalism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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- Lucie Willsie, MA Media Communications '91, is a reporter at the Sun Journal in New Bern, North Carolina and is applying to a doctoral program.
- Amy Swanson, BA Journalism '06, beats out 150 applicants for a entry-level job at Elsevier Public Relations just a month after graduation.
- Julie Meyer, MA Media Communications 'xx, is the Principal of her business, Global Event Solutions and is producing \$1.2M in new business.
- Trudy Bartels, MA Media Communications 'xx, is the Director of Communications at Ascension Health and President of the Public Relations Society of America-St. Louis.
- Jessica Brown Billhymer, MA Media Communications '99, is honored as a finalist by the CABLE in the Classroom Awards for her work in moving media literacy programs into K-12 and higher education. She also receives the Virginia Betts White Quest Award for lifetime achievement awarded by the National Federation of Press Women.
- Radhika Rai, MA Media Communications, takes a job in NYC with a small interactive ad agency, Xtential Corporation a month after graduation.
- Michael Modesto, BA Audio Production '02, is a freelance audio engineer working in Nashville.
- Jonathan Jory, BA Audio Production '04, is an audio engineer at Doppler Studios in Atlanta.
- Adam Neal, BA Film '02, is promoted to International Associate Producer for the television reality series "America's Next Top Model."

## 2007

- The 2007 Outstanding Alumnus, Frank Popper, '8. His latest film, *Can Mr. Smith Get to Washington Anymore?* was shortlisted in the Academy Awards category of documentary films along with only 14 other films including the winner of the category, Vice President Al Gore's "*An Inconvenient Truth.*" *Mr. Smith...* also won the Audience Award at Silverdocs, the Discovery Channel's Documentary Festival, and was a finalist for the International Documentary Association, as well as an official selection at the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival, the Santa Barbara International Film Festival, the Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival, the Palm Springs International Film Festival and the International Human Rights Film Festival.
- Bryan Jun, Film Production BA '05, 2006 SOC Outstanding Alumnus and former Sundance Film Festival participant, is working on a new feature-length film with the backing of Michelle Sy, former executive producer of the Oscar-winning film "*Finding Neverland.*"
- Joshua Hearst, Audio Production BA '06, is traveling with the band *Santana* providing audio engineering support.
- Ryan Louis, Speech Communications '03, won the Outstanding Alumni Award at the National Pi Kappa Delta conference.
- Andy Hobin, Speech Communications, '04, won the national Pi Kappa Delta Alumni showcase event.
- Paula Schlueter Ross, BA Journalism '84, earns four 1<sup>st</sup> place and two 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards from the Associated Church Press. She has more than 120 articles and stories published in church-related publications nationwide.

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- Erin Conroy, MA Media Communications '06, moves to NYC as a PR Manager for Brown Shoe International.
- Amanda Gioia, BA Public Relations '97, is the Director of Public Relations at MasterCard International in St. Louis.
- Corey Stephens, BA Public Relations '05, is Event Coordinator for the St. Louis University Athletic Department.
- Sarah Beste, BA Public Relations '05, is the PR/Marketing Coordinator for Sacks Electric.
- Jennifer Surtin, BA Public Relations '05, is the Marketing and Event Director at Copia Urban Winery and Market in St. Louis.
- Jamie Haley, BA Public Relations '04, is doing freelance entertainment PR and events in Los Angeles.
- Krissi Dean, BA Public Relations '07, is the PR Coordinator for Webster University Public Affairs.
- Lindsey Timmerman, BA Public Relations '05, is a PR specialist at Salisman Lundgren PR in St. Louis.
- Jennifer Westervelt Harris, BA Public Relations '04, also is a PR manager at Salisman Lundgren PR.
- Erika Bogue, BA Public Relations '05, works in the KMOV-TV advertising department.
- Kim Goedecker, BA Public Relations '06, is a PR Specialist at Weber Shandwick in St. Louis.
- Jackie Knolhoff, MA Media Communications '05, works in corporate Public Relations at Edward Jones.
- Kara Price, BA Broadcast Journalism '06, moves to a position with the Missouri Department of Transportation.
- Julie Emmerich, BA Media Communications '05, is an Editor at ASI Food Safety Consultants.
- Annie Hafner, BA Public Relations '06, is the Development Director at Rosette Kane High School.
- Rhonda Sciarra, MA Media Communications '05, is a manager in the Internal Communications headquarters' office of Enterprise Rent a Car.
- Ranee Ruble, BA Media Communications '96, operates her own Marketing firm called *Paper Moon Creative*.
- Jim Rodenbush, BA Media Communications '98, is a sports writer at the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.
- Michael Steinberg, MA Media Communications '97, is asked to judge the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival in Wyoming. He also completes his third documentary, *How it is With Phooie*, which will begin showing in film festivals in Spring '07.
- Ryan Louis, BA Speech Communications Studies '02, enters the mid-management ranks at VH1 in NYC and enters graduate school at Hofstra.