

Alumni Notes

1950s

Richard B. Stolley (BSJ52, MSJ53) recently judged the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication student magazine contest for 2003. Stolley is currently the senior editorial adviser for Time, Inc.

Henry H. Rodkin (BSJ56) has written the book, "For College Students ... How to Find a Job, Good Times or Bad" (Thomson Learning, 2003). He is executive in residence in the department of marketing, College of Commerce, at DePaul University.

Dick Longworth (BSJ57) became the executive director of the Global Chicago Center at the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations on Nov. 3. The Center, which started four years ago, promotes Chicago as a global city and improves collaboration among the city's global players. He was previously a senior correspondent for the Chicago Tribune, where he worked for 27 years.

Karen DeCrow (BSJ59) received the Professional Recognition Award in May for "Cry Wolfie's," an article written for the Syracuse Press Club. DeCrow is a lawyer specializing in gender and age discrimination. In the mid-60s, she and a group of women established the National Organization for Women.

1960s

Kathryn (Wonderlic) Kolbe (BSJ61) authored "Powered by Instinct: 5 Rules for Trusting Your Guts" (Monumentus Press, 2003), in which she shares her theories on human behavior, specifically the importance of using one's innate abilities in approaching significant aspects of life. Kolbe is the developer of a system for measuring individual instinctive talents and chief executive officer of Phoenix-based Kolbe Corporation.

Sue (Hastings) Bohle (BSJ65, MSJ69), president of the public relations firm The Bohle Company, won a Gold SABRE Award from the Holmes Report for Issues Management.

Gary Braasch (BSJ66, MSJ67) had 32 of his photographs featured in an exhibit titled "Polar Thaw" at Chicago's Field Museum this fall. Based on his project "World View of Global Warming," Braasch's work portrays the effects of global warming on the Arctic and Antarctic. Braasch freelances in environmental photography and writes for international magazines.

Judy (Baar) Topinka (BSJ66), along with Illinois pet adoption centers, has created a Web site (www.state.il.us/treas) to help find homes for dogs and cats.

Margo Melnicove (BSJ68) has won three national awards for feature reporting for "Matt Savage: Jazz Pianist," which ran on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." Melnicove accepted an Edward R. Murrow Award from the Radio-Television News Directors Association, a National Headliner Award and was recognized by the 2003 Unity Awards in Media.

Helen (Gagel) Squires (BSJ68) has received the Industrial Council of Nearwest Chicago's President's Award. Squires is the vice president for corporate and client communications at the Chicago Manufacturing Center. The award recognizes board members who have promoted economic growth at Chicago's Kinzie Industrial Corridor.

Larry Edsall (BSJ69) has written "Concept Cars" (White Star Publishers of Italy, 2003), and co-authored "The Ford Racing Century: A photographic history of Ford's factory race program" (MBI, 2003).

1970s



Robert G. Miller

Robert G. Miller (BSJ70, MSJ71) was appointed assistant to the chancellor for University Communications at Southern University in New Orleans. He will oversee the university's marketing communications, media relations, publications, SUNO television production, Web site administration and graphic arts administration.

Paul Lubetkin (BSJ72) became senior vice president and general counsel for CollaGenex Pharmaceuticals of Newtown, Pa., on Oct. 6.

Thomasina Rogers (BSJ73) was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on July 31 as commission member of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission after being nominated by President Bush.



Patricia Blackburn

Patricia Blackburn (BSJ74, MSJ76) is the senior vice president, corporate communications services executive for Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C.

Andrew B. Davis (MSJ74) was named president and executive director of the American Press Institute, effective Dec. 1.

Michael Martin Mills (BSJ74) is the editor of Currents, a new Sunday section of the Philadelphia Inquirer. He was most recently

acting editor of Inquirer Magazine and has been with the paper since 1978.

Derrick Blakley (BSJ75) co-anchors the 4 p.m. newscast on WBBM-Channel 2 (CBS) in Chicago while reporting for the 10 p.m. news Monday through Friday. He returned to the station after anchoring for 15 years at WMAQ-Channel 5 (NBC).

Sidmel Estes-Sumpter (BSJ76, MSJ77) earned a 2003 Silver Circle Award, presented by the National Television Academy's Southeastern Chapter, which honors professionals who have dedicated at least 25 years of their careers to television and have made significant contributions in the Southern regional market. Estes-Sumpter is the executive producer for Good Day Atlanta on Fox 5 News, WAGA-TV.

Susan (Drake) Swift (BSJ76) was appointed speechwriter to World Bank President James D. Wolfensohn in August.

F. Dennis Saylor (BSJ77) was nominated by President Bush to the U.S. District Court of Massachusetts in July.

Ron Gleason (BSJ78) and **Brad Saul (BSC81, MA82)** are launching UBC, a syndicated radio programming company based in Chicago.

Laura S. Washington (BSJ78, MSJ80) joined Chicago's DePaul University as its Ida B. Wells-Barnett University Professor this fall, teaching courses in the communication department and in the African and Black Diaspora Studies programs of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

1980s

Willie Chriesman (BSJ80) is financing and publishing the weekly newspaper The SouthTown Express in Alabama. He began the publication in mid-July.

Diane (Schwerm) Sykes (BSJ80), Wisconsin Supreme Court justice, was recommended by President Bush for a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals in Chicago.

Scott Rex (BSJ81) recently opened the telecommunications consulting/market research firm Nimbus LLC.

Caryn Brooks (MSJ82) joined WBBM-Channel 2's (CBS) 10 p.m. newscast as executive producer.

Nels Jensen (BSJ83) is the assistant managing editor of metro and business for The Press-Enterprise in Riverside, Calif.

Bob Rosenbaum (BSJ84) co-authored "A Handbook for Dramatic Improvement Using

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the SCOR Model" (American Management Association, 2003), a how-to guide for teams at corporations that undertake supply chain initiatives. Rosenbaum is associate publisher of Logistics Today magazine.

Rebecca Theim (BSJ84, IMC95), director of communications for Westmont, Ill.-based UPM-Kymmene, Inc., was given a Spectra Award by the Chicago chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators for her communications program related to labor contract negotiations.



Rebecca Theim

Angel Abcede (BSJ85) performed his one-man show "The Semen Tree," a comical yet introspective look at a gay Filipino-American teenager's sexual discoveries in 1970s Honolulu, during the New York International Fringe Festival in August. In addition to his work as a musical theater performer and longtime member of Chicago's Joel Hall Dancers, Abcede is technology editor for Convenience Store Petroleum magazine.

Shirley Jahad (BSJ85) left Chicago Public Radio/NPR WBEZ-FM after 12 years to join NPR's KPCC-FM in Pasadena, Calif., as the new weekday afternoon host of "All Things Considered."

David D. Medina (MSJ85) has been named director of minority community affairs for Rice University in Houston. He writes for the university's magazine, Sallyport, as a senior editor.

Freddie Asinor (MSJ86) has been named manager of continuing professional education and global health resources for the American Public Health Association in Washington, D.C.

Kenetta Bailey (BSJ86, MSJ87) is vice president of strategic marketing at BMG in New York City.

Jeff Leshay (MSJ86) joined the Chicago office of Edelman as executive vice president and senior counselor in corporate affairs. Leshay is a former television news reporter with Fox and CNBC, and the author of the book, "How to Launch Your Career in TV News" (McGraw-Hill, 1993).

Elizabeth "Betsy" Neville (MSJ86) was named the senior vice president in the corporate practice at Chicago's Ogilvy Public Relations.

Jeffrey Pollack (BSJ86)

received a 2003 Emmy Award for Outstanding Achievement in Interactive Television for a Single Program. Pollack is the managing director of broadcasting and new media for NASCAR, and he was the executive producer of NASCAR IN CAR, a multi-channel subscription package on digital cable.



Jeffrey Pollack

Lisa Caputo (MSJ87) and her husband, Rick Morris, welcomed Andrew Shea Morris, born on June 28. Caputo is president and CEO of Women and Company, a division of Citigroup Inc., in New York, and was formerly a White House aide to Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Marc N. Sperber (MSJ87) is a New York City Teaching Fellow and just completed his first year teaching at Murry Bergtraum High School in New York City. He is working on

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Serb: have fire hose, will write

When Chris Serb's bosses at Hospitals & Health Networks magazine promoted him to an editor's position during summer 1999, he warned them that he was waiting to hear about another job.

When that other offer came in December, he quit his job on the spot. He was going to be a firefighter.

"Like every little kid, I was kind of fascinated by fire trucks and firefighters," Serb (MSJ96) said. "I always had it in the back of my mind."

The Rogers Park native was a lifeguard for the Chicago Park District in high school — a job that suggested other action-oriented careers.

He continued to moonlight as a lifeguard through his undergraduate years at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., and after starting

Medill's master's program in journalism.

In the summer of 1995, while Serb was still in Medill, the Chicago Fire Department offered a comprehension test at the United Center.

"That's when the idea went from the back of my mind to the front," he said. I realized that it was something I could do and continue to pursue writing as a career."

He would have plenty of time to write. It took the overbooked fire department more than four years to find Serb a position after he took the test.

Meanwhile, he graduated and started working for North Shore Magazine. After a year he moved to Hospitals & Health, where he was eventually promoted to a senior editor's position.

But then the fire department



Chris Serb (MSJ96)

called. Serb enrolled in the Chicago Fire Academy's six-month training program and was named Outstanding Overall Candidate at graduation in May 2000. He was then assigned to Engine 18, based at Roosevelt Road and Racine Avenue.

"Young firefighters want to be on the busy companies," he said. "Engine 18 was and is

a good spot."

Although Serb works 44 hours a week as a firefighter, he hasn't abandoned his career as a journalist. He still freelances about 15 articles a year.

"Hopefully I'll never have to choose between the two (careers)," he said. "It's nice having the balance. . . . I don't think I'd be truly happy doing just one or just the other."

— Andrew Green, BSJ04

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his master's degree in education and hopes to teach journalism in the coming year.

Deb Steele (MSJ87) is senior communications manager at Omaha, Neb.-based Empire Insurance. She was previously with KeyCorp Bank in Cleveland as a communications account executive.

Janet (Kidd) Stewart (BSJ87, MSJ87) recently left the Chicago Tribune for rural Wisconsin, where she will freelance and endlessly bug her two kids, Devon, 8, and Nick, 5. The move was prompted by a new job for her husband, C. Todd Stewart, M.D., who is now a pediatric intensivist at the Marshfield Clinic.

Staci Adelman Vincent (BSJ87, MSJ87) and her husband, Leland Gray Vincent II, announce the birth of their son, Caden Joshua, born on June 2 in Cleveland. He joins 3-year-old brother, Ryan.

Gail Becker (MSJ88) was promoted to co-president of public relations firm Edelman's Western region.

Phil Hampton (MSJ89) is senior media relations officer in the UCLA Office of Media Relations.

Patty Moyer (BSJ89, MSJ90) and her husband, Steve Oelschlager, welcomed Andrew August Oelschlager, born on April 25. He joins sister Hannah, 3. The couple own Mainline Publications, a graphic design/new media business in Grayslake, Ill.

Terry Noland (BSJ89, MSJ90) joined Esquire magazine as its articles editor (see "Jobs," page 8.)

Kristen (Read) Wappler (MSJ89) and **Andrew Wappler (MSJ89)** live in Seattle where she is a public relations consultant and he is chief meteorologist for KIRO-TV (CBS). The couple have two daughters, Devon Grace, 1, and Jordan Mary, 3.

Aaron Watson (MSJ89) was promoted from assistant sports editor to deputy sports editor for The Associated Press.

1990s

Matt Baron (BSJ90) and his wife, Bridgett, welcomed twins Zachary Colombo and Maggie Rose on Aug. 8. (see "Jobs," page 7.)

Deanna Bellandi (BSJ90) has been a reporter/supervisor for The Associated Press in Chicago since 2001.

Lisa (Hammond) Johnson (BSJ90, MSJ90), assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Ohio in Cleveland, and her husband, David N. Johnson, welcomed daughter Annalise Christine on May 9. She

joins 2-year-old sister Amelia Anne. The family lives in Bay Village, Ohio.

Michael Kates (BSJ90) was promoted to night sports editor at the Chicago Tribune.

Pauline (d'Albis) Desforges (MSJ91) has returned to Paris-based Lowe Alice for work on Unilever European business after having her second child.

Neil Fried (BSJ91) is telecommunications counsel for the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Louise Kiernan (MSJ92) is the projects team writer for the Chicago Tribune. Kiernan and her husband, Tribune TV critic Steve Johnson, will alternate as columnists in the WomanNews section.

Rhonda Luniak (BSC87, IMC92) has been named director of global communications at Abbott Laboratories based in North Chicago.

Terry Morrison (IMC92) was named marketing director at Chicago-based SpineWire Technologies.

Laurel (Thompson) Paul (BSJ92) and her husband, Grant, welcomed Quincy Bartholomew Paul into the world on July 18. She is an associate at Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP in San Francisco.

Lisa (Marinelli) Smith (BSJ92, MSJ93) is a staff writer for The San Diego Union-Tribune covering San Diego County's north coast.

Lyzette (Leal) Austen (BSJ93) and her husband, Roland, welcomed to their family Hunter Payton, born June 13. She is the senior copywriter for Chicago-based McGraw-Hill trade group.

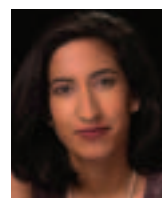
Kate (Warkentin) Bramson (BSJ93) recently finished a long-term reporting project on a teen rape case for The Providence Journal. She and her husband, Andrew, moved to Rhode Island in 2001 after living in Minnesota and Hungary.

Ernabel Demillo (MSJ93) and her husband, John Muller, welcomed Alexa Jade, born May 7. The couple resides in New York City where she is a reporter and anchor for Fox's "Good Day New York," and he works for the competition, hosting the WB Morning News.

Sherri Eng (MSJ93) and her husband, Rohan Lane, welcomed Alexander Howard Lane, born June 9. The family lives in San Francisco.

Kim (Merritt) Hunter (MSJ93) recently returned to KTVU-TV (FOX) in San Francisco and Oakland, Calif., as a part-time reporter. She previously worked for KTVU and CNN's San Francisco bureau as a corre-

spondent. Hunter and her husband, Chris, have two children: Cal, 2, and Haley, 1.



Indira Somani

Indira Somani (MSJ93) has accepted a full-time position as assistant professor of journalism at American University in Washington, D.C. After living in New York and working for Stockhouse.com and later

CNBC, she moved to Washington, D.C., in April. Before leaving New York, she reconnected with alum **Kim Chipman (MSJ96)**, who covers media and entertainment for Bloomberg News.

Lauren Auerbach (MSJ94) and Michael Edward Capitani were married Aug. 9 in Aspen, Colo.

Cecile Bouchardeau (MSJ94) contributed to a new series on VH1 called "True Spin," which uncovers the meanings behind classic songs. Bouchardeau produced the segments for 80's songs "Safety Dance," "Every Breath You Take," "Rio" and "Electric Avenue."

Rich Eisen (MSJ94) is the lead talent on the new NFL Network and will host a nightly sports/entertainment show starting in the fall. He was previously with ESPN.

Heather (Reid) Leeke (BSJ94) started her own integrated marketing and design firm, Camflange Design Services, in 2001. She lives in Chicago with her husband, William Bailey Leeke.

Steven Bava (IMC95) is a client partner with Agency.com in Los Angeles.

Michael Behar (MSJ95) left National Geographic in October to return to freelancing full time.

Gina (Gibbs) Foster (BSJ95) married Walter Foster III on Oct. 11. She is government relations manager for The Dow Chemical Company in Washington, D.C.

Joanne Gerstner (MSJ95) is a sportswriter with the Detroit News, covering Olympic sports and the NBA's Detroit Pistons. She recently became an adjunct assistant professor of journalism at Madonna University in Livonia, Mich. Gerstner is also working on her first book, which examines the differences in coaching psychology between elite male and female athletes.

Kristin (Dunlap) Godsey (MSJ95) was recently named editor in chief of Writer's Digest magazine in Cincinnati. Godsey lives in Cincinnati with her husband, Mark, and their two children, 3-year-old Dana and 5-month-old Peter.

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Stacy MacTaggart (BSJ95) married Adam Scarlatelli in March 2003. They are both foreign service officers with the U.S. Department of State, currently posted to the American Embassy in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Gia Lamar-Eliopoulos (IMC95) and her husband, Elias, welcomed Nicholas Elias Eliopoulos, born on Sept. 1. She is a consultant for AC Nielson in Schaumburg, Ill.

Michelle Madhok (IMC95) has created, along with entrepreneur Kyra Chenowith, MiMa Style, a free weekly e-mail newsletter (www.mimastyle.com) that tells women the latest fashion and beauty trends. Madhok is a former beauty and style adviser for AOL.

Alisara Rungnontarat (IMC95) is working for Michelin in their Bangkok, Thailand, office.

Mark J. Wilkinson (IMC95) is training program manager for the Intel Inside(r) Program for Portland, Ore.,-based Intel Corp.

Christina Headrick (BSJ96) has left the Raleigh News & Observer in North Carolina to open a scrapbook supply and photo restoration store.

Karen Larson (IMC96) and her husband, Steven, welcomed Alexa Elizabeth, born July 25. The family lives in Urbandale, Iowa.

Shari (Davis) Noland (MSJ96) recently joined Child magazine as senior producer of its Web site.

Suzanne Randall (IMC96) is the senior marketing manager for communications and high technology at Accenture. She lives in Mountain View, Calif.

Bridget (Myers) Schmidt (BSJ96) and her husband, Don, moved back to Illinois in February and welcomed their first child, Elsa, in May.

Cesar Torres (BSJ96) is working in Chicago as a producer for the Tribune Company to develop a new Web site for its Spanish newspapers. He also continues to teach and perform with the non-profit group Barrel of Monkeys.

Sebastian Wendland (IMC96) has started his own marketing consultation firm in Berlin, Germany.

Craig Woker (BSJ96) and **Rita (Miceli) Woker (MSJ97)** welcomed their first child, Wyatt Jordon, on April 6. They live in Naperville, Ill.

Lisa Cervenka (IMC97) and **Julie (Kemp) Hallinan (IMC97)** are starting a marketing communications firm based in the Chicago

area. Cervenka and her husband, Tom, have a 1-year-old son, Connor Thomas.

Alma Dayawon (MSJ97) was promoted to senior Internet manager at the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau.

Benoit Denizet-Lewis (BSJ97), a Boston-based freelance magazine writer who contributes regularly to The New York Times Sunday Magazine, Boston Globe Sunday Magazine, Out and Spin, now also teaches magazine and nonfiction writing at Emerson College and Tufts.

Justin Ethington (IMC97) is the director of marketing for Making Memories, which distributes nearly 4,500 products for crafts and scrapbooking.

Monique Fields (MSJ97) is a reporter for the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times.

Deborah (Kaufman) Giordano (BSJ97) and her husband, James, welcomed Joseph David Giordano, born April 8. The family lives in Santa Monica, Calif., where she is vice president at FischerHealth, which was named 2003 Creative Agency of the Year by The Holmes Report.

Jennifer (Simmons) Goldston (IMC97) is managing supervisor in the Kansas City office of PR agency Fleishman Hillard.

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Jazzing up the job hunt Carr markets herself with "Songs"

When Pam Carr (IMC89) applies for jobs, she usually adds a personal touch to the standard résumé and cover letter. One time she made key chains that read "Get your shoe in the door." Another time she designed her resume to model a newsletter.

Recently this creativity included a compact disc titled "Songs from a Marketing Executive," featuring a selection of 1940s standards Carr has recorded.

Carr created the CD with the intent of handing it out to her friends and family, but she also found herself slipping a few in with her job applications. And they got noticed.

"It got their (hiring managers') attention," said Carr, who lives in

West Dundee, a northwest Chicago suburb. "It's more personal."

Carr, who now works for Grainger in Lake Forest, Ill., as a national accounts marketing manager, finished recording the CD in December 2002.

"It's my first step to pursue something in music," Carr said. "It's not a substitute career. It's more of a sideline."

Carr began her undergraduate career as a music major. But she soon switched to business, when she realized there was more money in that field.

Since earning her IMC degree in 1989, Carr has worked for a variety of companies both in the Chicago area and in Michigan. Each job has been



Carr's (IMC89) CD cover

an upgrade, she said, and she credits her job-acquiring successes to her unique and persistent networking abilities.

"People would call me for better positions. I was always networking," she said.

Now Carr is focusing more attention on her voice.

She joined a local choir and is taking voice lessons. And after receiving praise for "Songs from a Marketing Executive," she is also considering doing voice-overs and recording a children's album.

"I'm really open," Carr said. "It's the next frontier. I've always been flexible and always open to new things."

— Anna Johnson, MSJ03

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Elle Pai Hong (MSJ97) is a morning anchor for Chicago's WMAQ-TV (NBC). She was CBS morning anchor in Hartford, Conn.

Beth Kanter (MSJ97) and Jeffrey Goodell welcomed Gabriel Kanter-Goodell, born July 23. Kanter is a Washington, D.C.,-based freelance writer.

Karin Kirchner (IMC97) began work with General Motors in Switzerland as manager for product public relations.

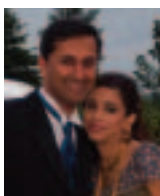
Tara Krull (IMC97) is a marketing director at New Jersey-based marketing company Tranzact. She lives in Denver.

Heather Landy (BSJ97, MSJ97) joined the Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram in February as a reporter for the business section.

Alycia Lane (MSJ97) will co-anchor the 6 and 11 p.m. weekday newscasts for KYW-TV (CBS) in Philadelphia.

Cheryl Lu-Lien Tan (BSJ97) recently moved to New York to become senior fashion writer at InStyle magazine. Previously, she was senior arts and entertainment writer at the Baltimore Sun.

Alayna (Gaines) Riggins (MSJ97) married David Riggins, a minister and graphic artist, in March. They reside in Orlando, Fla., where she is the managing editor of Golfweek's SuperNEWS magazine. She also serves as the vice president-print of the Central Florida Association of Black Journalists and Broadcasters.



Anjum Choudhry

Anjum Choudhry (MSJ98) married Rakesh Nayyer Aug. 29 in Kleinberg, Ontario, Canada. **Christine (Hanson) Armstrong (MSJ98)** and **Reshmi Basu (MSJ98)** were bridesmaids while **Nidhi**

Agrawal (MSJ98) attended. Choudhry is a reporter and back-up news anchor at OMNI Television, a multi-ethnic news station. She also anchors a weekly health segment and recently won a runner-up Journalism Award for Excellence in Women's Health Reporting by the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada for a piece on breast cancer misconceptions in the South Asian Community.

Kenneth Kilian (BSJ98) married Amanda Bartlett at the Tampa Theatre on May 9. He is employed by the Pinellas County Sheriff's office.

Lindy Eichenbaum Lent (MSJ98) is communications director for Denver mayor-elect John Hickenlooper.

Abigail (Karp) Marcus (IMC98) and her husband, Brian, have a 1-year-old son, Jared. The family lives in Chicago.

Carter Nelsen (BSJ98, MSJ98) started his second year of law school this fall as a transfer student at New York University. He finished his first year at the University of Michigan.

Deonna Reliford (BSJ98) is pursuing a law degree at the University of Akron School of Law, in Ohio.

Alison Shaffer (IMC98) is a privacy manager for Intuit Industry Specific Acquisitions in Mountain View, Calif.

Pam Sitt (BSJ98) has taken over the pop culture beat at the Seattle Times.

Josh Sorkin (IMC98) was appointed the executive vice president of the management search practice for Hudson Global Resources.

Yenni Wu (IMC98) is a new mom and recently started working for HP Taiwan in e-marketing in May.

Jennifer Chrzastek (IMC99) is the marketing communications manager for Slayton

International, an executive recruiting firm in downtown Chicago.

Jennie Derge (MSJ99) recently became Georgia Congressman Charlie Norwood's senior legislative assistant on the Education and Workforce Committee. Previously, she served as California Congressman Elton Gallegly's legislative assistant on the Judiciary Committee.

Gil Hoffman (BSJ99) married Natanya Weiss in Jerusalem. The couple lives in Lincolnwood, Ill.

Matthew Johnson (BSJ99) recently earned membership on the Notre Dame Law Review. In his second year at Notre Dame Law School, he hopes to pursue a career in media law.

Ruth Ann Keyso-Vail (MSJ99) is the director of communications at Lake Forest Academy, Ill. In her spare time she participates in Okinawan dance with the Chicago Okinawa Kenjinkai. She lives with her husband, Mark, in Vernon Hills, Ill.

Belle Kleinberg (BSJ99) was promoted to producer of the 11 p.m. news for WXYZ-TV (ABC) in Southfield, Mich.

Heather K. Malec (MSJ99) is a marketing communications manager at Grant Thornton, a global accounting advisory firm. She lives in Chicago.

Cathy Mizgerd (MSJ99) and her husband, Tom Clynes, welcomed Charles Williams Clynes in early July.

Margaret O'Brien (MSJ99) is the associate business editor at the Chicago Tribune. Previously she was the business editor at The Times of Northwest Indiana.

Meyrav Regev (IMC99) is a senior strategic planner for marketing and communications company McCann-Erickson in Israel.

2000s

Frenita Buddy (MSJ00) is leaving her job as morning producer at WAFF-TV (NBC) in Huntsville, Ala., to teach introductory English in Japan.

Yuan-Kwan Chan (MSJ00) is a producer for NYTimes.com

Dena (Eben) Kernish (BSJ00) and her husband, Mike, recently moved to Cambridge, Mass., where she is the extended day-program director for Cambridge Montessori School and he attends Harvard Business School.

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Krista Larson (BSJ00, MSJ01) moved from The Associated Press bureau in Montpelier, Vt., to the AP in Trenton, N. J.

Amanda Oberg (IMC00) is a senior direct marketing manager for Intuit, a business and financial management company. A newlywed, Oberg lives in Mountain View, Calif.

Zahra Ahmed (IMC01) is the general manager for Shell in Karachi, Pakistan. She directs the lubricants and fuels business for Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Zoë Barton (BSJ01) recently moved to San Francisco where she is a copy editor for CNET News.com. Barton works with fellow Medillians **Jeff Peline (MSJ82)**, editor and associate vice president of News.com; **Lisa Bowman, (MSJ96)** News.com staff writer; and **Brian Cooley (MSJ96)**, associate vice president of the recently closed CNET Radio.

Ashley Cook (IMC01) is the strategic marketing manager for Centex Homes in Albuquerque, N.M., one of the nation's largest homebuilders.

Ilina Ewen (IMC01) and her husband, Todd, welcomed Carter Das Ewen, born Aug. 29.

Erica Donerson (BSJ01) left her reporting/producing job in Knoxville, Tenn., to become a reporter and weekend anchor for WNEM-TV (CBS) in Saginaw, Mich.

Mikel Husband (MSJ01) was recently hired as a publications manager for Howard University's office of university communications. He edits the alumni publication and supervises all internal communications for the university.

Cara (Aidone) Huzinec (MSJ01) and her husband, John, are back in New York after an eight-month stint in Georgia. She is senior writer in the office of public affairs at Yeshiva University.

Jennifer O'Neill (MSJ01) left Allure magazine for work as assistant editor at US Weekly magazine.

Brian Peters (MSJ01) is a reporter for the Register Star in Rockford, Ill.

Suzanne Smalley (MSJ01) received the Front Page Award in the Internet News category for an article she co-wrote for Newsweek.com, "They Never Did Come Back." The award, given by the Newswomen's Club of New York, recognizes work in the New York metropolitan area by woman journalists.

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Anne Gibson (IMC02), Connie Liu (IMC02) and Jennifer Tong (IMC02) take a break from strategizing a more effective Peter Frampton marketing campaign.

CHICAGO

MACC comes alive with Frampton at Ravinia

In August the Medill Alumni Club of Chicago held a get-together on the lawn at Ravinia to see Peter Frampton perform in an event co-sponsored by the Kellogg Alumni Club of Chicago.

The Club also held two September events: a "Back to School" event at Merle's BBQ in Evanston for MACC members and current and new Medill students; and their first happy hour at the downtown Chicago Billy Goat Tavern. Club president Aaron Hoffman (IMC95) said he was encouraged by the high turnout of alums — 40 — and plans to hold a happy hour every other month. "It's a great social experience for Medill alumni where they can make new friends, new business connections or network for job opportunities," he said.

NEW YORK

New York listens to Sex and the single writer

Cindy Chupack (BSJ87) is no stranger to art imitating life. As a writer/executive producer of HBO's "Sex and the City," she's pretty familiar with art imitating

her life — so many of the episodes contain bits of her personal stories.

"Sometimes it feels like it's too personal," Chupack said to the Medill Alumni Club of Greater New York at a Sept. 30 reading of her latest creative foray into the life of being single in the city, "The Between Boyfriends Book" (St. Martin's Press 2003).

The clever compilation of essays was written during her 20s and 30s, and covers the hilarious ups and downs of "commiserating and ultimately celebrating this crazy, heart-wrenching exhilarating time in our lives."

"The book is the show personified," said Lauren Wiener (MSJ03), a Medill Club member who attended the event.

As "Sex and the City" comes to a close, Chupack and the other writers are hard at work on a finale for the Emmy-winning show. Chupack admits there's a lot of pressure on how it will turn out. "We have to think of what [the ending] will mean to New York City," she said, not to mention to the thousands of single women worldwide who tune in every week.

— Kathleen Murray, BSJ99



Chupack (BSJ87) signs a book for Arthur Goldgaber (MSJ89)

Megan (Elison) Vandre (MSJ01) gave birth to Miles Patrick Vandre on Sept. 5. She is currently on leave from her position as associate editor of Technology Review, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's magazine of innovation.

Steve Weissman (BSJ01) is a sports reporter/anchor for WMV-TV (NBC) in Madison, Wis.

Amy Collen (BSJ02) is pursuing a law degree at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. Previously she tutored second-graders in Chicago for AmeriCorps.

Jordana Dalfen (IMC02) and **Michelle Lin (IMC02)** have formed their own Chicago-based marketing communications consultancy, Lindalfen.

Lindsay DeWall (BSJ02) began work in March as the director of public relations for the Breckenridge Resort Chamber and the town of Breckenridge, Colo.

Emily Gorovsky (BSJ02) is a copy editor for Evanston, Ill.-based iParenting Media, which provides resources to parents via the Web, radio and print. She lives in Chapel Hill, N.C., and also freelances for Carolina Parent magazine while copy editing iParenting's four print magazines.

Makiko Haraga (MSJ02) returned to Tokyo upon graduation and writes for a newsmagazine published by Asahi Shimbun, one of Japan's largest newspapers. She contributes to a business magazine and GQ Japan as well as writes a bi-monthly column on current affairs for small publications. Haraga also wrote a story for **Scott Baltic (MSJ88)**, who publishes a trade magazine for firefighting professionals. She plans to teach English (writing) at the Tokyo Institute of Technology.

Erica Land (MSJ02) is an associate producer for KPRC-TV (NBC) in Houston, Tex.

Hannah Lobel (MSJ02) has been awarded the Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship for 2003-2004. A joint German-American committee chose Lobel to complete the year-long fellowship, which includes two executive-level internships in the public and private sector. As a recipient of the award, Lobel hopes to contribute to the long-term stabilization and growth of German-American relations.

Michelle Madigan (BSJ02, MSJ03) is a production assistant for The Today Show in New York.

Andrew Olsen (MSJ02) married Jamie Marie Schiffbauer on July 5 in Lincoln, Neb.

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Alumni Notes

Camila Orlandini (IMC02) is working in Chicago at Leo Burnett/Lapiz as an assistant account executive on the Walt Disney World and Toys R Us accounts.

Lauren Phillips (MSJ02) completed her first Olympic-distance triathlon in April in 3:15:19 and raised more than \$7,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in the process.

Swetha Ramakrishnan (IMC02) is a product executive for Heinz India in Mumbai.

Allie Rasmus (BSJ02, MSJ03) is a reporter at News 8, the 24-hour Time Warner news station in Austin, Texas.

Joe Tone (MSJ02) has been covering education for The Stockton Record, in California's Central Valley.

Taylor White (BSJ02) began the master's degree program at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, focusing on refugees and immigration issues.

Lauren Wiener (BSJ02, MSJ03) is an editorial associate for Family Circle.

Riki Altman (MSJ03) is an account executive for Miami-based Florida International Magazine.

Brooke Barrier (MSJ03) is a desk editor at Nation's Restaurant News in New York.

Mike Benoist (MSJ03) is a researcher and reporter at National Geographic Adventure.

David Bernstein (MSJ03) is freelancing for The New York Times.

Toni Bitner (IMC03) has joined Valassis, a sales and marketing service, as a product manager.

Jada Black (BSJ03) is the coordinator of information services for Northwestern University.

Gregg Sherrard Blesch (MSJ03) covers schools for The Columbian in Clark County, Wash. He and his wife, Cara, live in Portland, Ore.

Mike Burnham (MSJ03) started work at Greenwire, an environmental news service and Web site in Washington. He will cover energy issues on Capitol Hill and the federal agencies.

Gabe Cabarrouty (MSJ03) is a sports writer for Al Dia, the new Spanish-language newspaper published by the Dallas Morning News.

Tina Cha (MSJ03) is an associate producer at MSN.

Tanvi Chheda (MSJ03) is a researcher for Weekend Today, NBC News, in New York.

Amanda Cruickshank (BSJ03) is a reporter at WSET-TV (ABC) in Lynchburg, Va.

Roberta Czarnecki (MSJ03) is the communications manager at the University of Chicago.

Jessica Curry (BSJ03) is the associate editor of Chicago Life Magazine.

Josh DeVine (MSJ03) is the general assignment reporter at WBOY-TV in Clarksburg, W.Va.

Erica Duency (MSJ03) is an editor at Nation's Restaurant News in New York.

Kamilah Duggins (MSJ03) is a reporting fellow at the Chicago Reader.

Kristen English (BSJ03, MSJ03) works in the public affairs department at Nicor Gas.

James Fisher (MSJ03) covers the Ocean City beat for The Daily Times in Salisbury, Md. He began work in late October.

Charlie Frago (MSJ03) is a reporter at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette in Little Rock.

Krissy Frazao (MSJ03) is a reporter at WJCL-TV (ABC) in Savannah, Ga.

Josh Gershenson (MSJ03) is an associate producer at Chicago's Towers Productions, a documentary and post-production company.

Mike Haney (MSJ03) works in start-up development at Reader's Digest Media.

Mark Hudspeth (MSJ03) is the network bureau coordinator at NBC News, Chicago.

Marta Hummel (MSJ03) covers the New York congressional delegation for The New York Sun from its Washington, D.C., office.

Jessica Kimpell (MSJ03) is a reporter at Congressional Quarterly in Washington, D.C.

Alana Klein (MSJ03) is an assistant editor at trade publication Beverage Dynamics in Norwalk, Conn.

Beth Lawton (MSJ03) works for the Lawrence (Kan.) Journal-World's Web site.

Sarah Lockyer (MSJ03) is a reporter at American Banker, a newspaper in New York.

Leo McKinney (MSJ03) was hired as a policy analyst/press agent by Texas Congressman Charlie Stenholm.

Becky Meiser (BSJ03) is a fellow for the alternative newspaper the New Times Broward-Palm Beach in Florida.

Amy Meyer (MSJ03) is a copy editor and page designer for the Danville (Ill.) Commercial-News.

Christopher Miller (MSJ03) has accepted a job offer from the Daily News in Bowling Green, Ky., to be a business reporter.

Brittany Morehouse (MSJ03) is a reporter at WDTV, the CBS affiliate in Bridgeport, W.Va.

Susie Oh (MSJ03) is a reporter at the Bremerton Sun in Washington.

Nancy Perla (MSJ03) is a reporter and occasional fill-in anchor at KVOA-TV (NBC) in Tucson, Ariz.

Edward Lee Pitts (MSJ03) is a staff writer for the Tennessee-based Chattanooga Times Free Press.

Jamie (Sundquist) Popp (MSJ03) is the managing editor at Deerfield, Ill.-based Beverage Industry magazine.

Lauren Salter (BSJ03) and **Collin Hansen (BSJ03)** were married June 28.

Libby Sander (MSJ03) is a staff writer for the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin.

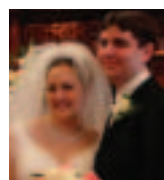
Samantha Santa Maria (MSJ03) is a reporter at the Jackson Clarion-Ledger in Mississippi.

Gina Swanson (MSJ03) is a reporter for KNOE-TV (CBS) in Monroe, La.

Kyle Stock (MSJ03) is a business reporter at the Charleston (S.C.) Post and Courier.

Lindsay Stortz (BSJ03) is an associate at Towers Perrin in Chicago.

Nora Varty (BSJ03) is marketing manager for Houston-based Gulf Publishing, which publishes for the energy industry.



Jenelle Walter and Ben Isaacson

Jenelle Walter (BSJ03) and Benjamin Isaacson were married on March 29 in Portland, Ore. They currently reside in Sturtevant, Wis., where she is an assignment editor at Fox 6 News in Milwaukee.

Matt Weber (MSJ03) is working in Chicago in media strategy at Starcom Worldwide, a former Leo Burnett subsidiary.

Nathaniel Zimmer (MSJ03) is a staff writer at the Elgin (Ill.) Courier News.

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