

## Six recognized as top students

Six students were chosen as the top students in their respective programs for 2009-10 by the faculty and staff of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications.

They are Miranda Arnold, Robin Phelps, Erin Richerson, David Columbia, David Green and Elizabeth Thomas.

**Arnold** was selected as the Outstanding Senior in Advertising. A marketing minor from Belleville, Ill., she worked in marketing and sales for Roadside Systems in St. Louis.

She was vice president and a presenter at the national student advertising competition for the Ads Club. She served as a student ambassador for the College of Business and was a member of Campus Outreach.

**Phelps**, from Cape Girardeau, Mo., was named the Outstanding Senior in Journalism. She also had a major in organizational communication.

Selected for this year's "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," she served as editor, assistant editor, copy editor and staff writer for *The Murray State News*. She was a free-lance writer for *The Paducah Sun*.

She was debate captain of the Speech & Debate Union and vice president of the Kentucky Forensics Association.

She was a member of the Student Government's Campus Activities Board, president of Omicron Sigma Kappa, secretary of the Black Student Council and a student ambassador for the College of Business.

She won several awards in both the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association competition and in speech and debate tournaments.

**Richerson** was an honor student with almost a perfect 4.0 grade-point average. She had an advertising minor to go with her public relations major.

A member of Public Relations Student Society of America, she was the assistant director of Racer Communications. She had an internship in public relations with Murray Main Street.

She was selected to two honor societies, Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Kappa Phi.

**Columbia**, who had a minor in digital photography, was from Frankfort. He had two internships using his photography and TV production skills. He had an internship with the Kentucky Office of Creative Services the summer of 2007 and with Cable 10 Production Studios in Frankfort the following summer.

On campus he had three years experience as director/technical director/talent for MSU TV-11

News and also three years as a producer/videographer/editor with the Electronic Media Services program "Roundabout U."

A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, he was the Outstanding Residential College Freshman Year Leader in 2006-07 and was the White College Freshman of the Year.

Green and Thomas tied for the honor of the Outstanding Graduate Student. Thomas graduated in December while Green will graduate in August.

As a graduate assistant, **Green** taught classes in advanced newswriting and copy editing. He taught journalism at the Defense Information School at Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis and English and journalism at Mayfield High School before working on his master's degree.

His extensive journalism experience includes reporter/editor for several newspapers in the Southeast, six years as public affairs specialist in the Army, six years as a full-time beat writer cover NASCAR stock-car racing (includes four years as managing editor of the *Winston Cup Scene*), as editor of an online magazine covering motor sports, as a long-lead magazine writer covering

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The department's top seniors were recognized on honors day. They are, from left: David Columbia, Robin Phelps, Elizabeth Arnold, Pam Myrick, and Erin Richerson. Myrick was recognized for being the Kappa Tau Alpha top student.



Dr. Bob Lochte, left, recognized Elizabeth Thomas and David Green as the outstanding graduate students at the department's April honors banquet.



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Judge Greg Pruitt swears in three new members to MSU's Board of Regents. They are from left: Susan Shaffer Guess, Jerry Sue Thornton and Harry Lee Waterfield II.

## Guess appointed to Board of Regents

Susan Guess, a 1987 MSU public relations graduate, was named by Gov. Steve Beshear to the Murray State Board of Regents June 9.

Guess, the senior vice president and marketing director of Paducah Bank, also holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Louisville.

She has previously held positions with the Louisville Chamber of Commerce, the Kentucky Department of the Arts, the

Kentuckiana Girl Scout Council, USEC and Paducah Community College.

Guess is chairman of the Lourdes Foundation, a two-time chairman of the board of the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Paducah River City Business and Professional Women.

A graduate of Leadership Kentucky, she received the Governor's Volunteer Service Award from the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism for

chairing the Heath High School Memorial Garden committee.

She was also the recipient of the Housing and Urban Development National Community Service Award for starting Girl Scout troops in three Paducah public housing communities. She is a member of the Prichard Committee's Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership.

Guess attended her first meeting of the Board of Regents in July.

# Ten chosen for “Who’s Who”

Eight of the 49 seniors selected for the 2010 “Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities” were majors in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications.

They were Rebecca Braboy, Jessica Cary, Pamela Myrick, Robin Phelps, Kyle Smith, April Whitten, Dolly Wisman and Alissa Zimmerman.

**Braboy**, a public relations major with a minor in political science, served as PR intern for Murray Main Street.



**Braboy**

She was the social chair for Lambda Zeta Omicron fraternity of Elizabeth College, secretary for Unleashed of the Baptist Campus Ministries and worked for the American Red Cross Recovery Center during the ice storm in January 2009.

She also worked with Habitat for Humanity Re-store Project in St. Louis during spring break 2009.

**Cary** majored in electronic media with a minor in graphic communications technology.



**Cary**

She worked two summers with WKLY-TV in Louisville in master control operations and in news production.

She was student worker in media relations with the MSU athletic department, where she was the sports information director for track and cross country. She also assisted with producing the media guides.

She was vice president for alumni relations for Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity and a member of Hart College Honor Society.

A double major in public relations and organization communication, **Myrick** was public relations chair for Alpha Delta Pi

sorority. She was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, Lambda Pi Eta, Order of Omega, Public Relations Student Society of America, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Omicron Sigma Kappa, Sigma Alpha Lambda and White College Honor Society.



**Myrick**

She was a member of the Racer Marching Band and the Racer Pep Band. She was vice president of Racer Band for two years.

Her internships included Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce, Lovett Auditorium (Lovett Live) and State Farm Insurance in Madisonville.

**Phelps** was a double major in journalism and organizational communication. She worked all four years on *The Murray State News*, serving as assistant news editor, news editor, copyeditor, and news/feature writer.



**Phelps**

She is a student assistant to the vice president for student affairs in public relations and marketing. She also works as an editorial assistant with Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company of Dubuque, Ind.

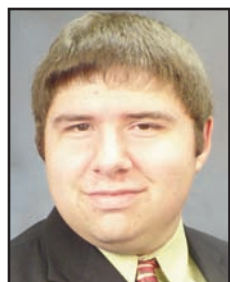
She served as the MSU Speech and Debate Union captain for three years and won awards in debate and poetry. She was president of Omicron Sigma Kappa for two years.

She was a member of the Kentucky Forensics Association, the Campus Activities Board, the Black Student Council, the Student Government Association and the Elizabeth College Council.

A journalism major with an advertising minor, **Smith** was the feature section designer and an advertising designer for *The Murray State News*.

He served as a web editor and

designer for New Caledonian Press/*Murray Life Magazine*/Theatre Arts Entertainment and for K-Squared Designs in Murray.



**Smith**

He participated in the Study Abroad Program in England and was a member of Alpha Delta Sigma, Kappa Tau Alpha and Alpha Mu Gamma.

He was treasurer of the Ads Club, president of the MSU Academic Team and sergeant of arms for the MSU Honors Program Student Council.

**Whitten** had a major in public relations with a minor in marketing. She was a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority and Public Relations Student Society of America.



**Whitten**

She served as editor of the MSU Women’s Center newsletter, as a staff writer for *The Murray State News* and as an assistant editor for Bluegrass Publishing.

Whitten was the public relations intern for the 2009 Bluegrass State Games, where she coordinated the “Celebration of Athletes.”

**Wisman** had a major in advertising with a minor in sociology. She was the advertising manager for *The Murray State News* and an advertising sales representative for *Murray Life Magazine*.



**Wisman**

She had a spring semester internship with Walt Disney World Resorts in Orlando and served as a campus representative for Disney.

She was vice president of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, and a member of the Ads Club, the Student Government Association, Gamma Sigma Alpha and Hart College Honor Society.

An electronic media (television production) major with a minor in French, **Zimmerman** worked news production for MSU TV-11.



**Zimmerman**

She was a Resident Advisor in Regents College and a member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Sigma Alpha Lambda and Sigma Sigma Sigma social sorority.

Zimmerman studied French language and culture in Dijon, France, and spent two weeks teaching Ukrainian students video production.

Two other students selected for “Who’s Who” had minors in Journalism and Mass Communications—Rebecca Feldhaus and Mia Walters.

**Feldhaus** was a music major with emphasis in voice. She had internships with the Kentucky Opera Production in Louisville, the Washington National Opera in Washington, D. C., and with *Opera News Magazine* in New York City.

She was a reporter for WKMS-FM and feature writer for *The Murray State News*. She also was a freelance writer for *Classical Singer Magazine* and *Opera News Magazine*.

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the automobile industry and as the sports information director for Limestone College.

He received his bachelor’s degree in English from Limestone College (Gaffney, S. C.).

**Thomas** served as the communications director/program coordinator at Murray State while working on her master’s degree. She also established her social media consulting firm, Elizabeth Thomas Creative, LLC.

Her experience includes marketing director for Transeastern Homes in Coral Springs, Fla.,

One of four students to receive a research fellowship, she produced a paper on “Marian Anderson, A Voice for the Seemingly Silent.”



**Feldhaus**

She was selected as the Outstanding Senior Woman for the December 2009 graduation.

**Walters** was a political science

major with minors in JMC and Spanish. She served as staff writer, assistant news editor, news editor and editor in chief for *The Murray State News*.



**Walters**

She had a study abroad summer in Segovia, Spain, and an internship with the American Civil Liberties Union in Louisville.

She was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Pi Sigma Alpha, Student Ambassadors and the MSU women’s crew team.

She served as social chair, secretary and vice president of the Honors Program Student Council.

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communications has had more than 20 percent of the “Who’s Who” selections for the past 25 years.

president/creative director for A Flair for Hollywood Advertising, Inc., and regional advertising manager for UDC Homes in Boynton Beach, Fla., vice president for publications for First Marketing Corporation in Pompano Beach, Fla., and media planner for RKO Radio in Los Angeles.

She received her undergraduate degree in journalism with emphasis in advertising from the University of Florida in Gainesville.

The outstanding students were recognized at the annual JMC Honors Banquet in April and at Honors Day in May.

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# ALUMNI NOTES

## 1965

**Dr. Robert McGaughey III** (65) is former chairman and a retired professor in the JMC department at Murray State.

## 1969

**James Love** (69) is a newsman at WHOP Radio in Hopkinsville, Ky.

**Peggy Dwyer Meece** (69) is retired in Lexington, Ky.

**Pat Moynahan** (69) is Vice Provost at Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights.

## 1970

**Martin Kady** (70) is retired from the Washington Post Inc. in Washington.

## 1971

**James Abernathy** (71) is editor at the *Mayfield Messenger* in Mayfield, Ky.

**Dr. Darryl Armstrong** (71) is owner and senior principal at Armstrong and Associates in Eddyville, Ky.

**Bill Bartleman** (71) is a political and investigative reporter for *The Paducah Sun*.

**David Harbour III** (71) is president and CEO at The Harbour Company in Anchorage, Alaska.

**Curtis Hart** (71) is an extended programs instructor/A-V/photographer at the University of Memphis.

## 1972

**Laura Wilford Butler** (72) is a therapist at the Trigg County Hospital.

**Marie Wells Coutu** (72) is a direct mail specialist at Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in Fort Mill, S.C.

**Ellen Armbruster Leigh** (72) works at Marsh's Edge Retirement Community in Saint Simons Island, Ga.

## 1973

**Cheryl Musgrave Estep** (73) is a coordinator-pre-admission support/MAT program in the University of Louisville's College of Education.

**Karen Isbell** (73) is a writer at Isbell Ink in Saint Louis.

**Christine Doughty Johnson** (73) is president at Leadership Louisville in Louisville, Ky.

**Philip Theobald** (73) works at Lextran in Lexington, Ky.

## 1974

**Rowland Brightwell II** (74) is a director and producer at

Insight Production in Durham, N.C.

**Barbara Holden Phillips** (74) is a legal assistant in Kansas City, Mo.

**Barry Raidt Jr** (74) is owner and operator of Eagle Nest Marina.

**Gary Reas** (74) is in the U.S. Army in Huntsville, Ala.

## 1975

**Anne Cretaro Adams** (75) is campaign manager at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in Harrisburg, Pa.

**Jeanne Matthews Chumbler** (75) is retired in Lawrenceburg, Ky.

**Jeff Curtsinger** (75) is an antique dealer in Murray.

**John Green** (75) is vice president of marketing for Gannett Co. Inc. in West Harrison, N.Y.

**Linda Murphy Koch** (75) is self-employed in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

**Sarah Trousdale Sandage** (75) works in underwriting-policy data management at KEMI (Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance) in Lexington, Ky.

## 1976

**William Arnold** (76) is retired in Paducah, Ky.

**Karen Flanigan Graves** (76) works in the Christian County School System in Hopkinsville, Ky.

**David Jernigan** (76) is a realtor at Coldwell Banker Realty in Franklin, Ky.

**Rachel Flora Koeniger** (76) is an online librarian at Washington & Lee University School of Law in Lexington, Va.

**Janet Lomax-Smith** (76) is a news anchor at WHEC-TV (Channel 10) NBC in Rochester, N.Y.

**Timothy Marler** (76) is Tulsa region exploration manager at The Williams Company/Williams Pipeline/Texas Gas in Tulsa, Okla.

**William Mitchell** (76) is general manager at the *Shelbyville Times Gazette* in Shelbyville, Tenn.

## 1977

**Kathryn Canavan** (77) is a freelance writer in Wilmington, Del.

**Mona Milam Casteel** (77) is a reporter for *The Free Press* in Woodstock, Va.

**Robert Crosno** (77) is the regional sales manager at WPSD-TV in Paducah, Ky.

**Rick Harrington** (77) is an account executive at KMOX - The Voice of St Louis.

**Dr. Ann Landini** (77) is an associate professor in the JMC department at Murray State and the faculty head of Hart Residential College.

**Nathalie Bolton McKay** (77) is a homemaker in Pewee Valley, Ky.

**Dr. Jon Morris** (77) is an associate professor in advertising at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

**Lucinda Davis Shouse** (77,78) is research administrator for the Department of Veteran Affairs in Washington.

## 1978

**Daniel Beavers** (78) is retired in Princeton, Ky.

**Timothy Carroll** (78) is director of public information in the Allen Independent School District in Allen, Texas.

**Jincy Canterbury Hayes** (78) retired as a colonel from the U.S. Marine Corps after 30 years of service and is currently employed at Fort Bragg, N.C., U.S. Army Special Operations Command as a management analyst for manpower.

**Donna Simmons Hickman** (78) is executive director of United Way in Bonne Terre, Mo.

**Gabe Hobbs** (78) is president of Gabe Hobbs Media which offers talent management and media advisory services.

**Mike Shaw** (78) is in technical project management at Alcatel-Lucent in Argyle, Texas.

**Alan Stout** (78) is an attorney at the Stout Law Office in Marion, Ky.

**Dr. John Taylor** (78) is an assistant professor in broadcasting and electronics at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

**Rev. Karen Miller Welch** (78) is co-pastor and manager of New Life Christian Center Church & Bookstore in Murray.

## 1979

**Ronald Beaton** (79) is a certified financial planner at Ron Beaton's Money Matters in Paducah, Ky.

**Jackie Hays Bickel** (79) is coordinator of wellness programs at Norton Healthcare in Louisville, Ky.

**Jim Carter** (79) is vice president of institutional advancement at Murray State University.

**Mary Dorris Watson** (79) is the director of promotional

strategies at Union University in Jackson, Tenn.

**Theodore Weaver Jr** (79) is owner/manager in movie/video production at The Directors Group in Louisville, Ky.

**Thomas Williams** (79) is senior production manager at Bernhard Link Theatrical Productions in New York.

## 1980

**Pamela Graham Anderson** (80) is a retired news anchor in Spartanburg, S.C.

**Dwight Armstrong** (80) is a video conferencing engineer in EDS/Saturn Media in Spring Hill, Tenn.

**Tammy Rankin Binford** (80) is a self-employed writer/editor in Nolensville, Tenn.

**Elga Ortiz Desautel** (80) works at Mary Kay Cosmetics Inc. in Carrollton, Texas.

**Anne Wooten Green** (80) is a freelance editor and writer in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**Donna Comer Harris** (80) is a senior implementation consultant at RedLantern, LLC (Miami University) in Miami, Ohio.

**David Ross** (80) is a journalism teacher at Houston County High School in Dover, Tenn.

**Elaine Spalding** (80) is president of the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce in Paducah, Ky.

**Laura Case York** (80) is an author at Rose Printing in Tampa, Fla.

## 1981

**Dr. Andy Alali Jr** (81) is chairman of the department of communications at California State University - Bakersfield.

**Kathy Briscoe Mendenhall** (81) works for Piedmont Airlines in Huntsville, Ala.

**Darrell Monroe** (81) is coordinator of volunteer service & community relations at St. Anthony's Hospice in Morganfield, Ky.

**Amy Wilson Norville** (81) is an independent consultant for Mary Kay in Marianna, Fla.

**Lori Vaughn Powell** (81) is a stay-at-home mom in Murray.

**John Roberts** (81) is executive producer at Horsecity.com Television Show in Augusta, Ga.

## 1982

**Ellen Hornberger Bartz** (82) works at Correct Care Solutions in Lawrence, Kan.

**Mike Fraser** (82) is executive vice president, chief develop-

ment officer at Source 44 LLC in San Diego.

**Karen Hopper** (82) is associate vice chancellor for research, special projects and distance learning at Arkansas State University-Mountain Home. She is a member of the Arkansas House of Representatives.

**Margaret Atkinson Pierce** (82) is a freelance writer in Knoxville, Tenn.

**Lori Rushing** (82) is an RN at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

**Kenneth Walker** (82) works for Paris Publishing in Paris, Tenn.

## 1983

**Debra Roessler Beaty** (83) is a pre-school teacher at St. Giles Children's Center in Orange Park, Fla.

**Dawn Sullivan Ellegood** (83) is at Guidestone Financial Resources in Mesquite, Texas.

**Gerald Emig** (83) is assistant sports information director at Ohio State University in Dublin.

**Michael Horning** (83) is vice president of sales at Premier Retail Networks in Rogers, Ark.

**Kelly Hixon Kirchgessner** (83) is secretary for the Association For Retarded Citizens in Albuquerque, N.M.

**George Lale** (83) is director of general licensing in operations at Broadcast Music Inc. in Nashville, Tenn.

**Edward Neary** (83) is president of En Dash Studio in Louisville, Ky.

**Charles Purcell** (83) is a partner/attorney at Waldrop & Hall in Jackson, Tenn.

**Melissa Summers-Hood** (83) is an exercise and nutrition consultant at Advanced Medical Weight Management Center in Charleston, S.C.

**Alan Zacharias** (83) is a consultant at Gonser Gerber Tinker & Stuhr LLP in Naperville, Ill.

## 1984

**Glenn Abee** (84) works for the city of Hopkinsville.

**Lynn Busby** (84) is executive director at Hickman Housing Authority in Hickman, Ky.

**Alfred Cravens** (84) is an X-Ray Technician in Lexington, Ky.

**Katherine Kerr** (84) is retired in Murray.

**Kristopher Mackey** (84) is a financial representative at Fairfax District Network Office in Fairfax, Va.

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**Ellery Moreland** (84) is an account executive at United Parcel Service in Tampa, Fla.

**Donna Kotheimer Neary** (84) is director of Civil War Sesquicentennial Initiatives for the Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort.

**Jennie Smith Rottinghaus** (84) is a development officer at Murray State.

## 1985

**Jeffrey Davidson** (85) is a news photographer at WKRN TV in Nashville, Tenn.

**Craig Eichelman** (85) is state director at AARP's Missouri state office in Kansas City, Mo.

**Sara Burrows Gipson** (85) is owner of Gipson Farms LLC in Paducah, Ky.

**Susan Hardesty Maley** (85) is a teacher at Inman Elementary School in Inman, S.C.

**Kenneth Russell** (85) works at American Home Design in Nashville, Tenn.

**Deborah Kirchorfer Slusser** (85) is owner of Daks Publishing Inc. in Naples, Fla.

**Jana Moore Thomasson** (85) is publisher of *The Mountain Press* in Sevierville, Tenn.

**David Tuck** (85) is a sound systems contractor at Music Central Inc. in Hopkinsville, Ky.

**Kevin Wilson** (85) is a serviceman at Murray State.

## 1986

**Dana Arnold** (86) is a speech pathologist for the Williamson Co.-Franklin Government-Special Education in Marion, Ill.

**Patsy Crawford Carruthers** (86) is director of academic technology for University of Kentucky Information Technology.

**Joni Miller Chambers** (86) is a homemaker in Paducah, Ky.

**Chris Evans** (86) is editor and publisher of *The Crittenden Press* in Marion, Ky.

**Gregory Ford** (86) is a partner at Robertson Water Treatment in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

**Natalie Bennett Godec** (86) works for AstraZeneca in Tampa, Fla.

**Patti Jones** (86) has retired from Murray State University.

**Stephanie McLean** (86) is director of education and outreach in Renaissance Comp. Inst. at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N.C.

**Jeff Prater** (86) is the head of Tanager Productions in Murray, which provides digital signage systems and advertising in western Kentucky. He is also the

minister of music for Memorial Baptist Church in Murray.

**Andrea Manley Underwood** (86) is a director of community relations and marketing for Paducah Power System in Paducah, Ky.

## 1987

**Valarie Edwards Cline** (87) is senior operations manager at Bank of America Corporation in Louisville, Ky.

**Jan Oglesby Croft** (87) is sales and marketing director at Nashville Jet in Nashville, Tenn.

**Janet Freeman James** (87) works in human resources at Crittenden County Hospital in Marion, Ky.

**Alison Marshall** (87) is associate director of the MSU Transfer Center at Murray State.

**Jann Washer Mayes** (87) is director/vice provost of extended programs at the University of Memphis in Collierville, Tenn.

**Terry Varney** (87) is with the Ky. Division of Emergency Management in Louisville, Ky.

## 1988

**Scott Binzer** (88) is an account manager at Gannett Co. Inc. in Crestwood, Ky.

**Jeannie Brandstetter** (88) is coordinator of public affairs at the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys in Jefferson City, Mo.

**Holly Brockman-Johnson** (88) is a freelance public relations consultant in Louisville, Ky.

**Clint Goins** (88) is a resource management analyst for the Kentucky Department of Education in Frankfort.

**Dean Jones** (88) is a pro/manager for Horizon Communications in Athens, Ala.

**John Talbert** (88) works at the Ky. Dept. of Financial Institutions in Paducah.

**Richard Todd** (88) is a social studies teacher at Murray Middle School.

## 1989

**Stephanie Stephens Balmer** (89) is dean of admissions and financial aid at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.

**Elizabeth Fisher Brahler** (89) is at Brahler Inc. in New Berlin, Ill.

**Cathy Davenport Cavanah** (89) works for the Todd County Board of Education.

**Cody Farley** (89) is a senior instructional designer/video producer at University of Farmers in Reseda, Calif.

**Randy Herndon** (89) is a broadcast/journalism teacher for the Graves Co. Board of Education in Mayfield, Ky.

**Sandra Hester-Steele** (89) is at Girls Inc. in Indianapolis.

**John Howard** (89) is rental property owner in Paducah, Ky.

**Bill Langford** (89) works at Publix Supermarket in Madison, Tenn.

**Stacy Rice Longoria** (89) is a stay-at-home mom in Ocala, Fla.

**Barbara Holsapple Moore** (89) is a building services technician at Murray State.

**Zebreina Patterson** (89) is a secretary in Counseling/Women's Center/Acad. Enh. Services at Murray State.

## 1990

**Nanette Kehrer Burkeen** (90) is a homemaker in Eureka, Mo.

**Laura Thompson Dougherty** (90) is ad manager at the *Paris, Tenn., Post-Intelligencer*.

**Mitchell Dupree** (90) is a computer engineer at Warrior Coal Corp. in Madisonville, Ky.

**Carlie Mechler** (90) is a housewife in Seymour, Tenn.

**Kelly Nelson** (90) is operations engineering manager at Bosch Braking Systems in Gallatin, Tenn.

**Kelli Burkeen Parsons** (90) is a vice president at Warburg Pincus LLC in New York.

**Joe Pawlak** (90) is retention sales manager at Waste Management in Germantown, Wis.

**Tom Sullivan** (90) is general manager at 91.1 KCFN-American Family Radio.

**Rev. Jim Trimble** (90) is associate rector at Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church in Louisville, Ky.

**MAJ William Willis III** (90) is a major/brigade support operations officer for the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg, N.C.

**Hans Henrik Wold** (90) is sales director at Catch The Eye.

## 1991

**Cyrus Afzali** (91) is owner/public relations consultant at Astoria Communications in Sloatsburg, N.Y.

**Mary Graham Allen** (91) is in nursing school at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College. She will graduate in December and begin a second career as a registered nurse.

**Omar Barahona-Perez** (91) is an independent consultant in El Salvador.

**Tim Black** (91) is general

manager of WEVV DT and WEVV DT2, the CBS affiliate and the MyNetwork affiliate in Evansville, Ind.

**Cheryl Gentry Cooper** (91) is attorney - clerk at the United States District Court in Owensboro, Ky.

**Marilynn McCallon Downey** (91) is a public works administrative assistant for the City of Murray Public Works.

**Keyla Martin Evans** (91) works in inventory control with the T-Mobile account for Brightpoint Inc. in Louisville.

**Joe Hedges** (91) is an instructor in the JMC department and adviser for *The Murray State News*.

**John Hobby** (91) is a financial center manager at Ohio Valley Financial Group in Henderson, Ky.

**Cathey Hartline Lane** (91) is a vice president at Harline Supply in Lakeland, Fla.

**Kelly Owen Makes** (91) is the owner and creative director for Kelly Makes Ink in New York.

**Matt Pereboom** (91) is a banker at Old National Bank in Evansville, Ind.

**Michael Robinson** (91) is human resources manager at Lithonia Lighting in Conyers, Ga.

**Lisa Farris Satterwhite** (91) is assistant director of the Murray-Calloway Co. Chamber of Commerce.

**Robert Wright Jr** (91) is a division manager at Waddell & Reed Inc. in Louisville, Ky.

## 1992

**Bryan Adams** (92) is self-employed at Sonlight Productions in Jackson, Miss.

**Victoria Breece** (92) is a purchasing agent at BA Promotions in Dexter, Mo.

**Carmen Stearns Damerman** (92) is a purchasing assistant at Transcraft Corp. in Anna, Ill.

**Melanie Bucklin Ellingsworth** (92) works for Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Ky.

**Tonnya Kennedy Kohn** (92) is managing editor for Knight-Ridder in Columbia, S.C.

**Alaina McCoy McCadd** (92) owns M-Power Management Group in Bolingbrook, Ill.

**Christopher Padgett** (92) is a ranger at Tims Ford State Park in Winchester, Tenn.

**Sean Reding** (92) is assistant director of public relations at Hardin Memorial Hospital.

**Marty Scarbrough** (92) is program director for KASU-FM at Arkansas State University.

**David Snow** (92) is managing editor at the *Demopolis Times* in Demopolis, Ala.

## 1993

**Stephanie Murray Aldridge** (93) is at Murray Insurance in Sanford, Fla.

**Tamela Allen** (93) is the manager at Dixon Culvert in Camden, Tenn.

**Greg Bennett** (93) is the technical workforce manager for Charter Communications in Simpsonville, S.C.

**Heather Anne Croze** (93) is athletic media relations assistant at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

**Amy Grewe Drews** (93) is a staff writer at the *Mayfield Messenger* in Mayfield, Ky.

**Sean Finnegan** (93) is president and chief digital officer at Starcom MediaVest Group in Chicago.

**Judy Shewmaker Gargus** (93) is area director for the American Cancer Society in Owensboro, Ky.

**James Lockwood** (93) is deputy communications director for the City of Saint Paul's mayor's office in Minnesota.

**Mark McWane** (93) is director of information services/CIO at Almost Family Inc. in Louisville, Ky.

**Monica Molnar** (93) is a media buyer for an advertising agency in Louisville, Ky.

**Chris Sheffer** (93) is a teacher for the Ballard County Board of Education in Barlow, Ky.

**Todd Tilsworth** (93) is sales manager at Health Resources, Inc. in Evansville, Ind.

## 1994

**Ty Englebright** (94) is a business banking officer at Integra Bank in Princeton, Ky.

**Kimberly Dirks Jewell** (94) works at Vamberger, Foreman, Oswald, & Hahn in Newburgh, Ind.

**Kina Hurt Knight** (94) works at FLW Outdoors in Benton, Ky.

**Bridget Koester** (94) works for Pioneer Hybrid International in Princeton, Ind.

**Jennifer Gulley Monarch** (94) works at American Founders Bank in Shelbyville, Ky.

**Angela Wood Moore** (94) is a claims representative for the Social Security Administration

# KPA recognizes work of alumni

Alumni of the JMC Department won 26 awards in the 2009 Kentucky Press Association newspaper competition.

The news/editorial awards were announced at the annual convention in Lexington Jan. 22.

In the weekly class 2 division, Justin McGill of the *Cadiz Record* won first place for Best On-Going Story and third place for Best Sports Feature and Best Sports Page/Section.

In the weekly class 3 division, the *Lebanon Enterprise* (Stevie Lowery, general manager) won first place for Best On-Going Story, for Best Special Section and for Best Sports Page/Section.

Lowery won first place and honorable mention for Best Gen-

eral News Story and second place for Best Front Page.

In the daily class 1 division, Jennifer Brown of the *Kentucky New Era* won first place for Best Business/Agribusiness Story and second place for Best General News Story. Danny Vowell of the *Kentucky New Era* took first place for Best Sports Picture and for Best Picture Essay.

Tommy Dillard of the *Murray Ledger & Times* took second place for Best Sports Feature. Kyser Lough of the Murray paper won second place for Best Business/Agribusiness Page and Honorable Mention for Best Picture Essay.

In the daily class 3 division Shelley Byrne and John Wright of

the *Paducah Sun* captured seven awards. Byrne won first place for Best General News Story and third place for Best Feature Story.

Wright took second and third place for Best Sports Picture Essay, third place and honorable mention for Best Picture Essay and honorable mention for Best Sports Picture.

In addition, Matt Sanders of the *Paducah Sun* got honorable mention for Best Special Section and *Sun* business editor Joe Walker received a Certificate of Merit for Best Business/Agribusiness Page.

A complete list of the award winners can be found at the KPA website, [www.kypress.com](http://www.kypress.com).

## Students, alumni receive broadcast awards

Several Murray State University Journalism and Mass Communications students and alumni won awards in the 2010 Kentucky Associated Press Broadcasters competition announced April 8.

Murray State's WKMS-FM collected the most first-place honors in Class Two Radio with six wins, including Light News Feature, Hard News Feature, Use of Sound, Special Series/Documentary, Enterprise/Investigative and Continuing Coverage.

Alum and staff member Chad Lampe won first place for Best Hard News Feature for his "Ice Storm Overview." Rebecca Feldhaus took first in Best Use of Sound for her program "Horse Whis-

perer." WKMS also won Best of Show with its reports on gay adoption.

Alum Donna Groves of WKYX in Paducah won first place for Best Spot News and was selected as Best Radio Reporter in Class Two.

Alum Chad Darnall of WPSD-TV six awards in Class Two Television. He won first place for Best Hard News Feature, Best News Videography, Best Sport News and Best TV News Videographer.

He won second place for Best Light News Feature and for Best Feature Videography.

Alum Pete Longton of WHAS-TV was part of a three-man team that won first place in Class One Television for Best Enterprise/Investigative Reporting.

## Emmy awards go to WTVF duo

Two alumni of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications have won Emmy awards for their work at WTVF Channel 5 in Nashville.

They are Amy Bryan Watson, 1989 broadcast journalism graduate from Murray, and Jerry Walker, a 1995 electronic media graduate from Mayfield. They received the awards at the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Mid-South Emmy awards banquet Jan. 30.

Bryan, a co-anchor of the "This Morning" show, won the award along with her morning show colleagues for Best Live Special Event. The event was the "Let Freedom Sing" July 4<sup>th</sup> Riverfront Celebration. This was Watson's fourth Emmy nomination.

Walker, promotion producer at WTVF, won three Emmy awards:

—Best PSA Campaign, "Nashville Rescue Mission: Hunger to Hope Campaign,"

—Best Promotional Campaign, News, "Morning People," and

—Best Short Form Photogra-

phy, "JWalker Pictures."

Watson went to WTVF in 2006. Prior to that, she had worked as reporter and evening anchor for 12 years at WPSD-TV Channel 6 in Paducah.

Her other broadcast experience includes WDEF in Chattanooga, Tenn.; KFVS in Cape Girardeau, Mo.; and TV 43 in Hopkinsville.

While at WPSD-TV she won several Associated Press Awards, including Best Reporter and Writing Excellence. She also won a RTNDA (Radio-TV News Directors Association) award for Best News Feature.

She has done the "Health Break" TV spots since 2006 for Western Baptist Hospital that are seen in the west Kentucky area.

Watson lives in Hopkinsville with her husband Derrick and her three children: Aaron, Sarah and Anna.

Walker now has won eight Emmys and received 27 nominations for news or promotion.

He has been the promotion producer for WTVF since 2004.

Prior to working in promotion, he was a photojournalist at WTVF from 1997 to 2004.

His other photojournalism experience includes WHBQ-TV, Memphis; KFVS-TV, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; and WPSD-TV, Paducah.

While a news photographer he received several National Press Photographers Association (NPPA) awards, including being on the staff of the National Station of the Year in 2003.

He has won the CBS Eye on Excellence Award for TV promotion. He has produced three documentaries and several short films and videos as an independent producer. Three have received recognition at the Nashville Independent Film Festival.

Walker lives with his wife Marian and son Gibb in Pleasant View, Tenn., halfway between Nashville and Clarksville.

The Mid-South Emmy region includes broadcast stations in Tennessee, North Carolina and Alabama.



Photo by Orville Herndon

Russ Oates, center, speaks to the audience during the Global Alumni Lecture in November. The lecture, part of MSU's International Education Week, discussed international business, travel and education. The panelists told how their Murray State educations have made them successful worldwide. Joining Oates on the panel were Terry L. Clark, left, 1981 engineering physics graduate and principal at Harness, Dickey and Pierce; and Shane Knotts, right, 1986 accounting grad. and vice president of global royalties and global income tracking for Sony Music Publishing. Oates is a 2001 journalism and geography graduate. He is the deputy director of external relations for the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

## Erwin co-hosts South Korean radio show

Nicole Erwin, a 2007 journalism graduate of Murray State University, made her debut as a co-host of "Travel Bug" on Arirang Radio in South Korea Jan. 6.

Airirang Radio is the "National Public Radio (NPR)" network of South Korea.

Erwin, a writer for JEJU, each week will describe her travels to different places as she explores as "a foreigner."

Erwin went to South Korea after her sister, Addie, told her about openings for English teachers and writers.

Nicole worked for Murray State's NPR station, WKMS-FM, as an undergraduate and briefly after she graduated. She won several awards in the Kentucky Associated Press competition for her news stories at WKMS, according to station manager Kate Lochte.

The Murray-area native also worked for WKNO-FM, the Memphis public radio station, prior to going to South Korea.

## Harrison named director for organizational development

Todd Harrison, a 1986 journalism graduate, is the director for organizational development for Stryker Corp. in Portage, Mich.

He joined the corporate office March 15 and is responsible for all of Stryker's company-wide leadership and employee development programs and practices, including its partnerships with the Harvard Business School and other organizations.

Stryker makes medical replacement parts and hospital equipment.

Before joining Stryker, Harrison worked for eight years for WellPoint, Inc., a \$60-billion health benefits company with

42,000 global employees as the director of leadership and associate development.

He also has served in senior training and organizational development roles at TotaleMed (now Spheris) and American Rehabilitation Services.

Harrison retired as a lieutenant colonel after 23 years with the Army and National Guard. A graduate of Murray State University's ROTC program, he served as a member of the cadre in the early 1990's as the student recruiter.

Harrison is the son of Dr. Dannie Harrison, retired dean of the College of Business, and Jackie Harrison of Murray.



Photo by Fred Mullane

Four were inducted into the Racer's Hall of Fame in February. They are, from left, Jenny Daag McDaniel, Don Heine, Marcus Brown and former coach Steve Newton.

## McDaniel, Brown inducted into Athletics Hall of Fame

Jenny Daag McDaniel, a 2000 December graduate with a major in advertising, was one of five former MSU athletes inducted into the Hall of Fame Feb. 5.

Daag was the second women's golfer to be inducted into MSU's Hall of Fame. She was the first player in MSU history to earn OVC Player of Year honors in women's golf. She captured the honor in 1998 and 1999.

She was a three-time first-team OVC All-Conference selection—1998, 1999, and 2000. She was a medalist in two OVC championships and a member of three OVC championship teams.

An 11-time all-tournament selection during her four-year career, she had 11 top-five finishes, 18 top-ten finishes and won five tournaments. She served as team captain in 1999 and 2000.

Her senior year she won the North South Intercollegiate tournament and the MSU Invitational tournament. She finished with a career OVC Tournament average of 78.75.

After graduation, she worked at EF Education in Boston in graphic design and marketing. Her next job was in marketing and sales with Ladies Golf.Com. She then worked for more than three years as a design consultant for Ethan Allen.

After her first child (Hugo) was born in 2004, she and hus-

band Steven moved to her native Sweden. In February 2009 she and her family moved to Tranas where Steven became the head pro at Tranas GK.

She is the business manager, doing the accounts, purchasing, merchandising, sales and staff management.

After not playing for several years to raise her two children and work, she finally started again last year. This year she hopes to play more and possibly teach some ladies and junior groups.

Another 2010 inductee into the Athletes Hall of Fame was Marcus Brown, who earned his Bachelor of Independent Studies degree in communications in 2006.

Brown, who is currently playing pro basketball in Lithuania, was named to the All-Ohio Valley Conference team three times and twice was named OVC player of the year. He is one of only nine MSU players to earn All-OVC honors three times.

He holds several scoring records, including a single-game record of 45 points in 1995, the single-season scoring average of 26.4 points in 1995-96 and third on the all-time list for total scoring with 2,236 points.

Brown, of West Memphis, Ark., ranks second at MSU in single-season free-throw percentage at .896 and third in all-

time free-throw percentage at .849.

He is remembered for his performances against some of the top teams in the nation. He scored 33 points against Purdue, 32 points against Louisville and 26 points in the Racers' 1995 NCAA game against North Carolina.

Brown played with the Portland Trail Blazers, the Vancouver Grizzlies and the Detroit Pistons of the NBA before becoming one of the top players in the Euroleague.

He has played with eight teams and been a part of 17 championships, including the French National Championship, the French National Cup, the Turkish National Championship, the Turkish National Cup, the Spanish National Championship, the Israeli League Championship and the Baltic League Championship.

He has been a league Most Valuable Player 10 times and selected to the All-Euroleague first team once and second team twice.

Brown is the all-time leading scorer in Euroleague history, scoring his 2,500 point March 11, 2009. He was listed as one of the Euroleague's 35 greatest all-time players.

The 2010 Hall of Fame Class is the 32<sup>nd</sup> since the first one in 1965.

## Qu's paper presented at Broadcast Educators conference

Rui Qu, the 2009 Outstanding JMC Graduate Student, had a paper accepted for presentation at the Broadcast Educators Association conference in Las Vegas in April.

The paper, "Gender Differences in Olympic Photos," won second place in the open competition of the Gender Issues Division. The paper was a content analysis of photographs of athletes in three Chinese newspapers during the Olympic Games in China. The original research was done for her comprehensive master's project at Murray State.

Following her graduation from Murray State in May 2009, Qu received a fellowship to work on her Ph.D. degree at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and began her studies there in the fall of 2009.

A perfect 4.0 student in her

master's program, she received her undergraduate degree in literature with teaching Chinese as a foreign language from the Beijing Language and Culture University.

She worked as an editor for English learning books for the Beijing New Channel International Education Group and as an advertising sales assistant for the *City Weekend* magazine.

Qu is currently in China and was unable to attend the conference. Dr. Celia Wall, graduate coordinator for the JMC Department and Qu's adviser on the paper, made the presentation for her.

Wall won the Michael Basile Award for Extraordinary Contribution to Internationalization for 2010. Wall teaches the International Communications class and has directed or co-directed 13 overseas programs.



Photo by George Rogers

Ads Club participated in the National Student Advertising Competition in Cleveland, Ohio, in April. Those attending the competition were, front row from left: Elizabeth "Libby" Files, Miranda Arnold, Alice Rogers, Velenzia Rouse, Karie Mikel, second row from left: Gill Welsch, Nick Paxton, Andrew Jones, and David Szemeredy.

## Finnegan attends correspondents dinner

Sean Finnegan, the president and chief digital officer of Starcom MediaVest Group in Chicago, was an invited guest at the White House Correspondents Dinner May 1.

Finnegan, a 1993 advertising graduate, has been recognized as one of the top young men in the digital advertising field. He has served on the board of directors of the American Advertising Federation.

He had been the chief media officer at Vibrant Media, a contextual in-text advertising network before moving to Starcom in October 2008. Vibrant Media,

which was founded in 2000, has offices in New York, San Francisco, Hamburg, London and Paris.

Prior to joining Vibrant Media, Finnegan was the CEO of Omicron Media Group Digital. He was responsible for overseeing all of Omicron's media entities, such as OMD, PHD, and Fuse Sports & Entertainment.

He is a member of the Journalism and Mass Communications advisory council and has worked with students in the Ads Club.

## The News receives 23 awards at KIPA conference

The student staff of *The Murray State News* won 23 awards, including three first-place honors, in the annual newspaper competition of the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association.

The winners were announced at the annual KIPA conference at Transylvania University in Lexington Feb. 26-27.

Eli Phillips won two of *The News'* first-place awards, for best advertising design and for best advertising copy. Carl Buchanan won the other first-place award for best editorial cartoon.

Phillips also won second place for advertising art and honorable mention for best house ad, for best overall web site and for best web home page.

Elizabeth Johnson took second place in the deadline writing competition and honorable mention for best special section.

Mia Walters earned two second-place honors, for best news headline and for her work in the AP style contest.

Other second-place winners were Katelyn Swift, advertising copy; Kristen Miller, informational graphic; Chris Phillips, advertising art; and Trevin Holder, comic strip or panel.

Third-place winners were Misty Hays, informational graphic; Cody Arant, reviews; and David Szemeredy, advertising design.

Other honorable mention awards went to Szemeredy, advertising art; Alison Mugler, sports page layout; Charlotte Kyle, feature headline; Clayton Vertrees, editorial; and *The News* staff, overall layout.

Joe Hedges, lecturer in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, serves as the adviser to *The Murray State News*.



Photo by Joe Hedges

*The Murray State News* received 23 awards at the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association conference in February. Representing *The News* were, front row from left: Casey Thornton, Mallory Dickerson, Katelyn Swift, Eli Phillips, second row from left: Greg Waddell, Jodi Keen, Elizabeth Johnson, Stephanie Steele, Mia Walters, and back row from left: Ricky Martin, and David Borum.

## The News wins 16 awards in Kentucky advertising contest

The advertising staff of *The Murray State News* won 16 awards May 21 at the 2010 Advertising Excellence in Kentucky Newspapers contest sponsored by the Kentucky Press Association.

Awards were presented at a luncheon on the campus of Western Kentucky University during a day-long advertising conference.

### First place awards:

Healthcare/medical: Chris Phillips for a MSU Student Government Association Blood Drive  
Creative use of newspaper: Eli Phillips for a classified ad promotion

Furniture: Mary Moore for A Good Thing consignment store

Real estate: Katelyn Swift for The Chase apartments

Special events: David Szemeredy for an Alliance sponsored drag show. Judges wrote: "All appropriate details provided. But key to first place finish was design ... effective use of white space, dramatic graphics, multimedia platform use and spot color for eye-catching effect. Well done!"

### Second place awards:

Best use of color: David Szemeredy for an Alliance sponsored drag show

Miscellaneous: Staff for First Baptist Church  
Entertaining/dining: Mary Moore for Pagliai's Pizza

Clothing: Chris Phillips for Serendipity on the Square

Creative use of newspaper: David Szemeredy for

a series of ads for The Press Box, an online sports program  
Jewelry: Staff, Michelson's

### Third place awards:

Entertainment/dining: David Szemeredy for Jasmine's

Clothing stores: Staff for Jack & Diane  
Special section: Staff for Superfecta: The Best of Student Life

Creative use of newspaper: Eli Phillips for ad promoting a blog on thenews.org  
General excellence: staff

Joe Hedges, newspaper adviser, represented the newspaper at the awards ceremony.

"The KPA advertising contest is the last contest of the 2009-2010 academic year and the success we enjoyed is a fitting way to end the year," Hedges said. "Our student advertising staff works hard throughout the year, selling and designing ads for clients in Murray and surrounding area."

"The award-winning tradition of *The Murray State News* provides our journalism and advertising students with valuable training in a variety of areas including reporting, photography, editing, design, cartooning, online production and advertising. To be recognized for their work by the Kentucky Press Association is a tribute to our students' commitment to quality journalism."

*The Murray State News* is produced weekly during the spring and fall semesters. The newspaper also operates a website, found at thenews.org. Offices are in 111 Wilson Hall.



PRSSA members met with 10th district Ky. State Representative Eddie Ballard as part of the PRSSA professional development meetings in Frankfort. Those participating in the meeting included, from left: Reese Hawkins, Erin Atha, Mrs. Ballard, Rep. Ballard, Robyn Ping, and Lauren Rosentretter.

## JMC students help deliver women, men OVC golf titles

Two JMC seniors helped the Murray State women's golf team capture its second consecutive OVC title in April. They are Megan McKinney and Joyce Trus.

In the rain-shortened tournament, McKinney fired scores of 76, 72 and 37 for a three-round total of 185 to finish second at the Grey-Stone course in Dickson, Tenn.

Trus shot a 187 with rounds of 78, 75 and 34 to finish fifth place. Trus had a season stroke average of just over 76 and was named to the first team All-OVC.

The two seniors were named to the All-Tournament team. The team was scheduled to play in the NCAA Central Regional in Bloomington, Ind., at the Otter Creek Golf Course May 6-8.

McKinney, a TV production major with an advertising minor,

would like to work in sports broadcasting.

Trus, an advertising major with a marketing minor, would like to play professional golf or work with an advertising agency.

In addition to the two senior women golfers, the department also had the OVC men's tournament champion—Nick Newcomb.

Newcomb, a BIS student with an area in communications, is from Benton. He shot 73-69-73—215 to win the medalist honors by one stroke over teammate Jared Wolfe.

He was named the OVC Player of the Year and the OVC Tournament MVP. He also won the individual title in 2008.

He hopes to continue playing golf on the professional level.

# McKinney receives Campbellsville's Excellence in Teaching Award

Stan McKinney, a Murray State University journalism graduate, received the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Excellence in Teaching Award at Campbellsville University April 28.

McKinney, who earned his bachelor's degree in 1974 and his master's degree in 1987, teaches journalism and photography at Campbellsville.

He received the award from the university's advancement board at the annual honors and awards day. He has taught full time at Campbellsville for 10 years.

Prior to becoming a professor in journalism, he was an adjunct

professor for 13 years while working at the *Central Kentucky News-Journal*.

He has more than 25 years as a reporter, photojournalist and editor for three different newspapers. His first job was at *The Sturgis News*. Then he worked at *The Sentinel News* in Shelbyville before moving to the Campbellsville paper.

McKinney has taught reporting, photojournalism, desktop publishing, media ethics and served as advisor to the student newspaper. He is completing his term as a journalism educator on the Kentucky Press Association board of directors.

He has written three textbooks on journalism and photography and has worked with the university and the *News-Journal* to establish the Stan McKinney Central Kentucky News-Journal Digital Image Collection.

Sara Curry, chair of the advancement board, said that the main criterion for the award is how a professor responds to students and how they respond to the professor.

She noted, "Stan is a beloved professor who values his students and who follows their careers and keeps up with their successes."

# Wall named 2010 recipient of internationalization award

Dr. Celia Wall, associate professor in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications at Murray State University has won the Michael L. Basile Extraordinary Contribution to Internationalization Award for 2010.

The award, which was established in 2006, was first won by Dr. Fred Miller. Dr. Bonnie Higginson received the 2007 award.

There was no award given in 2008, according to Melanie McCallon, associate director for Education Abroad. However, in 2009 Dr. Basile received the award which was named for him. He retired in 2009 as the director of the Institute of International Studies.

According to McCallon, the nomination committee consists of representatives from the areas of the Institute of International Studies, ESL, Study Abroad, International Admissions and International Student Services.

McCallon noted that members of the committee said Wall was "a study abroad recruiting machine" and "infuses internationalization into everything she does." She added that Wall was the unanimous choice.

Wall serves on the Institute for International Studies Advisory Committee, the IIS Programs Committee (chair), the Study Abroad Crisis Management Committee, the International Studies Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Development Committee.

In addition, she is a member of the board of directors for the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA) and has served as assistant director or director of 13 overseas programs in England, Ireland, Australia and Scotland.

She taught International Mass Communications in the London Winter Program (December 2006-January 2007) and is scheduled to teach the class again this summer in London.

A graduate of Murray State with a bachelor's and a master's degree in journalism, Wall earned a master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. After

doing graduate work in educational leadership at Vanderbilt University, she completed her doctorate in communication at the University of Kentucky in 2000.

In 1980, Wall joined the Murray State faculty as a reference librarian and assistant professor. In 1987 she became the Study Abroad Coordinator for the MSU Center of International Programs. Later she was the assistant director and then the acting director of the center.

She became a member of the JMC faculty in 1994 as associate professor. She has taught a wide range of courses, including news writing, research methods, international mass communications and several public relations classes.

Her other university service includes the Faculty Senate, Clark and Hart Colleges Advisory Board, the Roads Scholars program and several departmental and collegiate committees.

She has served as JMC senior honor thesis adviser, as master's thesis adviser and as a faculty reader for the graduate final comprehensive projects.

She helped plan, write and administer grants for three Newspaper-in-Residents programs and one Broadcaster-in-Residence program. The grants totaled almost \$50,000.

Last year, Wall served as co-editor of the self-study report for the accreditation of the JMC Department by the Accrediting Council for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

Publishing in the fields of journalism and library science, Wall has more than 30 articles and presentations. She currently serves as the graduate student coordinator for the JMC Department.

The recipient of the Student Support Services' Fabulous Faculty Award, she has been nominated three times by the JMC Department for the Regents Teaching Award. In 2006 she was named The Distinguished Professor by the MSU Alumni Association.

# Qualls' presentation approved by Kentucky Bar Association

Dr. Kevin Qualls, an assistant professor in Murray State University's Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, has received notification from the Kentucky Bar Association that one of his legal presentations has been approved for Continuing Legal Education credit.

Approved was Qualls' presentation, "From Online to In-Court: Social Media and Tort Liability," that he gave to the McCracken County Bar Association in May.

Qualls said that the main point was for the lawyers to realize that their business clients are publishers if they maintain a presence on social media and that they are liable for what is published.

Qualls, who joined the Murray State faculty in the fall of 2008, has his bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Kentucky and his master's degree from Marshall University. His juris doctorate is from the Liberty University

School of Law.

He teaches media production, media writing and mass communications law. Prior to earning his law degree, he taught TV production at Paducah Community College from 1987 to 1989 while serving as the program director for the community access television station.

He also taught video production and editing at Marshall University, at Florence Darlington Technical College and at Frances Marion University in Florence, S. C.

From 1997 to 2004 he owned and operated Digital Age Recording, LLC in Paducah. The company provided media production services for business and industry for use in broadcast media, DVD and internet sites.

It also created and managed media campaigns for political candidates.

For more information, contact Qualls at kevin.qualls@murraystate.edu.

# Faculty present at MAPOR

Three faculty members in Murray State University's Department of Journalism and Mass Communications presented papers at the Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research annual conference in Chicago Nov. 20-21.

Dr. Kevin Qualls' and Gill Welsch's presentation was "Your Comments Are Invited: A Content Analysis of Online Comments to Local News."

The study examined 30 randomly selected newspaper Web sites from across the nation to determine the types of stories that readers comment on and the types of comments that they leave.

The research paper classified online news stories into six categories: spot news, human interest news, government news, school news, general news and political news.

The general news stories captured the most reader comments, followed by political news, spot news, government news, school news and human interest news.

The types of comments were classified as being positive,

negative, neutral or other. The vast majority of comments—almost 60 percent—were negative.

White's paper, "So you really want to be in the movies? Demonstrating effects of institutional portrayals in Hollywood releases," was co-authored by Steve Everett and Rob Daves.

The paper addressed the positive effects on public opinion an organization received by its association with three recent movies—"Iron Man," "Transformers" and "Eagle Eye."

Qualls is an assistant professor who joined the department in 2008. He holds the juris doctorate and teaches mass communications law and television production.

Welsch, senior lecturer, joined the department in 1992 and is the head of the advertising major.

White, who has won both the Regent Teaching Award and the Max Carman Teaching Award, is a full professor who has taught in the department since 1991.



# ALUMNI NOTES

in Mayfield, Ky.

**Jeremy Park** (94) is a salesman for Capital Environmental Gro in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Daniel Szurgot** (94) is a commercial producer at WPSD-TV Local 6 in Paducah, Ky.

## 1995

**Maggie Fulcher** (95) works for the Graves County Board of Education in Mayfield, Ky.

**Bobby Glass** (95) is systems administrator for National Collegiate Scouting Association (NCSA) in Chicago.

**Michael Johnson** (95) is an account management analyst at Deloitte, LP in Fort Worth, Texas.

**Sarah Dearworth Pack** (95) is a marketing specialist at Dana Corp. in Paris, Tenn.

**Sherry Newsome Purdom** (95) is public information officer for the Murray Independent School District.

**Dave Washburn** (95) is administrative operations director at FLW Outdoors in Benton, Ky.

## 1996

**Rene Pulliam Barron** (96) is the human resource manager for Bidel in New York.

**Krista Decker** (96) is a bartender at Rhino's Pub in Normal, Ill.

**Christy Haire Gross** (96) works at Stept Transportation in Union, Ky.

**Thomas Kimmel** (96) is public relations director for Heath Coleman Racing in Eddyville, Ky.

**Alison Durham McCoy** (96) is assistant to the vice president at Family Legacy Inc. in Greenville, S.C.

**Ben Wright** (96) is regional warehouse manager/internet sales manager for Kentucky Lake Oil Company.

## 1997

**Slone Hutchison Cansler** (97) is director of the Hopkinsville Extended Campus for Murray State.

**Molly Cochran** (97) is assistant director of alumni affairs at

Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

**Jason Dick** (97) is senior production manager at GA Communications, Inc. in Atlanta.

**Kimberly Nantz Dixon** (97) is marketing manager at Stratus Foods in Memphis, Tenn.

**David Earles** (97) is programming director at WYMC 1430 AM in Mayfield, Ky.

**Kathryn Graham** (97) works in accounts receivable at Dessert Express Distribution in Chandler, Ariz.

**Jennifer Eckart Holland** (97) is general manager of customer service at Service Net in Sellersburg, Ind.

**Scott Nanney** (97) is office manager at First Baptist Church in Paris, Tenn.

**Mike Ohstrom** (97) teaches Spanish at Rivet High School and Flaget Elementary School in Vincennes, Ind.

**Nathan Sheets** (97) is a distributor account executive at Neogen Corporation in Lexington, Ky.

**Krysta Ernstberger Smith** (97) is a sales representative at Integrated Computer Solutions in Murray.

**Danny Vowell** (97) is chief photographer at the *Kentucky New Era* in Hopkinsville, Ky.

**Joshua Waggoner** (97) is a metabolism/specialty sales representative at Sanofi Aventis in Collierville, Tenn.

## 1998

**Erin Grogan Eggen** (98) is media relations coordinator for the Dept. of Kentucky Transportation Safety in Frankfort.

**Brandon Houser** (98) works at the *Louisville Eccentric Observer* in Louisville, Ky.

**Brad Kelly** (98) works at GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals in Paducah, Ky.

**Angela Wilson Kraheil** (98, MA 99) is the sales coordinator for the Double Tree Hotel-Cincinnati Airport.

**Shannon Lossner-Zimmerman** (98) is a homemaker in Louisville, Ky.

**Deonna McCord** (98, 09) is an English teacher at Crittenden County High School in Marion, KY. She graduated with a master's degree in English from Murray State in May 2009.

**Jeremy McKeel** (98, 02) is the head of the TV production major at Murray State.

**Benjamin Morehead** (98) is a Spanish teacher for the McCracken Co. Board of Education in Paducah, Ky.

**Stephanie Schneider-Smith** (98, 04) is a special education teacher and freelance writer in Louisville.

**Lori Thompson** (98) is associate income development director for the American Cancer Society.

**Tracy Tubbs** (98) is a marketing consultant for Bristol Broadcasting, WKYQ and Electric 96.9 in Paducah, Ky.

**Kandi Woodrome** (98) is communications coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association in Columbia, Ill.

**Wendy Wilder Yates** (98) is a homemaker in Paducah, Ky.

## 1999

**Kelly Polivick Davis** (99) is shipments planner at NewPage in Wickliffe, Ky.

**Dana Blankenship Kelley** (99) is at Bloodhorse Publications in Lexington, Ky.

**Mandy Keller Medsker** (99) is an online auto ads account executive at *The Tennessean* in Nashville, Tenn.

**Jeffrey Piskos** (99) is a stockbroker at Edward Jones in Camden, Tenn.

**Larissa Shoemaker Porter** (99) is assistant branch manager at Old National Bancorp in Indianapolis.

**Dan Sheppard** (99) works at the West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah, Ky.

**Tish Sloan** (99) is a broker associate in Benton, Ky.

**Derek Watters** (99) is a department manager at Pella Corp. in Murray.

**Karie Greider Wohlgemuth** (99) is director of client services

at The ESP Group LLC in Arlington, Va.

## 2000

**Matthew Barlow** (00) is a GIS technician/information assurance for the Marshall County Fiscal Court in Benton.

**Jennifer Pitzer Brown** (00) is the editor of the *Kentucky New Era* in Hopkinsville, Ky.

**Andrea Berry Farr** (00) is interactive director at Powell Creative in Nashville, Tenn.

**Laura Barnes Glaude** (00) is a counselor at Youth Villages (Deer Valley) in Memphis, Tenn.

**Jeff Gyokeri** (00) is a trainer at Fed Ex Ground in Manchester, Conn.

**Christine Hall** (00) is currently the technology, media/marketing, and online news reporter for the *Houston Business Journal*, an American City Business Journals newspaper.

**Jennifer Hendrix** (00) is a therapy specialist at Curascript Infusion Pharmacy in Louisville, Ky.

**Michelle Martini** (00) is a library assistant at the McCracken Co. Public Library in Paducah, Ky.

**Alyson McNutt English** (00, 03) is a freelance writer and editor. Her stories have appeared in such magazines as *Self*, *ESPN Magazine*, *AARP Magazine*, and *Kiwi*. She also writes for HGTV.com, Bankrate.com, BobVila.com, etc.

**Aimee Perry Parker** (00) is a medical staff recruiter for Trover Foundation in Madisonville, Ky.

**Leigh Young Randall** (00) is a senior support service associate at the Purchase District Health Dept. in Princeton, Ky.

**Jason Reeves** (00) is human resources training manager at Hilton Americas in Houston.

**Audrey Risley Shockley** (00) is program manager at Junior Achievement in Owensboro, Ky.

**Greg Taylor** (00) is a self-employed attorney who also has a real estate investment company in Murray.

## 2001

**Kate Broeckling** (01) is at the *Southeast Missourian* newspaper in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

**Shelley Street Byrne** (01) is the legal affairs reporter for *The Paducah Sun*.

**Christian Cruce** (01) is associate director of financial aid/scholarships at Murray State.

**Brad Darnall** (01) is a teacher for the Calloway Co. Board of Education in Murray.

**Jennifer Elliott** (01) is at Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Memphis, Tenn.

**Christy Stephens Harris** (01) is a graduate student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas.

**Leslie Haviland-Smith** (01) is the associate director of student services at Keiser University.

**Angela Colson Kimbro** (01) is chief financial officer at K-Squared Designs LLC in Murray.

**Wendy Cardwell Lawrence** (01) is a diagnostic sonograph technician at Trover Health System in Madisonville, Ky.

**Stevie Lowery** (01,02) is the editor/general manager of *The Lebanon Enterprise* in central Kentucky.

**Rachel Maxwell** (01) is a homemaker in Lexington, S.C.

**Greg Milton** (01) is an education administrator at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater, Fla.

**Carla Wiggins Pobst** (01) is a homemaker in Paducah, Ky.

**Stephanie Simmons** (01) is an account manager in commercial sales at Sanford Brands in Nashville, Tenn.

**Kristin Hill Taylor** (01) is a stay-at-home mom.

## 2002

**Bethany Adler** (02) is a special ed teacher in Crofton, Ky.

**Rebecca Francis Ballard** (02) is a public relations account executive at Public Strategies Inc. in Washington.

**Laura Deaton** (02) is membership and marketing coordinator at Education Writers Association in Washington.

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**Scott Gibson** (02) is a quality improvement specialist at Health Care Excel.

**Kyle Hensley** (02) is assistant vice president at United Southern Bank in Hopkinsville, Ky.

**Lenisa Lowery Jones** (02) works at the Marshall County Public Library in Benton, Ky.

**Justin Kimbro** (02) is chief operating officer at K-Squared Designs LLC in Murray, Ky.

**Krista Kimmel** (02) is a visiting instructor in communications at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

**Emily Black McGill** (02) is the office manager of the *Marshall County Tribune-Courier* in Benton, Ky.

**Justin McGill** (02) is the executive editor of *The Cadiz Record*.

**Murry Rhodes** (02) owns Advanced Training Systems in Collierville, Tenn.

**Kimberly Boram Shoulders** (02) is assistant administrator at Rivers Bend Retirement Community in Kuttawa, Ky.

**Tim Stark** (02) works at Automated Direct Mail.

**Krista Zurkamer** (02) is international business manager-Pacific Rim for the Missouri Department of Economic Development in Jefferson City, Mo.

## 2003

**Kathryn Dunman Anderson** (03) is a freelance writer in Billings, Mont.

**Miranda Burnett** (03) is a communications specialist at Kentucky's Western Waterland in Grand Rivers, Ky.

**Abigail Cronch-Oglesby** (03) is at Serendipity Entertainment Corp. in Kansas City, Mo.

**Kennette Cleaver Jones** (03) is a dental hygienist for Dr. Randy Taylor in Murray.

**Stephanie Minix** (03) is a sponsorship sales account coordinator for the Indianapolis Colts.

**Adam Pitman** (03) works at Mr Gatti's in Murray.

**Jeremy Rose** (03) is assistant vice president at Community Financial Services Bank in Benton, Ky.

**Casey Schwartz** (03) is a service technician for Ed Schwartz AC.

**Garett Wall** (03) is assistant sports information director for the University of Louisville.

**Amanda Watson-Smiles** (03) is a media/marketing specialist at Mid-Continent University in

Mayfield, Ky.

## 2004

**William Amos** (04,05) is the University of Southern Alabama account executive for Jaguar Sports Marketing/IMG.

**Denise Reed Brazzell** (04) is a social worker at Graves County High in Mayfield, Ky.

**Nicole Dorion** (04) works at Luckett & Farley Architectural Firm in Louisville, Ky.

**Joe Edwards** (04) is vice president for Harper Construction LLC.

**Joseph Kay Jr.** (04) works at Lake Barkley in Cadiz, Ky.

**Lauren Stadler Lambrich** (04) is a marketing specialist for Cadillac Jack in Buford, Ga.

**Anthony Lucido** (04) is a financial adviser for Morgan-Keegan in Belleville, Ill.

**Reggie Shaw Jr.** (04) is residential education coordinator at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

**Melony Leazer Shemberger** (04) is public relations and marketing communications specialist at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn.

**Ashley Pruiett Smith** (04) is the office support assistant for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services in Eddyville, Ky.

**Michael Toon** (04) is owner and publisher of *Carlisle Weekly* in Bardwell, Ky.

## 2005

**Megan Arszman** (05) is photo/e-newsletter editor for *The Horse* at Blood-Horse Publications in Lexington, Ky.

**Justin Barr** (05) is a news producer at WPSD-TV in Paducah, Ky.

**William Brantley** (05) is associate editor at *Ducks Unlimited Magazine* in Cordova, Tenn.

**Heather Bryant** (05) is working on her masters of arts in teaching degree at Austin Peay State University. She plans to graduate in December and will be certified to teach English in grades 7-12.

**Rachel Coleman** (05) is a photographer at WPSD-TV NewsChannel 6 in Paducah, Ky.

**Amy Hille** (05) is a real estate marketing manager at Amelia Island Plantation in Fernandina Beach, Fla.

**Dana Starnes Howard** (05) is a communication and special events coordinator for alumni affairs at Murray State.

**Alichia Sawitoski Keller** (05) is an associate director at Starcom Worldwide in Chicago.

**Misty Brown Lanham** (05) is an ESL admissions clerk at Murray State.

**Wen-Chi Liu** (05) works for the American Cancer Society in Flushing, N.Y.

**Kyser Lough** (05) works in customer support at Hawkins Research Inc. in Murray.

**Brooke Harris Wiles** (05) is a marketing coordinator in human resources/marketing at FNB in Paducah, Ky.

**Shanah Zigler** (05) is a freelance producer in Franklin, Tenn.

## 2006

**Nathan Clinkenbeard** (06) is editorial director for Dugout Media and managing editor for *Baseball Youth*.

**April Hamlin** (06) is a director in personnel and productivity at Daniel C. Marsh DDS in Mayfield.

**Robert Hankins** (06) is an intern at Talk Radio News Service in Washington.

**Christopher Haynes** (06, 08) is a producer for electronic media services and the JMC department at Murray State.

**Tracy Keller** (06) works for ProMoter Inc. Marketing Communications in Louisville, Ky.

**Warren King** (06) runs King Brothers Grocery in Benton, Ky.

**Megan Chaney Mitchell** (06) is a transfer coordinator in admissions at Austin Peay State University.

**Meghan Mottaz** (06) is a student loan specialist at Murray State University.

**Mitchum Owen** (06) obtained his masters in New Media from Indiana University and founded an interactive company in Los Angeles. Milo Digital, LLC creates websites, Facebook pages, Flash games, and interactive components for local, national, and international brands such as Sony Home Pictures, Oberto Beef Jerky, JCPenney, Wendy's, Lean Cuisine, and more.

**Janet Robb** (06) is the feature writer at *The Perry County News* in Tell City, Ind.

**Christopher Taylor** (06) works at WKMS at Murray State.

**Jennifer Hester Thornton** (06) is an OSP temp. at Murray State University.

**Katie Villanueva** (06) is a graduate student at Murray State.

**Lindsey Waddy** (06) is a copy editor at FLW Outdoors.

**Jillian Moore Weatherford** (06) is an advertising sales rep-

resentative for the *Kentucky New Era*.

**Matthew Whitaker** (06) is alliance specialist at IMG World in Lexington, Ky.

**Christin Yates** (06) is a public relations account manager at Archer Malmo Advertising in Memphis, Tenn.

## 2007

**Ruth Barcelona** (07) is marketing coordinator at Hamburg Home Journal, LLC in Lexington, Ky.

**Eric Belmonte** (07) works in ad sales at the *Courier Journal* in Louisville, Ky.

**Stephanie Zeller Caudill** (07) is a news writer at *The Courier-Journal*.

**Marianne Clark** (07) is a sales associate at American Cellular in Mayfield, Ky.

**Paulina Combow** (07) works at Nashville State Community College.

**Olin Graczyk** (07) is assistant account executive at Red Letter Communications in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

**John Harper** (07) works at Toys R Us in Louisville, Ky.

**Chris Jung** (07) is a director for CatholicSportsNet.

**Tara Roberts** (07) is the marketing specialist of Northern Arizona University-Yuma Branch Campus.

**Curt Stewart** (07) works at WPSD-TV in Paducah, Ky.

## 2008

**Sherri Anderson** (08) is a salesperson for Dell in Nashville, Tenn.

**Lauren Michelle Ballantyne** (08) is a coalition network coordinator for Calloway County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention.

**Sarah Beane** (08) is a program specialist for the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development.

**Kim Cyrus** (08) is with Creative Alliance in Louisville, Ky.

**Liz Davis** (08) is tape editor at WBKO in Bowling Green, Ky.

**Tommy Dillard** (08) is sports writer at the *Murray Ledger & Times*.

**Clay Edwards** (08) is a managing partner at All Access Entertainment in Lacerter, Ky.

**Adam Jarvis** (08) is in solution prototyping and marketing collateral at Futures Inc. in Durham, N.C.

**Jenna Kirkpatrick** (08) is on the national special event team at Anheuser-Busch Inbev. in Chesterfield, Mo.

**Benny Sims** (08) is at PPG Aerospace in Huntsville, Ala.

**Jordan Smith** (08) is an admissions counselor at Murray State University.

## 2009

**Ron Beaton** (09) is a student at Duke University's divinity school and is working at Middletown United Methodist Church in Louisville.

**Julie Conway** (09) works in human resources at Murray State.

**Michelle Crockwell** (09) works at Schnuck's in Chesterfield, Mo.

**Jason Morrow** (09) is a writer at *The Press Sentinel* in Jesup, Ga. and is a newlywed.

**Clayton Vertrees** (09) married his college sweetheart, Tamsyn Garner and works at *The Courier* in Savannah, Tenn. This fall, he will enter Emory University's Cander School of Theology as a graduate student.

## 2010

**Jodi Keen** (10) is an aupair for a family in Perchtoldsdorf, Austria, which is a suburb of Vienna. She is teaching the family's 12-year-old daughter English and Spanish, while taking German language classes.

**Robin Phelps** (10) is pursuing a master's degree in organizational communications at Ball State University.

## Editor's Note

Is your listing missing or out of date? If so, please use the coupon on the back page to update the department about you and/or other JMC alumni. You may also send alumni news by e-mail to [jmcjournal@live.com](mailto:jmcjournal@live.com). Thank you for helping to keep the department's alumni listings current.

# Valentine authors second book

Bob Valentine, senior lecturer in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, is often referred to as a “renaissance man” or a “man for all seasons,” due to his many activities and accomplishments in the arts and communications fields.

He is a writer, columnist, editor, publisher, broadcaster, storyteller, actor, director, coach, playwright, producer, workshop conductor, stand-up comedian and teacher.

He recently wrote a book entitled *Seasons* that include pieces written for magazines, commentaries for WKMS-FM (NPR affiliate at Murray State), sermons given in regional churches and even stories told around campfires.

Arranged in order of the four seasons of the year, the paperback consists of 24 pieces. It was published by the New Caledonian Press in Murray in December, 2009.

The book is available in Murray at University Book & Bean, 5<sup>th</sup> and Main Coffees and the MSU University Store. It is also available on line at Amazon.com and Barnes & Nobles.com, and by contacting *Murray Life Magazine* at [murraylife@aol.com](mailto:murraylife@aol.com).

The book is the second by Valentine. He and the late Hugh Eddie Wilson published *The Medical Money Mess* to explain the pitfalls of medical insurance. He and Wilson also established the Medical Claims Service to help people file their supplemental medical insurance claims.

He serves as the senior editor for the Wake Up Book Series and as the

owner/publisher of *Murray Life Magazine*. He writes for *Murray Life* as well as *Montage* and WKMS-FM.

He is known for his portrayal of the Unknown Scout, Thomas Edison, Mark Twain and most recently, Nathan B. Stubblefield in “Stubblefield Speaks.” The Stubblefield documentary has appeared on KET and several public TV stations in the region.

He also performs at Scottish games throughout the U.S. and has a CD of Scottish stories, “I’ll Take the Low Road.”

A member of the MSU faculty since 1974, he teaches in advertising and is the instructor of the beginning course (JMC 168) for all majors in the department. He has taught in theatre and served as guest director for both the MSU Theatre and Murray’s Community Theatre (Playhouse in the Park).

He began his teaching career at the University of Kentucky, where he earned his undergraduate degree in history and his master’s degree in communications. He then served as lecturer in communications before coming to Murray State to teach speech courses and serve as the director of forensics.

His debate team won the national title in 1982 and captured many event trophies during his years as the debate coach.

He left teaching for several years to start several companies, including Theatre Arts Enterprises, Medical Claims Services and Prologue, LLC (the book publishing division).

Valentine returned to full-time teaching in 1999 with a split load between

JMC and Theatre. In 2001 he became co-head of Elizabeth Residential College with Bob McGaughey and served as the head from 2003-07.

As college head, he set up and taught many sessions in the residence hall and he and McGaughey taught the first for-credit course in the college.

He also established the student theatre group in Elizabeth that gives several presentations during the year.

He has taught for many years in the annual JMC High School Journalism and Broadcasting Workshop and he and McGaughey have done workshops in advertising, public relations and communications for more than 30 years.

The two have also entertained thousands in the mid-South as “Dr. Trey and Dr. Vee, the Communicators.”

He was recognized for his outstanding teaching when he received the 2009 Regents Teaching Award for the College of



Bob Valentine signs copies of *Seasons* at the University Book & Bean. The book was published in December.

Business. He was recognized for his contributions to the arts when he won the Betty Lowry Award for leadership in the support of the arts in 1992 by the Murray-Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce.

Valentine noted in a recent book signing that he and his editorial staff had a problem deciding which pieces to include in the book and which ones to leave out. This led to the question, will there be a part two of *Seasons*?

The answer will probably be yes but not right away for the “man of all seasons.”

## Cansler named director of Murray State’s Hopkinsville campus

Slone Hutchison Cansler of Hopkinsville became the director of the Murray State University Regional Campus and the offices at Ft. Campbell Feb. 1. She succeeds Mike Freels, the director of the Henderson Regional Campus, who had served as interim director.

A graduate of Murray State University with a bachelor’s degree in journalism and master’s degree in mass communications, she was the advertising director of the *Fort Campbell Courier* prior to taking the director’s position.

Her other media experience includes publisher and general manager of the *News Democrat & Leader* in Russellville, advertising manager for the *Murray Ledger & Times*, editor of the *McLean County*

*News* in Calhoun, staff writer for the Owensboro *Messenger & Inquirer* and reporter/graphic designer for the *Madisonville Messenger*.

As a reporter/editor she won several awards in the Kentucky Press Association news-editorial annual competition and as the advertising director of the *Ledger & Times*, she won several awards in the annual KPA advertising contest.

Cansler has also been an adjunct professor in advertising at Murray State University and advertising manager of *The Murray State News* as a graduate student.

She has been a member of the Russellville Rotary Club and the Association of the United States Army (AUSA)

Kentucky/Tennessee chapter. She served as the public relations chairman for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Murray.

Cansler, and her husband Nick, have two children—Cole and Katie.

The Hopkinsville Regional Campus and the Ft. Campbell office serve students who reside primarily in the Kentucky counties of Christian, Todd and Trigg, as well as Montgomery County in Tennessee.

Seven undergraduate degree programs and nine master’s degree programs are offered through the Hopkinsville Regional Campus.

For more information, contact the Hopkinsville Campus at 270-707-1525.



Elizabeth Johnson does an on-site interview at an archaeological site on the banks of the Cumberland River. Johnson was an intern at *The Tennessean* this summer. She is the editor in chief of *The Murray State News*.

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# Valentine commemorates Mark Twain's demise

Bob Valentine, senior lecturer in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, was the presenter for the April 7 "brown bag" luncheon sponsored by the Research Policy Committee and the Office of the Provost.

Valentine's presentation title was "One Hundred Years of Silence—The Centennial of Mark Twain's Unexaggerated Demise."

He recalled several of the key dates and publications, noting that Twain (Samuel Langhorne Clemens) was foremost a journalist. He also explained why Twain was almost always seen in his white suit at dinners or at performances.

While the current rules of dress at the time called for a dark suit for evening functions after 6, Twain always wore white. Valentine explained it was so that he would stand out and the white suit, along with the long white hair, became his trademark.

Valentine said he has been Twain since 1973 when he involved in a stage presentation produced by his brother Richard. Since then he has developed the character and performed as the 74-year-old Twain more than 1,500 times.

According to Valentine, Twain (Nov. 30, 1835-April 21, 1910) was by all accounts a major figure in America. Ernest Hemmingway believed that all American literature dated from Twain's *Huckleberry Finn* and his comments on everything from society to government to nature rival Ben Franklin's *Poor Richard's Almanac* as popular aphorisms.

Valentine said that while Twain was noted for humor, Twain stated he did try to be funny. However, if humor allowed him to point out a problem that needed to be corrected he used it.

Valentine closed with an announcement that he would be doing his Twain show April 21, the anniversary of Twain's death.



Photo by Orville Herndon

**Bob Valentine speaks to faculty and staff at the April Brown Bag Luncheon. The luncheon is sponsored by the Provost's Office and Research Policy Committee. Each month's luncheon features the research presentation of a faculty member.**

## From the chair:

Things are very quiet here on campus. We had a few summer classes, but more and more we offer these online or in the two weeks immediately after graduation. Students like the convenience.

As we look toward the fall semester, we think our numbers are up, especially with transfer



students.

The big news for the department is, as of July 1, we took over the Graphic Communication Management program that includes a major and minors in graphic communications technology and photography.

This program includes gravure, digital imaging, desktop publishing, digital photography, website design, and many other technology subjects closely related to and complementary with our JMC curriculum.

We gain two faculty members and other resources. All of this

will be located on the first floor of Wilson Hall, in the space recently vacated by the Geosciences department.

Our ongoing project to create a digital archive of *The Murray State News* is moving along.

The University Libraries has named a vendor for the process that includes making microfilm copies of all the old newspapers and making digital files from the film. Work began this summer and should be complete before the end of the year.

Many thanks to those of you who have made generous contri-

butions to help us build this archive. Once complete, it will be readily accessible and searchable from your desktop.

There is a push on to increase enrollment, and eventually the number of graduates, at Murray State. The President and Board of Regents want us to grow by nearly 2000 students within two years – an ambitious goal.

You can help this effort by telling any prospective university students the good news about Murray State and urging them to contact us and schedule a campus visit. This includes stu-

dents at community colleges and people you know who attended college a while ago but never completed a degree. We're interested in any and all of them.

Thanks again for your support of Journalism and Mass Communications at Murray State.

*Bob Lochte*  
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