University of Denver's Media, Film & Journalism Studies Newsletter

Summer 2016

Journalism Studies Student Opens Doors to Newscasting Career

During my time at the University of Denver, I had two unique internship experiences that enabled me to pursue a career in journalism and broadcast production. My first internship was during my junior year with the Aurora Sentinel. The focus was covering jury selection for the Aurora theater shooting trial. Learn More

Project DU F.I.L.M and the Making of Happy F-ing Valentine’s Day: a Student’s Perspective

This spring saw the release of Sheila Schroeder and DU Project F.I.L.M.’s inaugural screenplay, Happy F-ing Valentine’s Day, a collaborative project between DU alumni and students. The film premiered at the Longmont Front Range Film Festival in April and received the Best Film of the Fest Award. Learn More

IIC Graduate Student Shares her Wisdom on Writing a Thesis

IIC graduate student, and soon-to-be alumna, Maria Kuntz successfully defended her master’s thesis, “How the Greek Press Constructed the ‘Greek Economic Crisis’” in May 2016, passing her defense with no revisions. She has shared with us some of the things she has learned along the way. Learn More

CHAIR’S CORNER
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This is the time of year to thank those who have provided so much to our community. I’d like to recognize Associate Professor Derigan Silver, who has served as Director of Undergraduate Studies for the previous three years. Many students and recent graduates know Dr. Silver and have appreciated his dedication to student success. Learn more

STAY CONNECTED

- MFJS Calendar
- MFJS Website
- The Estlow Center
- Internship Opportunities
- Graduate Programs
**FACULTY SPOTLIGHT**

Professor's new book studies the power of social media

Since 2011 assistant professor Erika Polson has been teaching students to plug into the wider world around them through her research, her communication courses, and as the resident MFJS internship director. [Learn more](#)

**ALUMNI PROFILE**

Strategic Communication alumna uses communication tools to revolutionize healthy lifestyle practices

Jane Johnson has always been a people-person. Graduating in 2011 with an MS in Strategic Communication, Johnson credits a history of nannying, teaching and mentoring for her current position as the Communication & Engagement Leader for Whole Kids Foundation (WKF) and Whole Cities Foundation. [Learn more](#)

**MFJS SHOWCASE**

Recent MFJS Achievements

MFJS students, faculty, and alumni are up to some exciting things. Read more about our recent achievements. [Learn more](#)

**FEATURED EVENT**

2016 Estlow Award Presented to Margolin

Distinguished Lecturer Lourdes Garcia-Navarro

This April MFJS had the honor of welcoming Lourdes Garcia-Navarro, an NPR international correspondent based in Brazil, to campus as the winner of the Estlow Foundation’s Anvil of Freedom Award and the 2016 Margolin Lecturer. [Learn more](#)

**UPCOMING EVENT**

2016 InShort Student Film Showcase

June 2, 6-9 PM, Sturm Hall - Davis Auditorium

Join MFJS for movie night as we proudly present our Film Studies & Production students’ short narrative films. A reception with light refreshments will precede the screening. [Learn more](#)

**STUDENT AWARDS**

Congratulations to our 2016 Student Award Recipients

These students have gone above and beyond in their work and their studies, and we commend them for their academics and their support of our department. [Learn more](#)

**SHARE YOUR NEWS**

Tell us about your career and personal accomplishments, awards, life events or whatever else is keeping you busy. Share your news with fellow MFJS or IIC alumni by submitting a note to [MFJS@du.edu](mailto:MFJS@du.edu).

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BEGINS INTERNSHIP IN NYC**

"I began my internship search early this fall. Being from the east coast, I have always dreamt of spending a summer in New York. Thus, between a slew of emails and interviews I became reconnected with a fashion and lifestyle blogger whom I shadowed after my senior year of high school. Rachel Schwartzmann, owner and creator of [The Style Line](http://thestyleline.com), an NYC based blog, connected me with Paulina Pisczek, the director of digital operations at [Bollare](http://www.bollare.com), a predominately fashion focused Public Relations firm. After learning more about Bollare, I immediately knew they were my first choice. The company is bi-costal, with offices in both LA and NYC. This summer I will be working under Paulina as the digital team’s intern. I will help with blogger and online influencer relations, as well as social media management. I could not be more excited to incorporate my Strategic Communication skills into my work. Excited for a summer exploring NYC and the PR
Ellie Knott, Junior, Strategic Communications Major