

STUDENT AND ALUMNI NEWS



CLAS Speaker and Fulbright Scholar

▶ **Eleanor Hildebrandt (B.A. 2023)** was selected as a CLAS commencement speaker. She is also the winner of a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Award to Germany for 2023-24.

SJMC peer mentors **Sophia Restiffe Favoretto** and **Sahithi Shankaiahgari** participated in international internships

this summer. Sophia worked for 3Dsign in Italy, a studio that works in the fields of virtual reality, installations and productions. Sahithi helped collect and analyze data and make videos for CoSAP in Ethiopia.

Sabine Martin worked as an Education Reporting Intern for U.S. News and World Report in Washington, D.C. Sabine is the executive editor for The Daily Iowan during the 2023-2024 academic year.



PhD candidate **Patrick Johnson** has accepted a position as the Director of Student Media and Instructor in the Diederich College of Communication at Marquette

Graduate students **Abubakar Ibrahim** and **Ugochukwu Madu** were selected to participate in the Graduate Engagement Corps at the University of Iowa.

David Lomoywara received a 2023 Stanley Award for International Research.

PhD candidate **Katy Biddle** has accepted a lecturer position in the Department of Communication and Theater arts at Old Dominion University.

▶ **Grace Smith** worked as a photography intern with the Denver Post covering high-profile news and events.

Students in Community Engaged Reporting with **Jason Brummond (B.A. 2008)** and **Zack Kucharski (B.A. 2004)** created an insert celebrating Coralville's 150th anniversary for The Gazette and The Daily Iowan. The full insert is available through the online version of our newsletter.



NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

New Major Officially Starts this Fall

We are excited to announce the launch of the new SJMC Sport Media and Culture major. Sport Media and Culture majors examine the meaning, history, and culture of sport. Coursework provides students with the critical skills necessary to understand sport's relationship to media, economics, politics, education, race, class, and gender.

Welcome New Faculty

Several new faculty members have joined SJMC. Assistant Professors **Bingbing Zhang** and **Sang Jung Kim** will teach strategic communication, media effects, and research methods classes for SJMC undergraduate and graduate students. Professor of Practice **Adam Kempenaar** will teach sports media and strategic communication classes. This fall, Adam is teaching Sports Content Marketing, a course that explores how sports teams and entities build their brands. **Emma Calow** joins SJMC as a visiting assistant professor in Sport Media and Culture.

We're Hiring

The School of Journalism and Mass Communication is hiring a tenure-track professor in the area of Journalism Studies. The position is open rank. We are seeking applicants with expertise in studying news within its social, cultural, political, and global contexts.

We are also hiring a faculty member with professional experience in journalism. We are seeking applicants with substantial professional experience. Potential areas of specialization include, but are not limited to: in-depth or investigative reporting; public affairs and government reporting; data journalism; rural and community journalism; and health, environment or science reporting.

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Austin Hanson (B.A. 2023) was a finalist in the 63rd National Writing, Photojournalism, Audio, Television and Multimedia Championships for the William Randolph Hearst Foundation's Journalism Awards Program. He was recognized for his profile on UI wrestler Alex Marinelli.



▶ **Gretchen Lenth (B.A. 2023)** interned as a data reporter for the Wall Street Journal.

Grace Keller (B.A. 2021) was crowned Miss Iowa. She is the third state-wide pageant winner in the last four years joining **Katie Wadman (B.A. 2022)** and **Mikhayla Hughes-Shaw (B.A. 2019)**.

Maxwell Willis participated in two internships in the Milwaukee area over the summer. He worked on The Morning Blend, a lifestyle show. He was also the arena marketing intern for the Milwaukee Bucks.

▶ **Kate Perez** worked as a breaking news and trends intern for USA Today.

FACULTY NEWS

David Dowling delivered the keynote address at The Future of Technological Mediation in Journalism and the Media in Paris, France.

Tom Oates and **Travis Vogan** are co-organizing the Fall 2023 Obermann Arts and Humanities Symposium, "Sports, Power and Resistance: Legacies and Futures" supported by Arts and Humanities Initiative Award.

Sujatha Sosale conducted archival research at the Archives Nationales d'Outre-Mer, Aix-en-Provence, France this summer. She collected data on the establishment of telecommunications infrastructure in Madagascar when under French rule for her project on communications infrastructure.



▶ **Meenakshi Gigi Durham** received the 2023 Michael Brody Award for Faculty Excellence in Service. Gigi was also featured in the highly acclaimed Pretty Baby: Brooke Shields documentary for her work on media sexualization.

Kylah Hedding is part of a team of researchers analyzing interviews with officials and emergency managers in Iowa to better understand how local administrators and community stakeholders respond to and communicate about natural disasters.

Alex Scott won the International Communication Association Visual Communication Division Top Dissertation Award.

SJMC Professional Advisory Board member, **Peter Gross (PhD 1984)** published a new book, "The Cultural Core of Media Systems."

PhD candidate **Tessa Adams** has accepted a position in the English and Communications Department at Carlow University in Pittsburgh.

Hannah Pinski (B.A. 2023) has accepted an internship to join Politico as a policy intern in Washington D.C.

Zach Lohmann (B.A. 2021) joined KCCI as a producer for their morning news broadcasts.

Sarah Galla joined Fox Sports as a Women's World Cup Intern in Los Angeles, California.



▶ **Lucy Rohden (B.A. 2020)** has joined the Dan Le Batard Show/Meadowlark Media as an on-air talent and producer.

Bruce Japsen (B.A. 1988) published a new book "Walmart's Second Opinion," about Walmart's history in the healthcare industry.

Rachel Young and **Melissa Tully** received an interdisciplinary research grant from the Office of the Vice President for Research to support narrative research on the changing cultural, social, and economic landscape of the Midwest.

Tracy Hufford won a UI Mental Health Champion Award for her integration of the Green Bandana Project into her Foundations of Event Management course. The Green Bandana Project promotes mental health awareness.

The M.A. in Strategic Communication program is turning 10!



To celebrate this milestone, the School is hosting a social event and brunch on October 6-7, 2023. For more details and to register for the event, scan the QR code.



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