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CONNECT: Student Journalism Training Project
We are pleased to welcome the following additional students as part of the 2019 CONNECT: Student Journalism Training Project:

Adam Ferraz, Davidson College
Jonathan Lee, Davidson College
Jeremiah Rhodes, UNC Chapel Hill

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CAREER & COMMUNITY EXPO
Below is the final list of companies participating the 2019 NLGJA Career & Community Expo. The Expo will be held in LaSalle BC on Friday, August 30 from 9:00am - 4:30pm.

ABC News
Association of Food Journalists
Axios
CBS News
CDC PACT New Ways
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Stoli USA
Taboom Media
TEGNA, Inc.
The Florida Keys & Key West
The New York Times
UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism
USA TODAY Network
USC Annenberg School
Verizon Media
Thursday, August 29

10:15am - 11:15am - How to Increase Diversity in Your Coverage
Meredith Clark will no longer be a panelist. Sharif Durhams and Bethany Grace Howe have joined the panel. Michelle Miller will moderate.

10:15am - 11:15am - Life After Journalism
Will Sutton will moderate. Warren Bell, Keith Brannon, Dr. Sonya Duhé and Sadie Wilks will serve as panelists.

12:00pm - 1:15pm - The View from the Top
Sonari Glinton, Karen Hawkins, and Whembley Sewell have joined the plenary as panelists. Laura Sydell has joined as moderator of the panel.

2:45pm - 3:45pm - Driving the Rainbow Wave
Courtney Mott will serve as a panelist.

2:45pm - 3:45pm - Finding & Telling the Story with Social Media
Ernesto Mourelo has joined the panel.

2:45pm - 3:45pm - Out Or In: Why Some Sports Are Still In Between for LGBTQ Athletes
Michelle Garcia has joined the panel and Sara Johnson will moderate.

4:00pm - 5:00pm - Leadership Hacks for Managers
Sarah Burke, Michelle Garcia and Chris Kolk have joined the panel.

5:00pm - 6:00pm - Reporting on Bi+ Identities
Beth McDonough has joined the panel.

Friday, August 30

11:00am - 12:00pm - Podcasts: Finding Your Own Voice
Gabe Bergado and Sarah Burke have joined as panelists.

1:00pm - 1:30pm - The Networking Investment in Acadian
So many connections will be made over the convention weekend. But how do you truly make an investment in networking that can pay off with professional advancement? This workshop will help take a simple handshake and pleasant conversation to the next level.
This micro session will be led by Jay Alpert

5:00pm - 6:00pm - Reporting on Bi+ Identities
Beth McDonough has joined the panel.

Saturday, August 31

11:00am - 12:00pm - The Art of Telling LGBTQ Stories in the Mainstream Media
Jay Alpert and Katie Barnes have joined the panel. Christina Kahrl will moderate

3:45pm - 4:45pm - Authors Café
Kumari Devarajan, Irena Fischer-Hwang and Slade Warnken have joined the “Author’s Cafe” as presenters.

3:45pm - 4:45pm - Are We Journalists or Activists?
Bobby Magill will no longer be a panelists. Fiona Dawson and Michelle Garcia have joined as panelists.
The following speakers will be appearing on panels at NLGJA 2019.

JAY ALPERT is a veteran journalist with more than 20 years of experience in communication. He is currently a writer/producer for ABC’s “Good Morning America” in New York, which recently won its second Daytime Emmy in a row for Outstanding Morning Program. Alpert covers a wide variety of topics at GMA, ranging from politics to general news to celebrities. Alpert previously worked at Al Jazeera America and local stations including WABC-TV, the number one station in New York; KTNV-TV in Las Vegas, where he was an executive producer; and KYW-TV in Philadelphia, which won the Edward R. Murrow Overall Excellence Award. Alpert also spent several years in public relations working for an agency, a large hotel/casino company and serving his own clients.

WARREN BELL is a New Orleans native with a long-established presence in broadcast journalism and media as a TV & Radio news anchor, news manager and talk show host. The Yale University graduate became New Orleans’ first black weekday prime-time TV news anchor. And fifty (50) years later, you could still hear “WB” every morning delivering the news breaks at WBOK 1230AM talk radio until June 2018. With all of this success, he’s had parallel careers in higher education and media consulting for over three decades. He’s been in the classroom at Dillard University, he’s served as associate vice president for university and media relations at Xavier University and he was the director of the Honoré Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement (CUSA) at Southern University. He runs his own consulting firm, Warren Bell & Associates LLC, a DBE-certified and specializing in communications management, community engagement and media relations. He is a longtime member of the National Association of Black Journalists, served on the national board and was the founding president of the New Orleans NAJBI chapter.

GABE BERGADO is the entertainment features editor at Teen Vogue. In his role, he oversees a section that publishes stories about intersectional identities, representation in popular culture, rising celebrities, and more. From the latest Netflix series to what your favorite celebrities are up to on Instagram, Teen Vogue’s entertainment team is there to keep readers updated with what they need to know. Gabe’s work has been published on Mic, Men’s Health, The Daily Beast, and more. He graduated from Northwestern University.

KEITH BRANNON is associate director of public relations with Tulane University communications and marketing. The university’s award-winning media team tells the institution’s story about its world-leading research, cross-disciplinary scholarship, life-changing public service, remarkable personalities and unforgettable events. Brannon helps administrators, faculty and staff stand apart by facilitating strategic and compelling communications plans that promote and embody the spirit of Tulane. That includes communications audits and assessments; brand strategy development and implementation; coordinated digital, print and experiential storytelling and positioning; ad campaigns, including TV digital and print communication. A graduate of Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism, Brannon worked as a reporter for more than a decade before joining Tulane in 2007. He uses that experience to make it easy for journalists to discover Tulane’s wealth of resources and story opportunities.

SARAH BURKE is a writer and editor based in Brooklyn, NY. Her work focuses on art, identity, social justice, technology, and the intersections therein. She is currently Identity Editor at VICE, where she has led award-winning projects such as the Gender Spectrum Collection and the Trans Legends oral history archive. She is also co-host and creator of the Ellie-nominated podcast, “Queerly Beloved.”

BILL DALEY is a freelance journalist based in Chicago. He was formerly a food and features writer for the Chicago Tribune. He was the winner of NLGJA’s 2018 Excellence in Multimedia Award and has been an NLGJA member since 2004. He is a past president of the Association of Food Journalists.

KUMARI DEVARAJAN is a producer on NPR's “Code Switch” podcast where she produces stories about race, identity and culture. She’s reported stories about native populations, LGBTQ communities and issues such as health and policing, and she contributes to the “Code Switch” blog. Before working on “Code Switch,” she was part of NPR’s “It’s Been a Minute with Sam Sanders” podcast. She was living in New Orleans, working in restaurants when she first got the news that she had been hired as an NPR intern. Kumari grew up in Washington DC and is a proud alumna of Wellesley College.

DR. SONYA DUHÉ serves as director and professor in the School of Communication and Design at Loyola University in New Orleans. An award-winning television news reporter and anchor, she is nationally recognized as a leader in strategic communications training for public and private sectors. Before joining Loyola, Duhé served as a communications assistant to the University of South Carolina president, associate vice president in the Office of Research and Health Sciences and special assistant to the provost for strategic directions and initiatives. Duhé was a faculty member in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications and the School of the Environment at USC. Duhé earned her bachelor of arts in journalism in 1983 from Louisiana State University and her master of science in journalism in 1984 from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. After working for several years in TV news as a reporter, anchor and public affairs show host, Duhé received her Ph.D. in journalism in 1993 from the University of Missouri. She is immediate past president of the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication (ASJMC).

IRENA FISCHER-HWANG is the features intern at The Dallas Morning News. In Fall 2019 she will be matriculating in the M.A. journalism program in the Department of Communication at Stanford University. Fischer-Hwang was a producer for the science podcast “Goggles Optional” from 2016-2018. In 2018, she launched the science podcast “The Informaticists.” She is a Chips Quinn 2019 Scholar and was a member of the Asian American Journalism Association’s 2018 Voices student program. She is a data journalist for the Big Local News team at Stanford University, and was supported by a 2018 Brown Institute for Media Innovation Magic Grant. She is also a peer editor and writer for NPR SciComm. She obtained her Ph.D. in electrical engineering in Spring 2019 from Stanford University, and her M.Eng. and B.S. degrees in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2012 and 2011.

ARLYN GAJILAN is deputy managing editor for operations, Americas at Reuters. Gajilan helps manage the news agency’s bureaus from Toronto to Santiago and San Francisco to New York. She works across a range of newsroom priorities including recruiting new talent, diversity initiatives and special projects, as well as editorial security and safety. Prior to joining Reuters, she has worked as a senior editor at Newsweek, Forbes.com, Condé Nast, Time and Fortune. She is a graduate of Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and Hampshire College.

MICHELLE GARCIA is the deputy editor for Vice.com’s News & Issues desk. Garcia has covered major social movements across the U.S., including the fight for marriage equality, #MeToo, and the Movement for Black Lives, to name a few. She was named to Folio’s list of 20 in their 20s, won a GLAAD Media Award with her staff about the advancement of the HIV treatment drug Truvada, taught at CUNY Graduate School Journalism and has coached several writers along the way. Previously, Garcia was an editor at Out, Vox, Mic and The Advocate.
ANN MALONEY is a freelance food writer and editor based in New Orleans. She is a native of the Crescent City. She was a food writer/editor on the “Where NOLA Eats” team at NOLA.com from 2016 to 2019. She moved back into the reporter ranks after serving as The Times-Picayune arts and entertainment editor from 2004 to 2015. Before returning to her hometown, she worked for The New York Times Company in various jobs since 1989. She spent the majority of that time as features editor for The New York Times Regional Newspaper Group in Manhattan. She is past president of the Society for Features Journalism. She was inducted into the SFJ Hall of Fame in 2019. She has a bachelor’s in communications from Loyola University in New Orleans. She has been cooking and loved cooking since she was a child; and has a Culinary Arts diploma from the Institute of Culinary Education in New York City.

MICHELLE MILLER is the co-host of “CBS This Morning: Saturday.” Miller joined the broadcast in July of 2018. Her work regularly appears on the “CBS Evening News,” “CBS This Morning” and “CBS Sunday Morning.” She has also appeared as a correspondent on “48 Hours.” Miller joined CBS News in 2004. Miller’s reporting has earned her several prestigious journalism awards including an Emmy for her series of reports on the National Guard’s Youth Challenge Academy, an Edward R. Murrow for her coverage of a day care center stand-off in New Orleans, and she was part of the Alfred I. duPont – Columbia Award winning team for coverage the Newtown school shooting. In 2019, Miller won a Gracie award for her reporting on the hidden world of sex trafficking in “48 Hours: Live to Tell: Trafficked.”

GREG MORAGO is food editor of the Houston Chronicle. He has been covering the Houston restaurant scene, considered one of America’s great, multicultural food cities, for 10 years. Before the Chronicle he was a reporter and editor at The Hartford Courant for 25 years, including 12 years at the paper’s restaurant critic. He is a founding member of Foodway Texas, an organization dedicated to preserving and promoting Texas foods and foodways. In addition to food, he covers travel, luxury retail and spirits for the Chronicle.

COURTNEY MOTT serves as the director of the Victory Campaign Board at LGBTQ Victory Fund, where she works to elect LGBTQ candidates up and down the ballot. LGBTQ representation has been a cornerstone of her career. Prior to joining Victory Fund, Mott worked at the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce where she served as the Manager of Affiliate Relations, External Affairs & Policy. In this role, Mott engaged key stakeholders including the White House and Federal agencies and managed relationships with NGLCC’s 44 affiliate chambers across the country. She received a Master’s in Public Policy and Women’s Studies from the George Washington University and a B.A. in International Relations from Rhodes College in Memphis, TN. A native Tennessean, Mott grew up in Nashville and now lives outside of Washington, D.C.

With more than two decades working in local news, ERNESTO MOURELO has straddled the worlds of television and digital media with leadership positions on both sides and in two languages. In his current role with Hearst Television, Ernie leads editorial and social strategy for the company’s TV stations with an emphasis on fostering innovation and upholding the high journalistic standards of Hearst.

ZELLA PALMER, educator, food historian, author and filmmaker serves as the chair and director of the Dillard University Ray Charles Program in African-American Material Culture. Palmer is committed to preserving the legacy of African-American, Native American and Latino culinary history in New Orleans and the South.

WHEMBLEY SEWELL is the executive editor of Them, Condé Nast’s LGBTQ+ publication. She is an award-winning multimedia content producer, having formerly overseen social growth and digital innovation at publications including Teen Vogue, Refinery29 and Seventeen Magazine.

STACY SULLIVAN is community relations and events director for the Phoenix media group. At The Republic, he’s also led news, features, audience development and social teams. In his current role, Sullivan organizes live storytelling nights and other events that support the newsroom’s work. He also manages fundraising and grant-making efforts, distributing more than $2.1 million in charitable giving. In 2019, he was named one of the network’s “Unsung Heroes” for his leadership work in Phoenix and at USA TODAY NETWORK sites in Florida and Louisiana before that. Sullivan is a graduate of the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

WILL SUTTON is a veteran journalist who ventured into the worlds of higher education, communications and marketing with Hampton University, Grambling State University and Northeast Delta Human Services Authority, among others. After 10 years as a reporter, Sutton spent the next couple of decades as an editor. He worked at Gannett’s Courier-Post in Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Knight Ridder’s the Philadelphia Inquirer; Knight Ridder’s Post-Tribune in Gary, Indiana and McClatchy’s The News & Observer in Raleigh, North Carolina. A graduate of Hampton University in Virginia, Sutton was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University. He is a member of several journalism and media organizations, including the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA), the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ), the Online News Association (ONA) and the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). He is a past president of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ). As public information director at Northeast Delta HSA, he is responsible for internal and external communications, including media relations, social media, strategic communications and marketing.

SLADE WARNKEN (they/them/their) is rising senior in Northwestern Medill School of Journalism with a minor in Music Technology. Originally from Lexington, Kentucky, they specialize in songwriting, music journalism and storytelling, with a focus on the ways identity and healing can manifest. Most recently, they are in the process of producing their first documentary tentatively titled “Reaching for Solid Ground.” The film follows Warnken traveling home from college for the first time since starting hormone therapy and processing their transition. As a musician they have also focused mostly on exploring their experience of gender. So far they have released one EP entitled “Amy” and plan to release another project by the end of this year.

SADIE WILKS joined the Manship School of Mass Communication at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA in August 2015. She has served as vice president of communication at Louisiana State Medical Society. Her experience includes an extensive background in communication and public relations, including special event planning, website and social media management, strategic planning, volunteer recruitment, and fundraising. She also served as managing editor for the Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society, a scientific, peer-reviewed medical journal. During her career, she has worked in several industries, including insurance, environment and natural resources, arts, health care and education. Wilks completed her B.A. in mass communication at the LSU Manship School of Mass Communication in 1998. She achieved her accreditation in public relations (APR) in 2009 by the Universal Accreditation Board and the Public Relations Society of America. Recently, she was honored with a Tiger Athletic Foundation Undergraduate Teaching Award and a 2019 Happy Award from LSU’s Center for Community Engagement, Learning, and Leadership. She received the First Circle Award from the Baton Rouge Chapter of the Public Relations Association of Louisiana in 2012, and the Senior Practitioner Award from the Southern Public Relations Federation in 2013.