



Commencement

MAY 2024



Missouri School of Journalism
University of Missouri

PROGRAM

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OPENING REMARKS

Lynda Kraxberger, associate dean for Undergraduate Studies

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Harshawn Ratanpal, senior, Journalism

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THOUGHTS OF THE CLASS OF 2024

Shannon Worley, senior, Journalism

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Jonathan Murray, BJ '77

KAPPA TAU ALPHA INITIATES

Jeannette Porter, assistant professor

GLOBAL PROGRAMS RECOGNITION

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HOODING OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Marcia Chatelain, BJ '01, BA '01

Sarah Leen, BA '74

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Ron Kelley, associate professor

Amy Simons, professor

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Earnest Perry, associate dean

■ **JOURNALISM PROFESSIONS**

Laura Johnston, professor and associate chair

■ **STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION**

Jon Stemmle, professor and chair

REMARKS

David Kurpius, dean, Missouri School of Journalism

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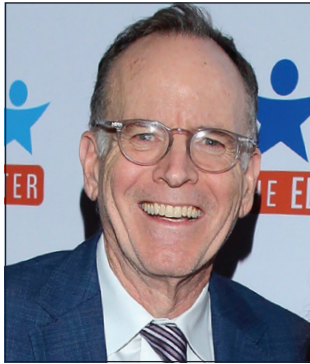
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When today's program draws to a close, we ask that you remain in your seats until the platform party exits.

ALUMNA SPEAKER



JONATHAN MURRAY
BJ '77

Widely credited with inventing the modern reality television genre with MTV's "The Real World" in 1992, Jonathan Murray, BJ '77, has created and executive produced some of the industry's most innovative, unscripted, entertainment television programs, including A&E's Emmy Award winning "Born This Way," and he has earned additional Emmy Awards for the syndicated "Starting Over," HBO's "Autism: The Musical" and "Valerie's Home Cooking" on Food Network.

In 1987, Murray partnered with Mary-Ellis Bunim to form Bunim-Murray Productions, which in addition to "The Real World," went on to produce "Keeping Up with The Kardashians," "Project Runway" and other popular unscripted programs. The company has also launched several critically acclaimed documentaries through BMP Films since 2007.

Murray serves as vice chairman of The Television Academy Foundation and on the board of the Local Journalism Project, a non-profit that supports the journalistic efforts of The Provincetown Independent newspaper. In 2012, he was inducted into the Television Academy Hall of Fame.

HONORARY GRADUATES



MARCIA CHATELAIN
BJ '01, BA '01

Marcia Chatelain, BJ '01, BA '01, is the Penn Presidential Compact Professor of African Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Previously, she was a professor of history at Georgetown University and an assistant professor of African-American Studies at the University of Oklahoma.

Chatelain's most recent book, *Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America*, was awarded the 2021 Pulitzer Prize in History among many other honors. She is currently working on a group biography of the Black women featured at the 1963 March on Washington.

She is a Harry S. Truman Scholar, a Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow, and a New America Eric and Wendy Schmidt Fellow. She holds bachelor's degrees in journalism and religious studies from MIZZOU, as well as a master's degree and doctorate in American Civilization from Brown University.



SARAH LEEN
BA '74

In 2013, Sarah Leen, BA '74, became the first female Director of Photography at National Geographic Magazine and Partners. She worked as a contributing photographer to the National Geographic magazine for 20 years before becoming a Senior Photo Editor in 2004. In 2020, she co-founded the Visual Thinking Collective, a community for independent women dedicated to supporting visual storytelling.

Leen works with individual photographers, media and publishers consulting and editing award-winning visual projects, including the 2022 and 2023 recipients of the Lucie Book Award for Independent Book. She is the photo editor of *Ukraine: A War Crime* by FotoEvidence, which was shortlisted for the 2023 Arles Historical Book Award, and she is the winner of the IPA Book Photographer of the Year.

She is on the Board of Advisors of the Eddie Adams Workshop, on the Board of Directors of the International League of Conservation Photographers, a member of the Lucie Awards Advisory Board, and an inductee into the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame.

STUDENT SPEAKER



SHANNON WORLEY

Shannon Worley is from St. Louis, Missouri. She is graduating with her bachelor's degree in journalism with an emphasis in social and audience strategy, along with minors in social justice and entrepreneurship and innovation.

During Worley's time at the Missouri School of Journalism, she was involved with the Maneater, Vox Magazine, the Missouri News Network and Matchbook Marketing, and she represented the school in its fellowship partnership with the National Association of Broadcasters. After graduating, she will spend the summer in Dallas, Texas as the Audience Fellow at Dallas Morning News.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES



**HARSHAWN SINGH
RATANPAL**

Harshawn Singh Ratanpal is a radio and print journalist from San Diego, California, graduating with a bachelor's degrees in journalism and economics. He has a passion for finding and writing stories that report the truth, hold power accountable and help people debate and appreciate their differences.

Ratanpal knew he would attend the Missouri School of Journalism since he was in the 6th grade, and he's thrilled to continue working on campus as a KBIA producer through Report for America, where he covers environmental impacts on underserved communities. He attributes his success to his family's boundless support and said he will try ceaselessly to honor the sacrifices they made and mirror the tenacity they modeled.

MAY 2024 DEGREE CANDIDATES

¹ Kappa Tau Alpha Initiate

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³ Magna Cum Laude

⁴ Cum Laude

⁵ Walter Williams Scholar

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Grace Gilles

Amber Noelle Grigley

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Eronie Kamukama

Grace E Kenyon

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Moriah McDonald

Daniel Richard Mika

Cleo M Norman

Samuel Edward O'Keefe¹

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Paige Lawren Porter

Michelle Renee Morgan Quinn

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 Carson Lee Bierman
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THE JOURNALIST'S CREED

I believe in the profession of journalism.

I believe that the public journal is a public trust; that all connected with it are, to the full measure of their responsibility, trustees for the public; that acceptance of a lesser service than the public service is betrayal of this trust.

I believe that clear thinking and clear statement, accuracy and fairness are fundamental to good journalism.

I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true.

I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.

I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocketbook is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.

I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that the supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.

I believe that the journalism which succeeds best—and best deserves success—fears God and honors Man; is stoutly independent, unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power, constructive, tolerant but never careless, self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid; is quickly indignant at injustice; is unswayed by the appeal of privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance and, as far as law and honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-comradeship; is a journalism of humanity, of and for today's world.



The Journalist's Creed was written by the first dean of the Missouri School of Journalism, Walter Williams. More than a century later, his declaration remains one of the clearest statements of the principles, values and standards of journalists throughout the world. Plaques bearing the creed are on display at the School, the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. (since 1958), and many other locations around the world.



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