
By CAROLINE LADANIAN

The "Wall Street Journal's" Paul Steiger and Village Voice's "Village Voice" freelance editor Michael Kamber will be awarded prizes for journalism excellence by the faculty of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism on May 21 and 22 at the University. Steiger will receive the Pulitzer Prize, given by the highest honor awarded by the Journalism School faculty, rewarding "singular journalistic performance in the public interest." Kamber will receive the 2002 Mike Berger Award, for outstanding reporting on the lives of ordinary city-dwellers in New York City.

"The Wall Street Journal has long exemplified excellence, and Paul Steiger has raised that bar every night," said Tom Goldstein, dean of the Graduate School of Journalism. "At the Village Voice, it’s from the Journal, the year’s shared Berger Prize proves that great reporting and storytelling can be done about the least visible people in our city."

SIPA students have been managing editor and vice president at The Wall Street Journal since 1991 and 1992.

SIPA Students Gain Hands-On Experience in International Development Workshops and Projects

BY JO KALIEKT

Thirty-five years after her father served in the Army Corps, Tara McAuliff, SIPA ’02, retraced his steps and visited the village of Victory in Mississippi. Her goal was the same as her father’s—help to reduce poverty. McAuliff was trained under his supervision in the EPD program, a unique concentration in Columbia’s School of International and Public Affairs established as the Program in Economic and Political Development (EPD).

When she returns this summer, other students, McAuliff—who’s graduating today—took to Peru to help assess the impact of enterprise development programs with a partner organization known as TechnoServe. TechnoServe—a Connecticut-based organization which helps generate economic growth in economically disadvantaged areas—helped to increase the incomes of the poor—asked EPD students to create a tool that evaluated the efficacy of their program organization, which is working in Peru to improve the health and economic development of small communities. They looked for example, at how rural communities in Honduras could promote development and education for children and women, while oil in Senegal and Guinea-Bissau was a pipeline to prosperity or poverty, and at how community development in Eastern Timor could bridge the ethnic gap. Through intensive workshops, Practical internships, academic research and international travel for projects in public health, environmental policy, urban planning, education or conflict resolution, each team gained a better understanding of the EPD definition of development: “increasing peoples’ capacities to influence their future in an interdependent world.”

According to Corinelle Bryant, the EPD program director at Columbia’s School of the Practice and Economic of Political Development for SIPA, the EPD program is distinct in its approach to poverty reduction and participatory development. "The workshop is an amazing clinical component within our program," Bryant says. "The students are young professionals in teams on real projects for clients, doing some on-site research in Africa, Eastern Europe, or Latin America."

Second year only students can participate in the EPD program. This year they must recognize the various challenges that arise in development work. They also must demonstrate "a commitment to and concern about promoting and protecting the welfare of the poor." Because of the goal of the program is to develop projects that reduce poverty through local leadership and interdependent partnerships, students learn about development in a broad approach.

Once accepted into the program, students are placed in teams of 6-8 and assigned a project with a partnering agency and country that fits their interests. In recent years, EPD assistant managing editor and became deputy managing editor in 1983 before assuming his current post. Steiger’s awards include the Gerald I. Best Award, the American Society of Newspaper Editor’s Leadership Award and the National Press Club’s Eddie of the Year Award. Steiger is the author of “The 70s Crash and How America Bounced Back.” In June, he is a member of the Pulitzer Prize Board and the Graduate School of Journalism’s "Voice" freelance writer and photo editor. Michael Kamber has freelanced for the Village Voice for more than a decade, covering issues and topics in the Caribbean—namely Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Haiti. After Sept. 11, he traveled throughout Pakistan and Afghanistan, writing and photographing a series of articles on religious fundamentalism, Afghan refugees, and the future of post-Taliban Afghanistan.

Turro Receives Science Award

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"Content or 'knowing what' has been done in the past, achieving a high level of knowledge and applying it to teaching and learning is the foundation of good scholarship," says Turro. "Context is the aspect of scholarship that produces a 'know how to connect' knowledge in which meaning and motivation is attached to the knowledge creation process. Cognition is the 'how' and 'what' connections are there 'aspect of knowledge creation.'"

Turro also has been an innovator in developing mentoring programs for undergraduate students. He says, "I have minority students, to work directly on research with faculty. He has extended this program to bring undergraduate visiting students from the University of Richmond, the Claremont Colleges in California and Dvir. Village Voice freelance writer and photo editor Michael Kamber has freelanced for the Village Voice for more than a decade, covering issues and topics in the Caribbean—namely Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Haiti. After Sept. 11, he traveled throughout Pakistan and Afghanistan, writing and photographing a series of articles on religious fundamentalism, Afghan refugees, and the future of post-Taliban Afghanistan.

Currently a Reveson Fellow at Columbia, Kamber is working on a book about the Village Voice and its City's Mexican population. Kamber and Kamber will each receive $500 as winners of the Mike Berger Award, which honors the legendary "New York Times" reporter whose stories often focused on the lives of the ordinary city-dwellers of New York City. The prize was created in 1961, a year after Berger’s death, by Louis Schweitzer, a New York industrialist and admirer of Berger’s writing. Kamber and will receive the Mike Berger Awards on Journalism Day, May 21, when Mary McGregor, the Washington Post columnist, will deliver the annual Henry F. Pringle Memorial Lecture on covering national affairs. McGregor joined the Washington Post staff in 1979 and was named a columnist in 1985. She was a newspaper reporter and colleague before becoming a columnist in 1990. She was named a Pulitzer Prize Board member after Berger’s death, by Louis Schweitzer, a New York industrialist and admirer of Berger’s writing.

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