



Previous Fellows:



» *Michelle Zenarosa*
2007-2008



Taya Flores
2006-2007
May 2007 graduate
Seattle Times
Summer Intern



Robert Salonga
2004-2005
Contra Costa Times



Elysa Batista
2003-2004
Naples Daily News



Marisa Navarro
2002-2003
Former Reporter,
Ventura County Star



Allen Powell II
2002-2003
New Orleans
Times-Picayune



Krissah Williams
2001-2002
The Washington Post



Megan K. Scott
2000-2001
Associated Press



Lolly Boueuan
1999-2000
The Chicago Tribune

MASTER'S IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORTING



Recipient will study in the Public Affairs Sequence in the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland. Course work will include a semester of reporting work at Capital News Service and classes taught by two nationally recognized faculty members, Professor Gene Roberts, former Philadelphia Inquirer editor and New York Times managing editor, and Haynes Johnson, former Washington Post columnist. Upon completion of the program, the Simons fellow will receive a master's degree. The program will enhance the likelihood of the fellow's obtaining full-time employment in the newspaper industry.

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY JOURNALISTS

The fellowship program was created to expand opportunities for minority journalists to enter and advance in the newspaper industry. It is named for the late Howard Simons, managing editor of The Washington Post during the Watergate era, because he was a born mentor to young people and embodied all the attributes The Washington Post values most: a relentless drive for the truth, a nurturing and inclusive presence, a reverence for the language and—above all—a sense of fun.

SIMONS GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 7, 2008

(Please type or print)

Name (last)

(First)

(Middle)

School mailing address

Permanent mailing address

Phone (school)

Phone (home)

College or University

Dates attended

Years completed

Major field

Current academic classification

Date of graduation

■ If you have taken a college entrance board examination or the Graduate Record Examination, name the test and give your scores:

■ You must apply to the University of Maryland's Graduate Degree Program in conjunction with this application.

■ Are you considering a career besides newspaper journalism? If "yes," what field and why?

■ If you choose journalism as a career, describe your long-term goals:

■ Please attach the following to the completed application:

1. Your résumé (include all jobs associated with journalism.)
If you have worked for a newspaper other than a student newspaper, explain exactly what you did.
2. A typed autobiography of at least 500 words.
3. Your college transcript (may be mailed separately.)
4. Five to seven clips.
5. Two letters of recommendation (may be mailed separately.)
6. A cover letter briefly telling why you expect the fellowship to enhance your career opportunities.

THE HOWARD SIMONS/2008-2009 GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Please return application to:

Athelia Knight, Director
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The Young Journalists Development Program

The Washington Post
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Web site: www.washpost.com/howardsimons

The Howard Simons Graduate Fellowship is part of

THE YOUNG JOURNALISTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



The Young Journalists Development Program (YJDP) was created by The Washington Post in 1997 to educate and cultivate talented young people who are interested in a career in newspaper journalism. It also addresses The Post's commitment to increase job opportunities for minorities, who are often underrepresented in newsrooms across the country.

In addition to the students it serves, the program provides financial support and technical assistance to area high school journalism programs and student newspapers. Since its inception, the program has revived most of the District of Columbia's defunct public high school newspapers. YJDP provides much-needed equipment, such as computers, printers and photographic supplies, as well as printing service to the newspapers. It also assists journalism students at the college undergraduate and graduate levels.

OTHER COLLEGE-LEVEL PROGRAMS OF YJDP

THE WASHINGTON POST SEMESTER: The goals of this one-credit course for upper-level undergraduate students and graduate students is to bring reality and immediacy to the journalism classroom experience. The Post semester is offered at the University of Maryland during the fall term and to students at American, George Washington and Howard universities during the spring term. The lecturers, team-taught by professionals from The Post's news and business staffs, have included Donald E. Graham, chairman of The Washington Post and chairman of the board and chief executive officer of The Washington Post Co., and Leonard Downie Jr., executive editor. Veteran reporters also cover course topics including the changing nature of sports coverage, diversity and the high-tech revolution.

"The Howard Simons Fellowship was a wonderful opportunity because it allowed me to be exposed to several aspects of journalism that my initial education did not provide....The most advantageous part of the program was the opportunity to cover my own beat before I finished school. That experience has proven to be invaluable in my journalistic career."



Powell

Allen Powell II, Reporter
The Times-Picayune

"I learned narrative writing techniques, computer assisted



Williams

reporting and about the history of media and politics from legendary journalists at Maryland. I used my time there to talk with Pulitzer Prize winning reporters and editors about good writing, and that made me a better journalist."

Krissah Williams, Reporter
The Washington Post



Bowean

"The Howard Simons Fellowship helped me obtain the tools I needed to start my reporting career

ahead of the curve. The fellowship, along with the grooming I received in the Young Journalists Development Program, allowed me to identify a place for myself in journalism and then seize it."

Lolly Bowean, Reporter
The Chicago Tribune



Batista

"The guidance and honest criticism from professors, who took the time to help me improve as a journalist and as a person, have helped me in my career."

Elysa Batista, Reporter
Naples Daily News



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