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Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism School Announces 2009-2010 Knight-Bagehot Fellows

New York, NY – May 4, 2009 -- Nine Knight-Bagehot Fellows in economics and business journalism have been named by the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism for the 2009-2010 academic year. They include journalists from *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe*, Thomson-Reuters, msnbc.com and the BBC.

The mid-career fellowships provide full tuition and a living stipend of \$50,000 for experienced journalists to take graduate courses at Columbia's Schools of Business, Law, and International and Public Affairs. Fellows also attend special seminars at the Journalism School led by scholars and business experts during the nine-month program, which begins in August. The program is open to journalists with at least four years' experience.

"These journalists represent the best and brightest in business journalism," said Terri Thompson, director of the program. "We look forward to welcoming them for a rigorous program of study here at Columbia."

Brief biographies of this year's fellows:

Raul Gallegos, 35, is a foreign correspondent covering oil and politics for Dow Jones Newswires from Caracas, Venezuela. There he has written about that country's oil-financed move to socialism for five years. Before joining Dow Jones he was the managing editor for *Institutional Investor's Wall Street Letter* where he led a team of reporters covering U.S. securities markets in New York. Born and raised in El Salvador during a time of civil war, he holds a B.A. in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley. For a year he also worked for the Orange County Bureau of the Los

Angeles Times. He got his start as a lead economics reporter for *El Diario de Hoy*, one of the largest newspapers in Central America.

Martha Graybow, 38, has been a correspondent for Reuters since 2001 and currently oversees U.S. legal affairs coverage from the New York bureau. She graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1992, and took her first job as an education reporter for her hometown newspaper in Warrenton, Virginia. From there, she moved to The Associated Press in Richmond, and three years later was promoted to the AP's International Desk in New York. She moved to Israel in 1997 and spent two years freelancing and copyediting for the English language edition of daily newspaper Ha'aretz. Returning to New York in 1999, she joined the staff of CNNfn.com where she covered healthcare for two years. She has received numerous awards from the Newswomen's Club of NY and the National Press Club.

Jackson Hewett, 33, is a video producer for BBC's New York bureau, filming up to three packages daily on corporate or economic news. He joined BBC TV in 2003 as producer, cameraman and editor for domestic and international business news based in London, and later spent two years in Dubai covering business news for the Middle East region. Raised on a small farm in rural Australia, he graduated from Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, in 1999, and took his first job in journalism in 2000 where he reported on business news from Melbourne for Business Daily airing on Sky News, Australia.

Roland Jones, 37, is editor and producer for business news section of msnbc.com, the breaking news web site, where he manages breaking business news, edits stringers and writes a weekly column on the automotive industry. A citizen of the U.K., he earned a B.A. from the University of Birmingham in 1994, and edited a 150,000-circulation monthly soccer magazine in London for two years. After graduating with an MS in Journalism from Columbia in 1997, he worked as a senior editor for Thomson Financial and as a staff reporter for TheStreet.com before joining msnbc.com in 2001.

Amit Paley, 27, a financial investigative reporter for *The Washington Post* since 2008, broke a series of stories on loopholes, mismanagement and lack of oversight related to the \$700 billion financial bailout. He joined the Post in 2004 as a metro reporter after graduating magna cum laude from Harvard University, where he served as president of The Harvard Crimson. A series of stories he wrote in 2007 on the student loan industry spawned several Congressional investigations. As a foreign correspondent based in the Post's Baghdad bureau, he contributed to a package of enterprising stories that were nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

Joellen Perry, 34, a reporter for *The Wall Street Journal* since 2006, covers the European economy and the European Central Bank from Frankfurt, Germany. Her notable front-page features include a pre-crisis profile of Hungary's deteriorating finances and an analysis of risks during the UK's debt-fueled housing boom. She graduated summa cum laude from Kenyon College in 1996, and her first paid journalism job was an internship for the website of U.S. *News & World Report*, where she ultimately became a senior editor in the Money and Business section. Before joining *The Wall Street Journal*, she

spent a year in Berlin as a Fulbright scholar writing about German culture, foreign policy and economics.

Rob Wherry, 41, joined *SmartMoney* in 2005. He now serves as a senior editor for SmartMoney.com, where he oversees the site's investment coverage. He's penned four regular columns on mutual funds and exchange traded funds, one of which is picked up every week by *The Wall Street Journal*. He also helps produce a video series for the web site that runs on occasion on sites like Yahoo! Finance. Previously, he worked for six years as a senior reporter at Forbes and two years covering politics for George. Before graduating in 1995 with a B.A. in English from the University of Delaware, he studied architecture at Drexel University.

Nicole C. Wong, 30, as business reporter for *The Boston Globe*, covered workplace issues, travel and tourism. After graduating with a B.S. in business administration from the University of California at Berkeley in 2001, she interned at *The Washington Post* as a business reporter covering technology and the ripple effects Sept. 11 had on air travel and the economy. She joined the *San Jose Mercury News* in late 2001 as a city hall and education reporter and became a business and technology reporter in 2005. In 2007, her enterprise articles on Hewlett-Packard's layoffs and off-shoring earned her a spot on TJFR Group's "30 under 30" list of the country's best young business journalists and the "Outstanding Emerging Journalist of the Year" award from the Society of Professional Journalists' Northern California Chapter. She moved to Boston later that year.

Christine Young, 56, a business reporter for the *Times Herald-Record* (Middletown, NY), has earned investigative journalism awards in both newspapers and TV. She spent 15 years in Maine, where she was a reporter/anchor for the ABC affiliate in Portland and a reporter for the Lewiston Sun-Journal. She has received the John Jay Award for Excellence in Criminal Justice Reporting, the Online Journalism Award, the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Silver Baton, the National Headliner Award, the Clarion Award and the Edward R. Murrow Award. She was program host for the Emmy-winning *Quest: Investigating the World We Call Maine*, produced by Maine Public Broadcasting, and is the author of "A Bitter Brew: Faith, Power and Poison in a Small New England Town," published by Penguin USA. Young is a cum laude graduate of the University of Southern Maine.

About the Knight-Bagehot Fellowship

Founded in 1975, the fellowships are named for John S. and James L. Knight, brothers who established the Knight Foundation, and Walter Bagehot, the 19th-century British economist and editor of *The Economist*. They are administered by the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and directed by Terri Thompson, a former associate editor of *U.S. News & World Report* and former reporter for *BusinessWeek*. Thompson is also a graduate of the program.

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About the Graduate School of Journalism

For almost a century, the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism has been preparing journalists in a program that stresses academic rigor, ethics, journalistic inquiry, and professional practice. Founded with a gift from Joseph Pulitzer in 1903, the school offers master of science, master of arts, and doctor of philosophy degrees. For more on the Graduate School of Journalism, visit www.journalism.columbia.edu.

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