

CNN journalist is winner of Columbia J-alumni award

Suzanne Malveaux, '91, is among four people who will receive distinguished alumni awards at the Columbia Journalism School centennial weekend April 12-13.

Since 2011, Malveaux anchors the noon to 2 p.m. editions of CNN's "Around the World" and "Newsroom" from [Atlanta](#). She worked in CNN's White House unit for nearly a decade, has played a key role as a member of the network's self-described "Best Political Team on Television" and as the primary substitute anchor for "The Situation Room" with Wolf Blitzer.



Malveaux's 2008 reporting of the Obama election was selected as one of the "[50 Great Stories](#)" of the Columbia Journalism School Centennial by a panel of faculty and distinguished judges. Fifty more stories – chosen by alumni – are to be announced.

During her tenure with CNN, Malveaux has covered three presidents, presidential campaigns, and key stories including the war in Iraq, Hurricane Katrina and the economic crisis. Malveaux has broken numerous stories for CNN, including the plea deal of lobbyist Jack Abramoff, White House personnel changes and the retirement of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

In September 2005, Malveaux returned to her family's hometown New Orleans where she reported on the devastation and recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina.

Malveaux joined the network in 2002.

Before Columbia J-school, Malveaux earned her Bachelor's degree from Harvard University. She serves on the Columbia J-School [Board of Visitors](#). Continued on page 2

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The other alumni award winners are **Josh Friedman, '68**, who won Pulitzer Prizes at Newsday and the Philadelphia Inquirer in 1985 and 1979;

Abraham Lustgarten, '03, who writes about energy, water and the environment for ProPublica and was 2009 George Polk Award winner for environmental reporting, and **Janice Min, '91**, [Malveaux's classmate] editorial director of the Hollywood Reporter, who transformed the trade publication. On Min's watch there has been an 800-percent increase in online traffic and a 50-percent rise in overall revenue. Min previously was editor-in-chief of US Weekly.

Lolis Eric Elie, '86, story editor and official show blogger for "Treme," the [HBO dramatic series](#) about his native New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, was an award winner last spring.

The alumni awards are presented annually for a distinguished journalism career in any medium, an outstanding single journalistic accomplishment, a notable contribution to journalism education or in an achievement in related fields. – *Compiled by Wayne Dawkins*

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Alumni author to speak in Charlottesville, Va.

Wayne Dawkins, '80, will be among three authors for "African American Biographies: Americans Who Changed History," at the [Virginia Festival of the Book](#), noon, Saturday, March 23. Dawkins, assistant professor of journalism and communications at Hampton University, will talk about "[City Son](#): Andrew W. Cooper's Impact on Modern-Day Brooklyn." **Valerie C. Cooper**, associate professor of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia, will talk about "[Word, Like Fire](#): Maria Stewart, the Bible and the Rights of African Americans." **Anne S. Pruitt-Logan**, professor emerita at Ohio State University, will talk about "[Faithful to the Task](#): the Life of Lucy Diggs Stowe." **Tamyra Turner** of [Piedmont Virginia C.C.](#) is the moderator.

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NABJ Hall of Famer's aura, glow and zest for life

By **Linda Waller Shockley**

Betty Baye, '80, burst into Westchester County covering Mount Vernon with stories of her experiences with Civil Rights activists and life in New York. The similarities to her predecessor, Juadine Henderson, were stunning. Both women shifted my education from the theory of the Civil Rights movement and student activism to real flesh and blood people.

It wasn't so much what went on in the newsrooms at Gannett Newspapers but the social networking they exposed me to after the workday was done.

[Henderson](#) introduced me to legendary journalists as real human beings like Earl Caldwell, C. Gerald Fraser and Dorothy Gilliam. Henderson had been a member of SNCC when the writers were covering the movement; she turned to journalism herself, attended the Michelle Clark program and landed a job covering [Mount Vernon](#) government. Baye was a New Yorker, a secretary for Civil Rights groups, who attended Columbia J-school – where the Michelle Clark program used to be housed – and landed a job covering Mount Vernon government.

We used to gather in each other's homes and apartments, go into the city for meetings, lectures and parties. Adult-type dinner parties with lots of food, spirits and conversation. One night Betty threw a party off Central Park East. Felipe Luciano, the Last Poet, Young Lord and TV journalist, was a guest and her friend. I'd loved Luciano as a teenager when I saw him perform "[Jibaro, Mi Negro Lindo](#)" on PBS. It was a thrill to meet him and to see him as a real person.

Betty Baye has an aura, a glow and a zest for life. Baye is adventurous and fearsome. Despite her own larger than (my) life stories she is open to listening and feeling the life stories of her subjects.

It makes her a great reporter and columnist, has distinguished her career wherever she has gone and will go with her wherever she ventures.

Shockley is deputy director of the Dow Jones News Fund

PHOTO: Baye is fourth from the left. Image by Bill Hart



Feedback: Garland scholars

Wow. Kind of surreal, happy and sad to see endeavors in Phyllis T. Garland's memory ["Meet the BA Network/Phyl Garland scholars," February].

Kind of like the baby my stepdaughter named for Ed.

A generation leaves and another comes. – **Jacqueline Rivkin, '88**

Good to see the newsletter is still brimming with news.

Phyl Garland was my adviser at Columbia. Without her help, advice and guidance, I would have been lost during those dark ages when we still used typewriters at the J-School.

– **Tamara M. Cooke Henry, '75**

We're happy to hear from you and invite your comments and story ideas

People



Lydia Polgreen, '00, New York Times South Africa correspondent, talked with [NPR](#) about the sensational "blade runner" homicide in which Olympian and double amputee Oscar Pistorius was charged with fatally shooting his fashion model girlfriend on Valentine's Day.

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