Celebrating Excellence in Journalism.
It’s a Mayborn thing.

Good and honest storytelling may be as important now as ever. The Pulitzer Prizes honor the best in storytelling, and this year, three Mayborn alums joined the ranks of prize-winning journalists who have shown and continue to show just how integral the fourth estate is and always will be. Melissa Boughton, Kalani Gordon, and Kenneth “Chip” Somodevilla (pictured left to right) joined eight other Mayborn alums who have either won or been named a finalist for the coveted Pulitzer Prize in the categories of breaking news, investigative reporting, and feature photography, among others. It’s an amazing time to be part of the Mayborn family, because, as the Pulitzer Prize celebrates its 100-year anniversary, we celebrate 100 years of student media at UNT. Many of our decorated alums and Pulitzer honorees were part of student media here, whether it was Campus Chat or the North Texas Daily.

To commemorate this important milestone, the school will host a special event on September 29. George Getschow will moderate a panel discussion of alumni Pulitzer winners, and a special exhibit observing this media centennial will be open in the new Student Union from September 19 - October 7. Before that date, our eyes turn to the 2016 Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference. The conference, which takes place July 22-24 in Grapevine, celebrates Pulitzer—A Century of Excellence: People, Politics and Public Affairs. It’s all part of our ongoing effort to honor the past, present and future of storytelling at the Mayborn and beyond. We thank you for taking the time to join us during these exciting times.
It’s a myth that summer is a time of leisure in higher education, especially at UNT’s Frank W. and Sue Mayborn School of Journalism or the Frank W. Mayborn Graduate Institute of Journalism. We are busier than bees at a honeycomb.

In addition to the more than 400 students taking summer classes in Denton, we have study abroad initiatives under way in London, Japan and Mexico as well as a dozen orientation sessions planned for incoming students and their families. Hats off to our amazing faculty who are teaching at home and abroad as well as our outstanding advising team and staff.

During the 12th annual Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference July 22-24 in Grapevine, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Pulitzer Prizes. For registration details, check out www.themayborn.com. Did you know that 2016 marks the 100th anniversary for both the Pulitzer Prizes and Campus Chat or student media at UNT? Just as UNT has grown and experienced name changes, so has Campus Chat. Every time I walk through the beautiful UNT Student Union and see the eatery area labeled Campus Chat, I smile as I got hooked on student media years ago. Campus Chat was the student newspaper founded in 1916 at what was then North Texas State Normal College. Campus Chat has since become NT Daily and it’s available on multiple platforms – print, online, TV and radio.

Did you know that there are at least eight UNT journalism alumni who earned Pulitzer Prizes over the years and another three alums were Pulitzer Prize finalists in 2016? Read more about them in the latest issue of Mayborn magazine, which will be released at the Mayborn Conference in July and available online in late July. We are inviting all of our living Journalism Pulitzer Prize winners and finalists back to campus for a special celebration titled “A Century of Excellence: The Pulitzer Prizes and Journalism’s Impact on UNT” at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 29 in the Student Union Lyceum. The event is free and open to the public. We need your help to pack the Lyceum with about 500 people. On Sept. 30, Chip Somodevilla, a 2016 Pulitzer finalist, and other outstanding photographers will conduct a visual journalism workshop in the General Academic Building. We also invite all former Campus Chat/NT Daily staffers back to campus for the Campus/Chat NT Daily Reunion, which will be 2 p.m. on Oct. 1 in the GAB. It’s fine to bring the family as it will be UNT’s Family Weekend. The football game starts at 6 p.m. and you can count on a great weekend of networking.

Speaking of networking, did you know Ranjani Groth gets the prize for packing the most destinations into study abroad experiences this summer? She’s a Terry Scholar who is part of the crew on the Heart of Mexico Project and she’s going to Germany, too. We have about 60 Mayborn undergraduate students working as interns this summer, under the supervision of Gary Ghioto. Yes, many are in the Dallas-Fort Worth area while some are working in states such as Arizona, Colorado, New York, South Carolina and Louisiana. Grad students Chelsea Land is working at USA Today as a news intern in the Washington, DC, area, and Frank Franco is working as a social media and web editor intern at the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam. The positive alumni grapevine continues to grow, too. Did you know that Samantha Guzman, M.J. 2014, is now an associate producer for KERA’s Think in Dallas?

Onward and upward,

Dorothy Bland
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Mayborn Spans the Globe

This summer, Mayborn graduates and undergraduates left the Texas heat and headed to various spots across the Atlantic, the Pacific, and south of the U.S. border. The three 2016 Mayborn Abroad trips—London, Japan, and Mexico—find our students traveling diverse terrains to report and learn about how journalism, publication relations, and advertising work in different countries.

Shawn McKay, a Mayborn in London student, traveled outside of England’s capital as part of his internship experience. McKay, who went to the Netherlands, said, “Getting the chance to go further and travel out to Amsterdam for a shadow opportunity was amazing. I met some people I will never forget.”

In Japan, graduate student Kate Skinner is part of the student group led by professors Koji Fuse and Andrew Tanielian. Skinner has enjoyed the immersion opportunity, and has come away rejuvenated by the different perspectives she’s encountered. “Being in Japan has taught me to examine myself through the eyes of others,” she said. “It’s all about perspective. Through this experience I’ve gained a deeper understanding of respect.”

Your story may start here in Denton, but as these three adventures show, a good story will take you anywhere you want to go.
What do Marty Baron, Krys Boyd, and Gilbert King all have in common? Well, apart from their talent and journalistic prowess, all three will all join the discussion at this summer’s Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference. From July 22-24 in Grapevine, the conference, themed *Pulitzer—A Century of Excellence: People, Politics and Public Affairs*, will feature dozens of eminent storytellers from across the nation, including authors, activists, and radio personalities from the likes of KERA, Politico, BuzzFeed, *The Washington Post*, and many other exemplary publications.

And while we’re overjoyed to spend a weekend talking to some of our favorite storytellers, we’re just as excited to dole out awards—more than $26,000 in cash prizes in all—to the writers who entered our various contests for reported narratives, personal essays, and biographies.

With old and new members of the Ten Spur Literary Society also returning to the Hilton, the weekend promises to live up to Mayborn Conference Co-Director Neil Foote’s label of a “summer camp for writers.” The festivities kick off on Friday night at Austin Ranch, with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Gilbert King (*Devil in the Grove*) delivering the first keynote. Then, after a day of captivating conference panels, renowned activist-writer Sheryl WuDunn delivers the Saturday keynote at the Literary Lights Dinner. Finally, distinguished scholar Margo Jefferson ends the weekend on a high (key)note with her Sunday talk.

A key event will be a discussion between the Mayborn’s George Getschow and *Washington Post* Executive Editor Marty Baron, who led the *Boston Globe*’s ‘Spotlight’ news team, on what it takes to deliver Pulitzer-winning work.

All of these speakers (and many others) will make this year’s conference a must-see event, or, as UNT President Neal Smatresk calls it, a “crown jewel” of the University of North Texas.

To reserve your seat, visit themayborn.com.

New editions of *Ten Spurs* and *Mayborn* magazine will be available at the conference.
As we observe and celebrate 100 years of excellence in journalism at UNT, our celebration of the Pulitzer Prize is a touchstone for how journalism and storytelling are vital components of our national narrative. This celebration begins in July with our 12th annual Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference, and it continues in the fall with a special event that will combine the goal of our conference with the celebration of 100 years of student media at UNT.

On September 29, Mayborn Pulitzer winners like Dan Malone and Gayle Reaves-King will join principal lecturer and Pulitzer finalist George Getschow for a panel discussion about their work and the importance of the press then and now. This event, which will take place in UNT’s Student Union, will coincide with an exhibit replete with 100 years of Mayborn media artifacts that will be on display from September 19 - October 7.

With both the conference and this special event, we recognize the Pulitzer as the symbol of great accomplishments of journalists who seek the truth, tell compelling stories, and provide readers insights into the world around them. The Pulitzer Prize offers a snapshot of the world’s events: Whether it’s reporting on September 11, uncovering the misdeeds of elected officials, relaying the impact of war on the citizens of Afghanistan, or illustrating the flaws in the federal regulation on food safety.

In early August, nearly 40 percent of the Mayborn’s full-time faculty will head to the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) Conference in Minneapolis. They will participate in a variety of workshops to strengthen teaching skills, share research and expand networks.

The Mayborn also will be honored with the 2016 AEJMC’s Equity and Diversity Award winner. Faculty members Meredith Clark, who chaired the Diversity Committee in 2015-16, Tracy Everbach, Sheri Broyles and Thorne Anderson will share secrets for compiling an award-winning entry during a panel moderated by Dean Dorothy Bland.

Faculty members scheduled to make presentations are listed below:

- **Thorne Anderson**, Heart of Mexico: Migrant Dreams, Visual Communication’s Creative Works Competition (First Place).

- **Sheri Broyles**, with co-authors Jami Fullerton of Oklahoma State University and Alice Kendrick at Southern Methodist University, “Attitude change among U.S. adults after the Castro-Obama announcement: The role of agenda-setting.” (International Communication Division).

- **Sara Champlin** and **Gwen Nisbett**, “Exploring the multi-faceted interpersonal communication strategies used by college students to discuss stress” (Communication, Science, Health and Risk Division).

- **Sara Champlin** and several co-authors from the University of Texas-Austin, “Health literacy and health information technology adoption: The potential for a new digital divide” (Communication, Science, Health and Risk Division).


- **Tracy Everbach**, **Meredith Clark** & **Gwendelyn S. Nisbett**, “#IfTheyGunnedMeDown: An Analysis of Mainstream and Social Media in the Ferguson, Missouri Shooting of Michael Brown.” (Newspaper & Online Division).

- **James Mueller**, “Missing the story at Gettysburg: Reporters ignore a possibly decisive cavalry fight.” (History Division).
Student News

- Congratulations to UNT’s Gravitas Ad Team for placing second in the District 10 National Student Advertising Competition sponsored by the American Advertising Federation. Ad team members were Anila Ademi, Korey Ambrose, Abraham Campillo, Kirsten Cox, April Earl, Monica Fernandez, Kaitlin Fike, Juree Goode, Samuel Kagan, Brandon Karlis, Mesha McDonald, Collin Moore, Joshua Olivares, Ashlea Ramirez, Jordan Stroud, Hannah Wachholz and Amanda Woodard. Also, thanks to faculty members Brice Campbell, Sheri Broyles and Bill Ford for their coaching and making the trip to Lubbock.

- A record eight Mayborn students are working summer internships or jobs with properties owned by Belo Corp., the parent company of The Dallas Morning News, Al Día and the Denton Record-Chronicle. See the list that follows:
  - Caleb Downs, breaking news intern at The Dallas Morning News
  - Eline De Bruijn, metro news intern at The Dallas Morning News
  - Dalton LaFerney, business news intern at The Dallas Morning News
  - Elvia Limón, Spanish language news intern at Al Día
  - Jeff Woo, photo intern at the Denton Record-Chronicle
  - Ali West, Julian Gill and Rhiannon Saegert, news interns at the Denton Record-Chronicle
  - Paul Wedding is working at the Dallas Business Journal. Wedding and LaFerney’s internships are part of the Reynolds Business Journalism Program, which is the program that helped bring us Visiting Lecturer Karen Blumenthal in the spring semester.

- Grad student Azia Branson has been hired full-time as a crime and safety database reporter for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, after successfully completing an internship. She also married Jett Tullos, a UNT biology academic advisor and grad student, May 28.

- Harrison Long is serving as NT Daily Editor this summer, and the NT Daily has two new student sales reps, Bryson Beavers and Anfernee Chachere.

- Sierra Johnson, a public relations student, and Tre Hearn, a broadcast/digital journalism student, will be the Mayborn’s SGA reps during the 2016-17 school year.

Faculty and Staff News

- James “Jim” Mueller, Ph.D., has agreed to serve as interim journalism director, effective July 2016. He replaces Cory Armstrong, who resigned to accept a department chair position at the University of Alabama.

- Congratulations to Thorne Anderson, who won a National Press Photographers Association quarterly clips first place award in the “multimedia short” category. The award was for a documentary video short titled “Until you have to be strong.”

- Assistant Professor Gwen Nisbett’s first book was published recently in collaboration with Lindsey A. Harvell. The title: Denying Death: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Terror Management Theory.

- Congratulations to Michelle Redmond, who has been promoted to senior lecturer in the broadcast/digital track.

- Assistant Professor Meredith Clark has been selected to serve as an inaugural fellow in the Center for Investigative Reporting and Maynard Institute for Journalism Education Senior Research Fellowship program.

- Lecturers Samra Bufkins and Mark Donald earned Texas Headliners Foundation Grants to attend Teachapalooza at the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Florida, June 10-12.

- Lecturer Juli James is scheduled to attend the GLS (Games Learning Society) Conference Aug. 17-19 in Madison, Wisconsin.

- Neil Foote, principal lecturer, will attend the National Association of Black Journalists Conference, which is Aug. 2-7 in Washington, D.C.

- Gloria Blair (pictured below) is the new face at the front desk in the Frank W. Mayborn Graduate Institute of Journalism. Her title: graduate student services specialist. She joined the Mayborn on May 31 after serving as a student service specialist in the UNT Registrar’s Office. She earned her bachelor’s degree in government/criminal justice from Texas Woman’s University and is expected to complete her master’s degree in higher education administration by the end of the fall semester 2016. Welcome!
While many college students enjoy fun in the sun during the summer, Mayborn students also experience journalism firsthand in the working world. Clockwise from top: Mayborn in London students take a break from visiting various media and advertising agency offices to see the regal sights of London; Trreell Hearn takes a turn at the news desk at NBC News’ London bureau, Michael Lozano gets the feel of an anchor chair at CBS News in New York, and Chelsea Land works as a video producer at USA Today in Washington, DC.
Alumni News

- **Hailey Persinger Hodgson**, B.A. 2009, a former *North Texas Daily* staffer, has been hired by *The New York Times* as associate product manager, working on messaging. She previously worked for Yahoo! News in New York, the *San Diego Union-Tribune* and the *Killeen Daily Herald*.

- UNT Journalism alumni and others with ties to the Mayborn were well represented at the Press Club of Dallas Excellence in Journalism Awards Program on June 9. Two UNT Journalism alums honored as “North Texas Legends” were Steve Blow, a retired *Dallas Morning News* columnist, and Randy Galloway, a retired sports columnist whose views were published in *The Dallas Morning News*, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and over the airwaves on WBAP-AM and ESPN’s KESN-FM. Journalism alum Kristi Nelson, who is now a NBC 5 Anchor, served as emcee for the event. UNT alumni Michael Cochran, David Dunnigan, Rebecca Lopez, Scott Parks and Bob Ray Sanders also were spotted in the sold-out crowd.

- **Kathryn Alford**, B.A. 1985, is now a facilities project coordinator at Google in the San Francisco area.

- **Craig Sirois**, B.A. 2010, is a consumer PR manager at Intel and lives in San Jose.

- **James “Jim” Duffy**, B.A. 1966, was elected to the Addison City Council in May.


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