The holiday season is fast approaching as well as the last month of the fall semester. It’s amazing how quickly time flies at UNT and the Mayborn School of Journalism. We’re busier than squirrels preparing for winter.

Yes, having fun and paying it forward are valued, too. Thanks to Cathy Turner and Erin Day for organizing that terrific Halloween Costume Contest to raise funds for the State Employee Charitable Campaign. Now, that’s a party with a purpose, and we thank all who made donations. We hope to see you at the Homecoming Parade and Game on Nov. 9. As an added incentive, there will be a $100 prize for the student group with the best showing related to the Homecoming theme of “Mean Green on the Big Screen.”

Since Thanksgiving falls in the month of November, we offer a hearty thanks to the faculty, staff, students, alumni, our advisory board, administration and growing group of supporters for helping move the Mayborn School of Journalism and Graduate Institute of Journalism forward. Let’s give a five-star salute to Jim Mueller for his new book, “Shooting Arrows and Slinging Mud: Custer, the Press, and the Little Bighorn.” As a posse of scholars, we’re proud that four faculty members – Mueller, Koji Fuse, Gwen Nisbett and Tracy Everbach – are sharing research papers this fall at the National Communication Association in Washington, D.C., and the Southwest Education Council for Journalism and Mass Communication in Tulsa, Okla.

Closer to home, hats off to Nann Goplerud for working with students to launch “Gamechangers” on NT Daily TV and the Denton Public Access TV Channel. A special kudo to George Getschow for representing the UNT Mayborn School of Journalism at the 50th anniversary JFK Symposium in Dallas on Nov. 2 as well as coordinating the Young Spurs Initiative that kicks off Dec. 4-5 with a special program at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

For the students, good luck with final exams. To all, be safe and have an enjoyable holiday season.

Best,
Dorothy M. Bland
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Mayborn faculty present research at national and regional conferences

- Graduate student Sara Blankenship and Associate Professor Tracy Everbach received the first place poster award from the Cultural and Critical Studies Division of AEJMC (Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication) for their “2012 Women’s Olympics” poster presentation.


- Associate Professor Nikhil Moro presented a paper titled “What is Development? A Content Analysis of Two Indian Newspapers,” at the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies Oct. 19 in Houston.

- During the Southwest Education Council on Journalism and Mass Communication Symposium Oct. 31-Nov. 2 in Tulsa, Okla., Assistant Professor Gwen Nisbett collaborated with Christina Childs Dewalt, a Mayborn alumna and an OU Gaylord Ph.D. student to present a paper titled, “Understanding the influence of celebrities in politics: A focus group study of young voters.”

Three faculty members and one student will present at the National Communication Association Conference in Washington, D.C. Nov. 21-24:

- Professor James Mueller, Associate Professor Koji Fuse and graduate student Jia Zhao wrote a paper together titled “International Justice during the Time of Imperialism: The 19th Century Press Coverage of the Shimonoseki Indemnity Imposed on Japan.”

- Assistant Professor Gwen Nisbett collaborated with Lindsey A. Harvell, assistant professor at Southern Utah University, on a paper titled “Death and taxes: How we use religion to navigate political decisions.”

More Faculty News and Updates:

- Associate Professor Koji Fuse hosted Dr. Akira Miyahara, director of the Center for Language Education and professor of communication studies and English at Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka, Japan. Miyahara visited the Mayborn and UNT Sept. 30-Oct. 2 to observe classroom teaching, extracurricular activities, and explore future collaborative opportunities between the Mayborn and his university’s newly proposed Department of Applied Communications, scheduled to launch in April 2016.

- Professor Sheri Broyles spent a week at the University of Havana in Cuba in preparation for a research project exploring advertising in Cuba. Broyles noted that, with the aging Castro brothers – Fidel and Raúl – and the growth of private businesses, there is potential for momentous change in the near future. “This is the ideal time to lay the groundwork for a benchmark study of the practice of advertising in a country in transition,” she said.

Broyles also met with the Tourism faculty at the University of Havana. Her research is supported by a Senior Scholar Research Grant from the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. She was also recently announced as the recipient of a Kappa Tau Alpha research grant to assist in her second trip to Cuba in March 2014.

- Broadcast news Lecturer Michelle Redmond recently completed her MFA degree in Cinema-Television at Southern Methodist University, Dallas. Her thesis documentary project, “Mondays at Minton’s,” weaves the history of Minton’s, the birthplace of “BeBop,” together with personal family history. Redmond’s grandfather, Teddy Hill managed Minton’s club and provided a weekly venue on ‘Celebrity Night’ for Dizzy Gillespie, Thelonious Monk, Charlie Parker, Miles Davis and many more musicians to both relax and perform.

- Kudos to current and former faculty and alumni on writing and editing the book *Contemporary Media Ethics: A Practical Guide for Students, Scholars and Professionals in the Globalized World*. Contributors include founding Mayborn Dean Mitchell Land; Associate Professor Koji Fuse; alumna Jacqueline J. Lambiase, who is also a former Mayborn faculty member and now associate professor at TCU; Professor James Mueller, and alumni Bill Hornaday and Nicole Holland Pearce.

- Senior Lecturer Bill Ford is writing an e-book for *Advertising Age* magazine, slated for release this month. It is tentatively titled *Big Marketing for Small Business.*
• Academic Advisor Jennifer Porras (on right in photograph) attended the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Annual Conference in Salt Lake City, Oct. 6-9. Advisors and counselors from across the U.S. and Canada gathered to grow professionally in areas such as advising theories and philosophies, assessment and advising unique student populations.

• Academic Advisor Monique Scales (on left in photograph) attended the 2013 College Board Forum in New York Oct. 23-25. Attendees participated in sessions focused on the use of technology to support student success. College Board hosts a college fair during the forum, providing a time for high school teachers and counselors to build partnerships with participating colleges and universities.

Did the JFK Symposium do justice to the life and legacy of JFK? From the flood of letters and emails pouring into the mailboxes of event organizers, the answer is an unequivocal yes. As one attendee wrote, “It was simply beautiful to be a witness to what is surely the finest commemoration our city could have ever produced.”
• Mayborn students traveled to Mexico this summer to challenge stereotypes and report on the true stories of Mexico outside the dramatic headlines. Led by professor Thorne Anderson and Tom Huang of The Dallas Morning News, the students produced a multimedia website to archive their work. Visit HeartofMexico2013.com to read their stories.

• Professor Sheri Broyles and five Mayborn students traveled to New York City in October for the Multicultural Media Talent Pipeline program, an immersion event focused on the media, marketing and technology industry that was sponsored by MediaVest and The New York Times. While in NYC, they also visited Mayborn alumni at New York agencies including Anomaly, Droga5 and Grey Advertising.

• Students from the Mayborn’s Archer City Writer’s Workshop led by George Getschow created a website to archive stories written during the workshop and to pay homage to the people of Archer City, including famous author Larry McMurtry. Their website, CenterandMain.org aims to continue a dialogue about the craft of writing. It was featured by Texas Monthly’s website in October.

• Broadcast news student Nana Adwoa Antwi-Boasiako was appointed Student News Director for DCTV (Denton Community TV) for the fall semester. She was selected by a committee of faculty and staff. Antwi-Boasiako will work closely with the newcast production team, as well as assist with sports journalism broadcasts and collaborate with NT Daily Editor-In-Chief Nadia Hill to coordinate news coverage among the TV station, newspaper and website.

• After 12 years of research, narrative certificate student Harry Hall has completed a book titled The Pedestriennes, America’s Forgotten Female Superstars. The book centers around athletic pioneers in the 1870s: women who entered long-distance walking contests. This is Hall’s second book published by World Class Publications. It will be out in mid-2014.

• Two Mayborn students attended the Texas Automobile Writers Association (TAWA) luncheon in September – Joseph Moreno and J.P. Lugo. From left: TAWA host, Harold Gunn, Lugo, Moreno and TAWA President Michael Marrs.

Alumni Updates

• Kimberly Packard (’98) is a North Texas novelist whose debut novel, Phoenix won the 2012-13 General Fiction category from the Texas Association of Authors. She was honored at the Texas Book Festival this fall in Austin.

• Graham Douglas (’05), who will receive the Distinguished Young Alumni Award from UNT next April, was named one of this year’s Forbes 30 Under 30 in Marketing and Advertising for his award-winning work as creative director at the New York City-based ad agency Droga5.

• Sahar Medhi (’13) was chosen as a participant in the Alfred Fleishman Diversity Fellowships program. She is working in the Dallas office of the global PR firm.

• Brian Rash (’12) was hired as editor of the Graham Leader in Graham, Texas.

• Cederick Johnson (’05) is a communications specialist at Professional Datasolutions (PDI) in Temple. PDI delivers software and service solutions to the convenience store retailer and wholesale petroleum marketer.

• Chip Somedevilla (’95) won the Road to the Office Picture Story, Editorial, 2nd Place from the National Press Photographers Association - Best of Photojournalism 2013 contest.

• Christena Dowsett (’10) was the latest Mayborn alum to attend the Eddie Adams Workshop in Jeffersonville, NY. She was one of four Mayborn alumni who have been selected for the prestigious photography workshop since 2006.

• Former NT Daily editor, Will Pry, is the editor of the iBook JFK Assassination: The Reporters’ Notes. The book is a narrative compilation of previously unpublished notes written by The Dallas Morning News reporters in the months after the assassination.

• Kalani Gordon (’12) is the new digital producer for the
Art and Char Hancock were presented with a special UNT plate as a token of appreciation for their generous donation of $200,000 in 2011 toward the purchase of the Jack Daniel’s portion of the Joe and Junebug Clark Collection of photography. UNT’s Library will curate, digitize and archive the collection for educational purposes. The special plate given to the Hancocks was to honor them for their valuable contribution and commitment to UNT. The Hancocks are members of UNT’s Chilton Society.

Baltimore Sun, in charge of digital content, including web content and social media.

- Sarah Broom (’02) was awarded a William Steeple Davis Residency, a year-long writing fellowship in Orient, NY, where she will finish her first non-fiction book, *The Yellow House*, forthcoming from Grove/Atlantic Press.

- Tiffany Sanders (’13) was recently hired as strategic communications manager for the Houston Independent School District (HISD).

- Karina Ramirez (’07) long-time business editor at the *Denton Record-Chronicle* has taken a new job as social media manager at *El Hispano News* in Dallas.

- Tamara Williams (’12) is not only a journalism alumna. She is a singer/performer. Tamara (using the stage name Tamara Chauniece) is currently appearing on the TV show “The Voice.”

- Candice Bernd (’12) was hired by *Truthout* as a reporter. This online news source is dedicated to investigative reporting and critical analysis.

- Bo Carter (’06) has a new job at Texas Wesleyan University. He is now Student Media Adviser and an Instructor in Mass Communications. He was formerly the adviser to *The Lasso* at Texas Woman’s University.

- Sarah Whyman (’08) was hired part-time at the Mayborn to serve as the Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation (GSP) coordinator. Sarah is no stranger to journalism. She was the writing contest coordinator for the Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference for the past several years. The new GSP program was developed by Whyman and administrative specialist Cathy Turner and includes a system of GSP prep workshops.

- Corey Mageors (’10) now has a full-time radio show at CBS Radio 105.3 *The Fan* in Dallas. Mageors and his partner, Kevin Hageland, host K&C Masterpiece every weekday from 6-11 p.m.

- Dana Benton Russell (’92) has transferred from the UNT Health Science Center to UNT Dallas. She continues her role as director of communications & marketing.

- Shaina Zucker (’10) is a reporter for the *Houston Business Journal*. She was a former editor-in-chief of the *NT Daily*.

- Robert Penn (’09) has a new job as product marketing manager at Research Now.

- Katie Grivna (’12) is a development associate at Covenant House Pennsylvania, a nonprofit organization that serves homeless, runaway and trafficked youth 21 and under.

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The Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference has confirmed two keynote speakers for the July 18-20, 2014 event in Grapevine, Texas. In its 10th year the Literary Lights dinner will feature keynote speaker Lawrence Wright, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author, screenwriter and staff writer for The New Yorker magazine. Also confirmed is author, essayist, columnist and contributing writer to National Geographic David Quammen, who will be the keynote speaker for Friday night’s Southwest Soiree. Online conference registration will open late fall on themayborn.com.