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COJO DEPARTMENT UNVEILED THE LARSH BRISTOL PHOTOJOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP EXHIBIT



UW alum Kendie Hartman and Kappy Bristol, Larsh's sister, examine the Larsh Bristol Photojournalism Fellowship Exhibit on Oct. 27.

"The life given us, by nature is short; but the memory of a well-spent life is eternal." - Marcus Tullius Cicero. Such was the life of Larsh Bristol, who graduated 40 years ago but he is still making a positive impact on the students at the University of Wyoming.

On Oct. 27, UW's Department of Communication and Journalism (COJO) unveiled the Larsh Bristol Photojournalism Fellowship exhibit in Ross Hall on the fourth floor. The fellowship was created to honor 1974 journalism graduate Larsh Bristol, who died in 2006.

At the ceremony, Kappy Bristol, Larsh's sister, thanked all those who have supported the fellowship, which awards one student per year with \$5,000, to pursue a photojournalism project sometime during the year.

"His main passion was people," Bristol said. "He thought it was important that his photographs say something to everybody and give you an opportunity to really think about yourself, too."

Kendie Hartman, UW alumna and one of the founders of the fellowship, also spoke.

"When Larsh passed away, he was too important of a person to all of us for us not to try to figure out something to do to fill the hole for us,"



Kendie Hartman presents Cindy Price Schultz, COJO department chair, the "George" t-shirt, Larsh's name for the t-rex sculpture.

she said. "The fellowship is a way to honor his life's passion and keep his memory alive."

Katrina McGee, director of Foundation Development at the UW Foundation said, "This is a great way of celebrating the contribution Larsh had on the arts community of Wyoming."

Amanda Brodie helped develop the fellowship when she previously worked for the UW Foundation.

"It's an effort to keep the spirit of Larsh alive," Brodie said. "It's their way of giving back and providing opportunity to other talented individuals to carry this on."

Hartman encouraged other alumni of the university to recall their experiences as students at UW and to memorialize it by creating such opportunities for the current students. She felt that events like these would also help them to stay connected to each other.

Richard Barrett, special counsel to Wyoming Governor Matt Mead, was Larsh's roommate through junior and senior year.

"There is value in maintaining our relationships with those whom we consider important in the past, present and future," Barrett said. "There is a sense of community and oneness that can be only achieved if we reach out and make an effort to stay connected, and this event is a vehicle to keep all of us connected to share our common humanity."

Sharon Linhart, founder and CEO of Linhart Public Relations and one of the founders of the fellowship, was also at the unveiling.

"Larsh had a passion for photography and this fellowship serves to encourage future photojournalist in their pursuit of the craft," she said.

Many of those in attendance shared the hope that other alumni would come back to UW and share their experiences, knowledge and wisdom with the current students.

"It is very gratifying to me and I am honoured and pleased, and feel a sense of accomplishment to be able to create something to help surface wonderfully talented young people," Linhart said. It is something that she believes Larsh would have appreciated.



Richard Barrett, Kendie Hartman and Sharon & Jerry Linhart stand in front of "George," one of Larsh's favorite places to photograph as a UW student.

INTERNATIONAL GRAD STUDENTS ADD TO COJO CLASSROOMS

With seven international grad students from six different nations, COJO Graduate students has become highly multicultural and brings diversity in classroom discussions and assignments.

The international students come from China, India, England, Saudi Arabia, Libya and Mexico and have variety in their experiences and areas of interest. Their thoughts and ideas not only expand the horizons of learning inside the classroom, but also help in a holistic growth of regional students.

Paerhati Palizhati, who comes from China, has an interest in intercultural & interracial communication and cultural memory. "It is a wonderful place where everyone can find interests and get help through various sources," Palizhati said.



Dr. Cindy Price Schultz, Department Head of COJO, with the 2017 Grad Students at The Book & Bean Café during Fall '17 Semester.

Abdelhamid Bkar from Libya, wishes to go back home and teach. TV and radio broadcasting interests him. "I feel very comfortable with the faculty and staff. They are friendly people," Bkar said.

Imelda Isabel Perez is from Mexico and is working on her master's project of developing a website for social justice artists. "In addition to being supportive in and outside the classroom, our department's faculty and staff provide exceptional teaching and a full commitment to their research," she said.

"The international perspective provides such depth to our classes by introducing students to information they would not normally think about," Dr. Cindy Price Schultz, COJO Department Head, said.

FORMER PROFESSOR DR. JAMES W WELKE PASSES AWAY

The COJO Department was recently notified of the death of former professor, James W. Welke, Casselberry, Florida, who passed away on February 1, 2018.

Welke began his career at Indiana University in 1964 and became a professor and administrator at UW in 1966. Born in Peru, Indiana, he lived in Laramie for 20 years.

In 1986, he was appointed director of the School of Communication at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. He was a member and officer in national professional organizations and has a substantial record of publications in the U.S. and Europe.

Although he was in university administration virtually all his professional life, his greatest passion was for the students he served. He was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, and served the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod over many years on the Board of Directors, Chair of the School Board, Finance Officer and Elder. The COJO Department appreciates his service to UW and its students.

NEW GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP IN PUBLIC RELATIONS/MARKETING AT COJO

A new graduate assistantship has been created for an experienced person in public relations and marketing who would like to get a master's degree in communication.

The person receiving this assistantship must be enrolled as part of the master's degree program in communication. The assistantship pays for nine credits in fall and spring, as well as the fees related to the degree. A master's degree stipend will be included each month during the school year. Depending on the involvement of the graduate assistant, it is possible that a stipend could occur in the summer in coordination with the department head.

The deadline for applications for the assistantship is March 9. In addition to the regular application process for entrance into the Communication and Journalism graduate program, as shown in http://www.uwyo.edu/cojo/graduates/index.html, one must send an overview statement of why they are qualified for the position and a resume to Cindy Price Schultz, Department Head of Communication and Journalism, at cprice @uwyo.edu.

FALL 2017 COJO FACULTY KUDOS

DR. TRAVIS CRAM

Cram announced that the debate team reached the National Debate Tournament for the 15th straight year. It is the first time that UW has sent two teams since 2013.

DR. CINDY PRICE SCHULTZ

Price Schultz was honored as guest coach for a UW women's basketball game. She was nominated by Marleah Campbell, a women's basketball player and student in the COJO master's program.

DR. TRACEY PATTON

Patton was invited to speak at a conference in Germany named "Designing Modern Families: International Perspectives of Intercountry and Transracial Adoptions." The conference was organized by professors from universities there.

Patton was also interviewed by the *Baltimore Sun* about her book called "Gender, Whiteness and Power in Rodeo: Breaking Away from the Ties of Sexism and Racism," co-written by COJO alum Sally Schedlock.

BEAU BINGHAM

Bingham was named "Top Prof" by James Francis of Gillette. Members of the Cap and Gown Chapter of Mortar Board selects professors who have positively influenced their lives at UW. These professors go beyond normal classroom expectations to help their students succeed.

DR. KRISTEN LANDREVILLE

Landreville collaborated in a science communication and journalism capacity on a five-year \$20 million microbial ecosystems project at UW awarded by the National Science Foundation.

This project will study microbiomes across the state of Wyoming to help predict how different regions respond to environmental disturbances.

Landreville was also invited as a guest speaker to discuss the impact of political satire on "All Sides with Ann Fisher," a radio broadcast from WOSU, the NPR station in Columbus, Ohio.