The Emerson Network Update - September 14, 2012

The Emerson Network is a bi-weekly email for Emerson alumni to share updates and announcements with the Emerson family.


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Boston

Stoneham, MA


**Kelly O'Brien Way, '88** is featured on a Behind the Scenes segment of *Totally Patriots* airing on Saturday, September 15th at 10am on TV38. It can also be viewed after it airs on the Patriots website.

MaryAnne O'Hara, MFA '95, was featured in People Magazine with a full page review of her new novel, *Cascade*. [Read the review »](#)

Amanda Nichols '99 and Nick Blakey '12 are once again running Crash Safely, a Benefit for the National MS Society, on 9/28-9/29 at the Davis Square Theatre in Somerville, MA. The shows feature 10 of Boston’s best musical acts, a silent auction for recording studio time and a raffle both nights. Shows are 21+, doors are 7:30pm both nights. **Tickets are $10 in advance, $12 at the door, and a two day pass is $18. Emerson discount code: wecb.**

Shannon Murphy '08 is Account Manager at AMP Agency in Boston, MA. While attending Emerson College, Shannon interned at AMP for one year. She was then hired full time and worked there for three years. After taking a one-year hiatus, she is back and managing experiential marketing programs for her client - one of the largest makeup brands in the world.

New York City

**Taruna Sharma, MA '01**, is switching careers after working in the marketing and communications field for 15+ years. She is now selling luxury real estate in NYC’s #1 brokerage firm, Douglas Elliman. [Taruna's website »](#)
Mark Gottlieb ‘09 has a new graphic novel that he worked on and has been credited in called NEVSKY: A Hero of the People by Ben McCool and Mario Guevara (IDW Publishing), that has been released as a hardcover and eBook. Visit nevskythegraphicnovel.com for more information.

Maryalice Aymong ‘11
Was: Associate Producer, Hardball with Chris Matthews
Now: Producer, Hardball with Chris Matthews

Larissa Green ’11 finally landed her first full time job at Edelman Digital as a junior copywriter. Larissa was most recently an intern at TED Conference for the past six month. She is still doing freelance design, writing, and photography.


Los Angeles

Jonathan Tager ‘00 writes, "If you are looking to move, buy or sell real estate in the Greater Los Angeles area, than you need to call me, so I can accomplish your needs for you. I am a realtor with over 8 years experience in getting my clients into new homes and wonderful new situations. Call or email me. 310-801-7377 and jt@tager.com."

Ethan Lader ‘02 directed a new music video for The Script feat. Will-I-Am's "Hall Of Fame." The video tells a story about the drive and dreams of a scrappy Irish-American Boxer and a Hispanic hearing impaired Ballet Dancer. View the video »

Samantha Shada ’08 produced the short film, They're with Me. The film will premier this weekend at the Big Bear Lake International Lake Film Festival.

Bret Waters ’12 has started his first full-time job as an Avid and Final Cut On-Set Engineer at Creative Mobile Solutions in Burbank, CA. The company's president is Noah Gusdorff ’03.

New England

Andover, MA
Tara L. Masih, MA ’86, was interviewed by Two Scrybes Media on Plaistow, NH, Public Access TV. The two part interview is archived on Vimeo: Part 1 and Part II.

Hudson, MA
Russ Gannon '89 was cast in the role of Wiley in the Concord Players production of Mister Roberts. The production runs November 2-17. More info »

Washington, DC

Izzi Smith ’87 has accepted the job of Director of Programming at NPR. Izzie has been running his own firm, I.S. Marketing for the past 15 years, along with his wife & business partner Joan Miller ’86. Izzi would love to hear from old friend. Email him at: ismarketing@gmail.com. Read more about Izzi's new position »
USA

Phoenix, AZ
David P. Sanchez ’99, Psy.D., LMFT, completed a two year clinical certificate in Infant/Family Clinical Practice from the Harris Infant Mental Health Training Institute in Phoenix, AZ. David participated in the clinical certificate program on full scholarship.

Battle Creek, MI
Jay Baron Nicorvo, MFA ’01 will publish his first collection of poems, Deadbeat, with Four Way Books in October. National Book Award winner Terrance Hayes says, "These poems explore what it is to be loving and loveless and ultimately give us an irreducible view of our humanity." View the book trailer here »

Nashville, TN
Tabitha Ong Tune ’01 has found her calling two years ago and started A la Mode Media, LLC. A la Mode Media works with independent, small business owners on social media consultation, planning and management. For more information visit lifealamode.com or contact her at tabitha@lifealamode.com.

Wilmington, Delaware
Amy Cherry ’07 was promoted to Assistant News Director at WDEL-AM. "But no worries, you'll still hear her on the airwaves as an anchor/reporter on Delaware's award-winning, most-listened to station."

Detroit, MI
Elizabeth Furest ‘10 has been promoted from Scientific Publications Editor at the Hypertension and Vascular Research Division at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI, to Senior Scientific Publications Editor, as she managed and edited a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Program Project Grant, which received first priority in its study section, and an overall a perfect score of 10.

International

Shanghai, China
Bonny Buckley ’95, Director of Music and Fine Arts at Livingston American School of Shanghai, has received the award "2012 Secondary Teacher of the Year." Bonny has completed her professional teacher certification through Washington State. Bonny will play violin in Junge Süddeutsche Philharmonie in Esslingen, Germany for their concert September 30.

Emersonians in the Media

Norman Lear ’44 was featured as an Emmy Icon on one of four covers of The Hollywood Reporter. Norman is known as a writer and producer who produced such 1970s sitcoms as All in the Family, Sanford and Son, One Day at a Time, The Jeffersons, Good Times and Maude. Read more »

Tom O’Connor ’03 has been named to the "Top 25 Under 35 Emerging Broadway Players." Tom is the director of marketing and audience development for the Roundabout Theatre’s five stages. Read more »

Watch the student-produced video from the Inauguration Kick-Off Party featuring President Pelton »
Shameless Plugs

Upcoming Events
September 18 - Boston - Bright Lights: American Autumn screening
September 20 - Boston - Bright Lights: The Last Taboo with director Alexander Freeman
September 27 - Boston - Bright Lights: Dear Mandela with directors Dara Kell & Christopher Nizza
October 2 - Boston - Bright Lights: Urban Odyssey with filmmaker Maryanne Galvin ’94
October 4 - Boston - Bright Lights: Latinos ’08 with director Phillip Rodriguez
October 18-21 - Austin, TX - Austin Film Festival Alumni/Student Gathering--If you're planning to be in Austin for the film festival or are in the area, please contact Alexandra_Hough@emerson.edu.

Ready, Set, Bid! Support the 7th Annual Alumni Association Scholarship Auction by donating or helping us secure items such as tickets, travel packages, memorabilia, and more! The online auction will run from November 2-30. Submit your item » View package samples from last year's auction »

Call for submissions - First Annual Music Video Showcase - Deadline: Sept. 21
On Thursday evening November 15th the Department of Visual and Media Arts will be hosting it's first ever showcase of music videos created by the Emerson community in the Bright Family Screening Room. The final selection will be curated by Emerson faculty, administrators, and alumni. This program will be open to the public and is an excellent way to have your work presented on the big screen with impeccable sound and image quality. The call for entries is now open. Submit your work by filling out the form »

Save the Date! Alumni Weekend 2013 is May 31-June 2. We'll be celebrating classes ending in 3 and 8. View photos from Alumni Weekend 2012 »

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Expression Magazine, Emerson's publication for alumni and friends is now available on the iPad.

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