



PHILIP MERRILL COLLEGE of JOURNALISM

Commencement

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015 3:30 P.M.

COLONY BALLROOM
ADELE H. STAMP STUDENT UNION



Commencement Program

PROCEEDINGS

Lucy Dalglish
Dean of the Philip Merrill College of Journalism

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Thomas Bettag
Former Executive Producer, ABC News "Nightline"

RECOGNITION OF
MASTER'S STUDENTS

Dean Dalglish, assisted by
Associate Dean Rafael Lorente

RECOGNITION OF
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Dean Dalglish, assisted by
Associate Dean Olive Reid

STUDENT SPEAKER

Shannon Elise Clash

ANNOUNCER

David Ottalini

Commencement Speakers

T THOMAS BETTAG

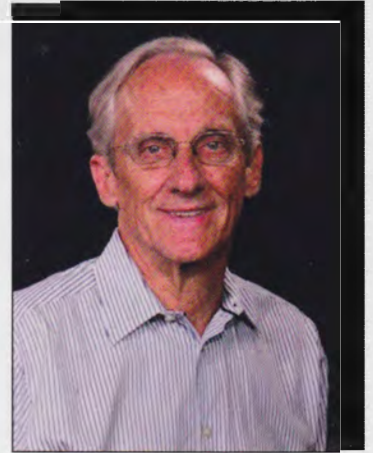
Tom Bettag, best known as the executive producer for ABC News “Nightline” with Ted Koppel, is the winner of 30 Emmy awards, as well as a host of other major awards.

His professional experiences include 22 years with CBS News, working as a producer for “CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite” and “60 Minutes” and as executive producer of the “CBS Evening News with Dan Rather.”

From CBS, he moved to ABC News, where he was executive producer of ABC News “Nightline” with Ted Koppel, and spent three years overseeing ABC’s “This Week with George Stephanopoulos.”

He was executive producer of CNN’s Sunday morning programming from 2009–2011. He moved to NBC News in 2011 to work as a producer on “Rock Center with Brian Williams” for three years.

Bettag holds an M.S. from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.



S SHANNON ELISE CLASH

Shannon Clash is a graduating senior from Baltimore who hopes to pursue a career producing long-form journalism for TV or digital outlets. Clash currently works as a production assistant for NBC4 in Washington, D.C., and as a Millennial advisor to the Maryland Association of Black Journalists’ student chapter.

While in college, Clash was a multimedia journalist and producer for Capital News Service, a layout editor for The Black Explosion newspaper, and co-founder of a website called Stories Beneath the Shell. She worked as a production assistant and social media coordinator for the Legal Stranger Project.

Clash was president of the Theta Nu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., and mentored first and second graders through America Reads, America Counts. She believes none of this could have happened without the faculty, staff and students in her Merrill family. #MERRILLMADE



The Graduates

Master of Arts in Journalism

Thomas Brune

Master of Journalism

Brittany A. Britto

Xi Cao

Madeleine Lorraine Deason

Naomi Eide

Sharadha Kumarakshi Kalyanam

Courtney Brianne Mabeus

Ana Mulero Morales

Dylan Wittwer Reffe

Joseph Shane Trull

Rose Creasman Welcome

Zhang Ye

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

Tongwa Akanji Aka

Joseph A. Atmonavage

Andrew David Ayars

Adam Jacobs Barry

Amanda Anne Black* ^{KTA}

Lauren Kathryn Burns

Demi Chang

Shannon Elise Clash

Daven S. Desai

Janey Elizabeth Dike* ^{KTA}

Elana Rebecca Dure** ^{KTA}

Keri McKenzie Enriquez

Nicholas Daniel Gallagher

Warren

Hyunjae Ham

Lily Hua

Taylor Johnson

Bradley Adam Kronthal

Yaqi Liu

Joshua M. Logue

Jessica Elizabeth Marquez

Madison Nicole Martin

Alicia Nicole McElhaney

Katelyn Clare Newman** ^{KTA}

Kristy D. Nguyen

Stephen J. Pimpo

Emily Elizabeth Rainey

Lena Salzbank

Alexis Chanel Saunders

Nora Wahby Tarabishi

Lisa M. Tucker

Jose Mauricio Umana

James Darden Williams ^{KTA}

Asa Nehemiah Winborne

* cum laude

** magna cum laude

*** summa cum laude

^{KTA} Kappa Tau Alpha/journalism
mass communication honor society

Student Awards

Outstanding Broadcast News Senior Award

Asa Nehemiah Winborne

Outstanding Multimedia News Senior Award

Katelyn Clare Newman

Kappa Tau Alpha Award for Outstanding Academic Accomplishment

Amanda Anne Black

Janey Elizabeth Dike

Elana Rebecca Dure

Katelyn Clare Newman⁺

James Darden Williams

Appreciation for Volunteer Service to the Merrill College

Shannon Elise Clash

Outstanding Master's Student Award

Brittany A. Britto

⁺ Kappa Tau Alpha Top Scholar

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