

2018 JOURNALISM SHOWCASE May 9-11, 2018

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Friends,

We're proud to present the 2018 Journalism Showcase, our annual celebration of the emerging talent coming out of the Graduate School of Journalism. Showcase offers our graduating students three days of red-carpet treatment before friends and family—and the opportunity to catch the eye of future employers, patrons and collaborators.

This year, Showcase will feature the work of 53 students working in a wide variety of non-fiction forms and explore the full range of contemporary media platforms.

The journalism you'll see is emblematic of the exceptional effort and accomplishment of the members of the Class of '18. Please join their teachers, administrators and colleagues in experiencing this work with pleasure and pride.

Warm regards,

Edward Wasserman, Dean

Cover: Misyrlena Egkolfopoulou('18)

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SPECIAL THANKS

2018 STUDENT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

We wish to thank the graduating members of The Student Leadership Committee (TLC) for their commitment and dedication to the J-School. The primary responsibility of the TLC is to guide the planning and implementation of important events and initiatives. The Committee, whose members are chosen by their peers, also represents the student body in hosting guests and fostering dialogue on important school issues.

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THU 10	Red 3:00 - 5:30 pm	c eption 5:30 - 7:00 pm *In The Wood	7:30 - 10:00 pm
LOCATION:	The Elmwood Theater	In The Wood	The Elmwood Theater
The Elmwood Theater 2966 College Ave, Berkeley, CA 94705	Documentary Film	Mid-Screening Reception	Documentary Film (continued)
See the Theater's website for	Some Kind of Drone Craig Hickerson	In The Wood 2930 College Ave., Berkeley, CA 94705	Dust Rising Lauren Schwartzman
information about parking: https://bit.ly/2qGeA2V	Mining Phosphorus Alan Toth	*Limited light fare and refreshments. First come, first	Blessings of Liberty Emily Thomas
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SCHEDULE - DAY THREE

FRI 11	Reception 5:00 - 7:00 pm North Gate Hall - Courtyard			
	2:00 - 5:00pm	7:00 - 9:00pm		9:00 - 9:30pm
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	Video Storytelling	New Media	New Media (continued)	Narrative Writing
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West Oakland's Wakanda: The History & Legacy of deFremery Pool

Since the 1950's, Black children and families have flocked to deFremery Pool. For them, it's more than a pool. It's community. It's a safe space. And, in recent years, because of a lack of funding, it has become endangered.

narrative gentrification sports

Andrew Beale @iambeale

Something Other Than Honest

The former deputy chief of police for Fresno, Calif., recently began a four-year sentence for drug trafficking. The department's chief, Jerry Dyer, testified in federal court that he always had complete confidence in Foster—"I don't have any reason to believe that Keith was anything other than honest." How could Dyer have missed the signs that his second-in-command was living a double life?

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dia police corruption



Alessandra Bergamin @AllyBergamin

An Unknown Epidemic Arrives in America

Since the late '90s, researchers have been tracking a kidney disease of uncertain origin that has killed more than 20,000 people – mostly men under the age of 45 – across the Pacific Coast of Latin America. No one suspected they would see it in the U.S. Then, patients began arriving in the emergency room of a Houston hospital by the hundreds.



Angeline Bernabe @AngelineBernabe

32

Of the hundreds of photographs of women—many nude and some who appeared to be unconscious or dead—discovered in the Grim Sleeper's home in South Los Angeles, 32 remain unidentified. The search for their identities has come to a standstill more than a year and a half after Lonnie David Franklin, Jr. was found guilty of murdering nine women and one teenage girl over more than two decades in South Los Angeles. 05

criminal justice



Rachel Cassandra



Amanda's Baby: Inside a Life of Pregnancy and Addiction

Amanda is pregnant and uses heroin and methamphetamine. She's homeless and a sex worker. And she desperately wants to keep her child. Will she be able to quit using before the birth? Will the baby be born healthy? Can she be the mother this child needs?

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One for L.A.

No team? No problem. For the last three years, supporters of Major League Soccer's new Los Angeles Football Club have built a strong, fresh soccer culture that is every bit about representing their community as LAFC wants to be a part of theirs.

narrative sports culture video



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Selfies Versus Self-Portraits

What's the difference between a selfie and a formal self-portrait? This is the pilot episode for a podcast about ideas behind photography.



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The Wait

Marcus Adams knows that he will die in San Quentin prison. What he doesn't know is if death will come by natural causes or lethal injection. And so, he waits.

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death row



Marian Davidson

Pablo De La Hoya

Head First: Keeping Football Players Safe

A lot of new research has come out linking football to brain damage and CTE. In Alabama, where football is a central part of life, coaches are working to protect their players through new equipment, technology and changes to the game.



Caminos de Boyle Heights

Boyle Heights, a historically Latino enclave in Los Angeles struggles with gentrification and community disagreements on whom to fight in preventing the gentrification. The film paints a portrait of Boyle Heights today and how the situation became so dire.

Alone

Cameras aren't allowed inside San Francisco's immigration court. If they were, they'd show children standing in front of a judge alone, facing deportation without the help of a lawyer in a legal system they don't understand. Children who live in California's Central Valley have even less chance of finding a lawyer to stand by their side. That is, if they are even lucky enough to find their way to court on their own.



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A Status-Driven Life

The life of a Fresno State graduate student who grew up undocumented while his siblings were American citizens reveals how the border isn't just a physical barrier.







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Justice For Who?

Fresno, California's criminal justice system, both in and out of the courtroom, puts a heavy burden on the Black residents of the city's southwest side. It is no accident that their racial background and where they live play a role in their encounters with the law.



Rosa Furneaux @rosafurneaux

Mother of Two Hundred

In one of Kenya's poorest cities, Leah Muruka acts as surrogate mother for 222 girls. Drought has pushed the region to the brink of famine, and now her children face a terrible choice: to sell their bodies, or risk starvation.



Abner Hauge

The Kids Are Alt-Right

Berkeley in 2017 was under seige by the alt-right. Mobs of militiamen, neo-Nazis, and belligerent Trump supporters descended on the city and campus over and over again. These provocateurs claimed to be primarily interested in "free speech," while protesters alleged they had darker goals. What was the real meaning of these rallies, and what lasting effect will they have on the city of Berkeley?





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Remaking Navajo Nation

The untold story of the native entrepreneurs, Instagram models and engineers confronting America's worst digital divide.





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Some Kind of Drone

In 2015, two friends fresh out of UC Berkeley released a marketing video for their self-piloted camera drone. Capturing the public's imagination the duo raised \$34 million in pre-orders and founded a startup poised to be the next Silicon Valley success story. But the drone never shipped and the startup closed its doors, leaving customers wondering what happened to the promise of the perfect selfie drone.





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Bearing the Burden

When Lucy Gomez gave birth, she didn't hear a sound. Everyone in the room waited, in silence, for the NICU team to arrive. The pain of that quiet uncertainty still hurts. Difficult birth outcomes are on the rise in Fresno, and the community bears significant burdens.

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At Querino Canyon Bridge

When Jacqueline Whitman's daughter Ariel disappeared not far from her house on the Navajo reservation, Whitman set out to try to find her. Instead, she found a bigger question: why are so many Native Americans going missing?

native americans



Brian Krans @citizenkrans

Taken Care Of

Local authorities may have arrested a contractor and former small town mayor for allegedly bribing a school board member, but their defense exposes a much larger corruption endemic in the lucrative, taxpayer-funded business of building California's schools.

corruption





Stefanie Le



Chloe Lessard @ chloelessard

Fukushima Mothers Face the Fallout

Since the nuclear accident in 2011, Fukushima mothers have launched citizen science projects, a radiation laboratory, and support groups to monitor the safety of their neighborhoods and reassure their communities. Are these efforts any match for the new reality of their environment?



Rachel Loyd @TheRachelLoyd

Home

The 2017 Tubbs Fire was the most destructive wildfire in California history. It demolished businesses and homes, and ripped families apart. This is the story of one Santa Rosa family's journey to rebuild after losing nearly everything.



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Electronic Evidence: Prosecuting War **Crimes Using Social Media**

War crime investigations have changed vastly from the days of the Nuremberg trials. With the advent of mobile phones equipped with cameras, international crises and evidence of macabre crimes have been increasingly captured on personal devices and uploaded onto popular social media platforms such as Twitter, YouTube and Facebook.



Nebiat Assefa Melles

The Blue Devil

Water hyacinth, an invasive plant from the Amazon, is spreading rapidly across Ethiopia's Lake Tana, the country's largest lake and the main source of the Nile. But the community is fighting back with dedication and local talent; they are determined to save the lake.





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The Blue Island

A rapid rise in tourism to the Azores islands leads Serge Viallelle, the man who introduced the industry there, to reflect on his actions.





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The Mexican Dream

Where does a team of California soccer stars fit in when the country their parents moved to shuts them out? In collaboration with Lauren Hepler.

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Surrounded

Central Valley, Calif. farms help feed the world, and pesticide use increases production. But residents who are neighbors of these farms say their children are suffering, and state regulations are not doing enough to protect them.





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Hung Up On Hate

It's true that the alt-right has grown in prominence and membership since Donald Trump's election. But it's also true that many neo-Nazis want out. Resources to help people disengage from White Power are extremely limited in the U.S., and deradicalization is a complicated and painful psychological process that can take decades.

narrative mental health alt-right



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Motherhood & Meth

The comeback of methamphetamine addiction in Fresno County is driving an increase in child abuse and neglect, creating conditions a child abuse specialist says are the worst he's ever seen. The connection between abuse and drug addiction are closely connected, creating a multi-generational cycle that is hard to break out of. Three women recount the devastating impact meth addiction has had on their families, their children and their community.



Alex Orlando @Alex_E_Orlando

When the Waters Recede

Long after the floodwaters dissipated, children and adolescents continue to struggle with the long-term mental health effects of Hurricane Harvey. In the months, years, and even decades after the storm, will the kids who lived through it be all right?

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Forced

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Free Speech U

As American politics becomes more divided than ever, the forefront of the fight lies on college campuses across the country. Free speech has become a popular phrase but what does it mean for students who have minority viewpoints? Katelyn reports on the state of free speech on college campuses by visiting her two alma maters in Oklahoma and California.



Ariel Plotnick @arielplotnick

TEPCO

From the 1930s-1960s, the Technical Porcelain and Chinaware Company (TEPCO) produced dishes for restaurants all over the Bay Area. While the El Cerrito-based factory closed in 1968, this durable dishware lives on as an iconic East Bay collectible with an unexpected and impassioned cult following.



Yesica Prado

La Cultura Vive: The Culture Lives

Nearly 100,000 people are hit by bullets every year. Outside the network of victims and survivors of gun violence, little attention is paid to this public health crisis.

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The Maze

The MacArthur Maze is one of the most important freeway interchanges in California. As the gateway to one of the nation's busiest bridges, the Bay Bridge that connects San Francisco with the East Bay, it allows 300,000 vehicles each day to travel to all four corners of the Bay Area and beyond. But the Maze also cuts through four distinct landscapes that each tell a story of separation and connection.





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The Man Who Wants To Heal The World

Rick Doblin wants to change your mind about MDMA. Long thought of as a party drug responsible for the swiss-cheese brains in rats and ravers alike, Doblin is seeking FDA approval to use it to treat PTSD. But Doblin is not a scientist or a doctor so much as a canny crusader full of rich contradictions. We'd all like to cure PTSD. Is MDMA really the pill we've been waiting for?

marrative PTSD PTSD



Rafael Roy

Cipher

In hip-hop parlance, the word "cipher" refers to the circle of spectators and participants that forms around a group of artists—it is meant to hold space for creative energy. In a rapidly changing Bay Area, dancers from the thriving TURF (Taking Up Room on the Floor) scene guide us through the various spaces they hold to create, innovate and maintain the culture.

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Khaled Sayed @khaledfilms

NavGurukul

In Gurgaon, India an NGO called NavGurukul is helping young girls and boys learn how to code so they can lift themselves and their families out of abject poverty. The one-year program also has a pay-it-forward mission: students spend two hours daily teaching very poor kids in the area who can't go to school to read and write.





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Lauren Schwartzman



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Mining the Deep

When it comes to oceans, our understanding of ecological damage is rooted in a murky past. This immersive journey shows the gritty reality of commercial fishing around the globe.



Nate Sheidlower @nsheidlo

A Band-Aid on a Bullet Hole

Many people who are homeless and are struggling with mental illness or drug addiction find traditional emergency shelters and services don't meet their needs. In San Francisco, Hummingbird Place offers an alternative. But can it make a difference? And at what cost?

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Elijah's (W)hole Story: Faith and Fraud in Lemuria

About 10 years ago, a Forest Service agent was doing a routine patrol on Mount Shasta when he discovered something he didn't expect: a 60-foot hole that seemed to have appeared overnight. Everyone in town had a theory about who was responsible, but most people blamed the "seekers."

Dust Rising

Dust, that most quotidian of things, has more power than you ever imagined. From human health to ecosystem

function, discover the huge impact of tiny specks — and how that's expected to shift as the Earth's climate changes.

documentary



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Six Plants

When the DEA and county sheriff showed up at Diane Monson's California home in August 2002, they expected to find hundreds of marijuana plants. Instead, they found six — the legal limit in Butte County. When the DEA insisted on seizing the plants anyway, sheriff's deputies refused, setting in motion a series of events that would take pot's legal status all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.





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Justice For Who?

When you're arrested in California, you have to make a decision: pay bail or sit in jail. And if you can't afford bail, you have no good options. This problem is a window into an unequal justice system and the forces — from segregation to policing — that have shaped it.

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Emily Thomas @lilmammaET

Blessings of Liberty

The Iraqi Christian community in Detroit thought they were safe after helping to swing the Michigan election for Donald Trump, who vowed to protect them. However, in a surprising immigration sweep after he took office, hundreds from the community were ripped from their families and sent to detention centers across the country to await deportation back to Iraq. Blessings of Liberty follows two families from the community awaiting their fate as they question everything they thought they knew about America.



Chenwei Tian

Unemployed

Fresno is not only the poorest major city in California, it also has one of the highest unemployment rates. Why is this the case and what does it mean for the future of its children?





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Mining Phosphorus

Phosphorus, one of the most critical elements for modern agriculture, has long been acquired through phosphate mining in Florida, but Florida's phosphate is running out. One farmer in North Florida has discovered a new source of phosphate, but local environmentalists vow to stop his mining operation before it begins.



Marc Vartabedian @marcvarta

The Detroit of Mexico

Once the heart and soul of America's Midwest, the auto industry has left for one Mexican state. There, massive automobile factories have transformed a landscape and propelled people across borders. But, as the president threatens to "bring it all back," the Detroit of Mexico hangs in the balance.



Some neighborhoods in Fresno have among the highest rates of preterm births and infant mortality in the nation. The health of pregnant women is a bellwether of the health of a community and an indicator of what's to come. Factors, from poverty to poor care, themselves give birth to inequality.





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