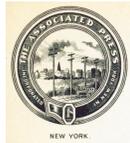


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Colleagues,

Sad news to relay on the death of former AP colleague **Bill Greer**, who taught decades of students the basics of photojournalism in the University of Arizona School of Journalism. Bill died Saturday, Feb. 8, in San Diego. He was 68.



Greer joined the UA journalism program in 1980 after a dozen years with The Associated Press in roles that ranged from Arizona state editor to broadcast executive. When he left the AP in 1980, he was managing the El Paso bureau on the U.S.-Mexico border.

While serving as adviser to The Tombstone Epitaph, the newspaper UA students have produced for that historic Arizona town since 1975, Greer and his students won more than 60 awards for excellence in the Arizona

Newspapers Association statewide competition from 1996 to 2005.

Greer, who retired from the UA in 2008, also directed the school's diversity program by recruiting, advising and mentoring students from minority communities. Major projects included coordinating annual student trips to the California Chicano News Media Association Job Opportunities conference.

As part of his diversity efforts, Greer led the school's annual Journalism Diversity Workshop for Arizona High School Students, which gives students from diverse populations a chance to learn editing, newsgathering and other aspects of the journalism profession. At the end of the 10-day program, students publish a newspaper with news of interest to teens and others.

Susan Knight, an associate professor of practice in the School of Journalism, taught alongside Greer since 1991. "What's made Bill Greer such a cherished teacher by so many is that he always sees the potential in every student," said Knight. "Bill viewed students on a path of life-learning in addition to building specific knowledge in their major. Students appreciated that perspective."

Greer, who earned his bachelor's degree in journalism from the UA, joined The Associated Press in 1968 in Tucson. He has spent time with the AP in Phoenix, Denver, San Francisco, Dallas and Chicago.

Former student John de Dios considered Greer a mentor and close friend. "Professor Greer taught me so much about life, not just journalism," recalled de Dios. "He loved life and people and he was always there to remind me that regardless of how rough life can get sometimes, there are always so much more positive things to look forward to. When I was helping him when he was sick, he always told me that I was the spirit of a small Filipino child he had rescued from drowning at the beach many years ago. But in reality, he was the one who always was there to help me from drowning from life. Thank you, Professor Greer, for everything."

Greer is survived by two daughters: Brooke and Tawny. Funeral arrangements were pending.

Kia Breaux elected trustee of White Foundation; Paul Steiger awarded national citation

Kia Breaux, the AP's bureau chief for Kansas, Missouri and Iowa, was elected Friday to the William Allen White Foundation's board of trustees at the University of Kansas.

Kia joined AP in 1997 as a reporter in the Kansas City bureau. She's also served as correspondent in the AP's Roanoke, Va. office, the news editor for Nebraska, and as assistant bureau chief and, in 2010, bureau chief for Missouri and Kansas, and later Iowa. Breaux is a Kansas City native and graduate of the Missouri School of Journalism. She holds a masters degree in management and human resource management at Baker University.



She joins six others with AP ties who are White Foundation trustees: Washington bureau chief **Sally Buzbee**, West Regional Editor **Traci Carl**, Inland Press Association executive director and former AP executive **Tom Slaughter**, retired regional vice president and bureau chief **Paul Stevens**, and retired vice president **Kelly Smith Tunney**.

At the Friday meeting, **Paul Steiger**, founding editor of the investigative news site ProPublica (and a new member of Connecting), was awarded the William Allen White Foundation's 2014 National Citation. The award has gone to prominent journalists, editors and publishers since **James B. Reston** of The New York Times was the first winner in 1950.

A 1964 graduate of Yale, Steiger worked as a managing editor of the Wall Street Journal from 1991 to 2007. During Steiger's tenure, Journal staff won 16 Pulitzer Prizes. He also worked as a correspondent and business editor at the Los Angeles Times for 15 years.

Starting in 2008 Steiger became CEO, president and editor-in-chief of ProPublica, a nonprofit investigative news organization that publishes online and frequently collaborates with other news organizations. ProPublica has won two Pulitzers.

Speaking at the Kansas Union's Alderson Auditorium, Steiger discussed the history of investigative journalism and questioned the idea, posited by some commentators, that journalism has entered a new "golden age." For that to happen, Steiger said, journalists, publishers and others need to "find a new way to get paid" to cover the costs of doing journalism amid an age of rapidly changing technology and shifting trends in the media economy. (Story by Ben Unglesbee, Lawrence Journal-World) Click [here](#) for the full body of his remarks.

The Associated Press has been well represented by the White Foundation's national citation. AP presidents **Wes Gallagher** (1967),

Keith Fuller (1981), **Lou Boccardi** (1992) and **Tom Curley** (2009) have won the honor, as have two former AP board chairmen, **Paul Miller** (1963) and **James K. Batten** (1990).

Connecting welcomes 29 new members

When **Valerie Komor** speaks, people listen! Or at least that seems to be the case when the director of AP Corporate Archives sent an email Friday to her mailing list, "Friends of the AP Corporate Archives", inviting them to join Connecting. As she noted, nicely, "Paul's work on Connecting also solidifies the friendships that the Archives seeks to nurture and preserve. It is our mission to document the work of AP through its staff, a mission we cannot fulfill without the staff's support. Connecting connects us, thereby helping us to build the archival collections."

So over the weekend, 29 people - most of them responding to her note - wrote me to be added to Connecting, and I thought I would share the new names.



Now **Dudley**, our new Welcome to Connecting canine mascot, who owns **Beth Grace**, contends he alone is responsible for putting the Connecting mailing list over the 400 mark. So I will let Valerie and Dudley fight that one out.

Welcome, to:

Jim Anderson - AP Denver

Ann Blackman - author, former AP Washington newswoman, 1969-85

Dick Blystone - AP Atlanta, NY, Saigon, London, 1966-80; then joined CNN

Sylvia Christensen - AP-New York, 1970-2004; former editor of AP World

Darrell Christian - AP-New York editor at large, AP 40-plus years

Rich Clarkson - president, Clarkson Creative, Denver

Ben Curtis - AP-Nairobi photo editor

Albert Habhab - retired Iowa Court of Appeals justice

John Hanna - AP Topeka correspondent

Dee Haynes - AP technician-NY, Atlanta, Birmingham, 1969-2004

Mike Feinsilber - AP-Washington, 1980-2000 (after 20 earlier years with UP/UPI); returned as the Washington bureau's one-day-a-week writing coach, a post he held for 10 years

Ike Flores - AP 1959-89, in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, New York, Cuba, Portugal, Brazil, Miami and many places in the Caribbean. While in Miami, part of team of Havana Radio Monitors, who transcribed Castro's speeches and wrote them up to be put on the wire. More news about Cuba flowed out of Miami than from Havana in those years, 1961-86.

Kathy Gannon - former AP-Pakistan/Afghanistan bureau chief, also worked in Central Asia, the Lebanese war in 2006 and to northern Iraq during the war and Yemen.

Bob Gilbert - AP 1960-69

John Hamilton - professor, LSU School of Journalism; former LSU Provost; and author. With AP CEO Tom Curley, he provided an introduction to *Ed Kennedy's War* (LSU, 2012), Kennedy's memoir, which covers his remarkable career as a journalist until his untimely death in 1963.

Thomas Herman - Smith Duggan Buell Rufo, Boston. Former CNN journalist who also makes films. His most recent documentary, **Dateline -Saigon!** profiles five Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists - The Associated Press's Malcolm Browne, Peter Arnett, and the legendary photojournalist Horst Faas; the UPI's Neil Sheehan; and The New York Times's David Halberstam. It is in its final editing stages.

Otis Herring - retired Nashville chief of communications

Raymond Krell - AP-New York, 1953-80

George Krinsky - AP LA, NY, Moscow, Beirut, 1969-85

Nick Ludington - AP Turkey, Romania, Beirut, 1969-78; NY, Beirut, Washington 1986-94

Ken Mellgren - chairman, Board of Governors, National Press Club, Washington

Kevin Noblet - Managing Editor, Wealth Adviser, Dow Jones & Co./WSJ.com. AP 1980-2008, in New Orleans, NY, Buenos Aires, Santiago, Puerto Rico and NY again!

Harold Olmos - AP, 1969 (Correspondent in Bolivia) to Jan 2007. Correspondent in Brasilia 1981-82; COB in Venezuela 1982-1993; COB in Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, 1993 through 2006.

Bob Sigman - Kansas City Star

Paul Steiger - ProPublica founder, managing editor of Wall Street Journal 1991-2007

Sheila Swan - retired Atlanta bureau AA

Caroline Trowbridge - Lawrence (KS) Memorial Hospital, formerly Lawrence Journal-World

Jack Walker - technician in Columbia, S.C., from 1960-1976, then chief of communications until 2006.

Doug Ward - professor, Kansas School of Journalism

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Pardon us, Dudley

Our Connecting greeter Dudley reluctantly agreed to share the canine spotlight with this culinary delight of a creature. Click [here](#) to enjoy.

And finally...

I will be away, in warmer climates, for the next two weeks and my friend and fellow Fort Dodge, Iowa, native **Mark Mittelstadt** will be handling the production of Connecting. Please send your contributions to Mark at apconnecting@yahoo.com

Paul

Stories of interest...

AP names news director for East-Central Europe

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AP Was There: The Beatles Invade America in 1964

(NOTE: Valerie Komor:

AP ran our original stories, thanks to our ability to search our own microfilmed wire copy through Ancestry.com!)

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Local papers shine in society's dark corners (Mike Holmes, Jenny Volanakis)

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Bill Keller, Former Editor of The Times, Is Leaving for News Nonprofit

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Still Mad as Hell (Ed Tobias)

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Chris Christie endorsement is regrettable: Moran

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Rethinking TV news, Part III: First, kill the stand-up

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Community columnist: Death, death, go away, come again some other day

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Drone Use By WFSB Employee At Fatal Crash Under Investigation (Bob Daugherty, Doug Pizac)

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Gannett Blog site ending after six-plus years (Doug Pizac, Bob Daugherty)

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Washington Missourian: People Want Newspapers (Connie Farrow)

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