

Professional Session Bios

Ivan Emilio Albino

Graduate of Full Sail University's Media Communication Bachelor's Degree, Ivan is a Social Video Producer creating content for amazing digital companies and loves everything pop culture. Recently working with popular viral content creator BuzzFeed assisting producer's with videos and creating his own content for BuzzFeed's Hispanic Channel, Pero Like.

Ben Barnholdt

Ben is the award-winning broadcast teacher at Whitney High School, in Rocklin, California. His students produce over 130 daily TV shows and over 20 live events every school year.

Phil Berman

Phil is a producer with CBS News in Los Angeles. Throughout his nearly 16-year career, Phil has produced for news stations in Miami, Tampa, Sarasota, and Tulsa. He has produced, reported and anchored in Greenville, Mississippi. Phil is honored to be speaking at his sixth STN Convention.

Carlsbad High School Television

Carlsbad High School's live, daily broadcast is the recipient of ten STN Awards of Excellence honors. Nineteen Student Emmy Awards and the 2017 Pacemaker Award. In addition to the daily live broadcast, Carlsbad's program has produced internationally-acclaimed documentary films on controversial subjects including vaccinations, hunger and the Holocaust.

Becca Casteneda

Becca is the Associate Director of American University's Discover the World of Communication program. The summer program offers high school students the opportunity to explore the field of communication and learn about career options. Becca received her MA at American University, and edits short films in her free time.

Sevan Chorluyan

Sevan is a master of public health and cryptocurrency expert. He is the CEO of the social media website www.badmirror.tv. He leads a 30 person, globally distributed team in disrupting the broadcast industry by delivering locally focused, crowd curated video content

Mike Cullen

Mike is a Short Filmmaker, actor and writer living in Los Angeles. His comedic shorts have been featured on *Funny or Die* and the comedy website *Splitsider*. He has appeared in commercials for Toyota, AT&T and Bravo.

Carly Danek

As a news photographer, Carly has covered every kind of story you've seen on the news. She has worked for over a decade in Oregon, Oklahoma and Minnesota and for the past year has worked on a show that challenges the conventions of local news at KARE-TV in Minneapolis.

Dave Davis

Dave has been teaching Broadcast Journalism at Hillcrest High School in Springfield, MO since 1989. *HTV Magazine*, the school's monthly newscast, has a reputation for covering edgy, controversial topics. Davis was a founding member of STN, and runs the popular *ASB Workshop* for broadcast and video teachers each summer in Springfield.

Steve Filmer

Steve is the executive producer of the Cronkite School's Television Magazine. Filmer was an on-camera correspondent and producer for programs including *ABC's Good Morning America*, *World News Tonight* and other national cable shows. Filmer has won numerous Emmy Awards for his local news work and magazine shows.

Gladiator TV

Johns Creek High School has been recognized by STN with 2 Craft Achievement Medallions, a Southeast Region Broadcast Excellence Award, and 3 NATAS Student Production Awards. In addition to a daily live broadcast, JCHS produces over 40 live multi-cam, field productions each year, as well as producing community service videos in the North Atlanta metropolitan area.

Jeffry Gordon

A professional lighting technician with experience in film, television, commercial, music video and live performance. BA in Music Education, Vocal Performance and Composition and Theory from Oregon State University. Active in pursuit of new technology and Industry Affairs. A passionate advocate for the development and well being of those who light action for camera.

Noah Gray

Noah is a producer for CNN, currently assigned to the White House Unit after covering the Trump campaign. Gray lived on the road for 18 months as CNN's "Trump Embed," criss-crossing the country, chasing and reporting on Donald Trump before he became President. Gray, the 2010 STN Student of The Year, got his start with CNN at the age of 16 and has traveled the world for the company. He was traveling with President Trump during the Hawaiian incident and will share the story with first-hand accounts from Hawaiians who lived it.

Jim Guarasci

Jim has 27 years of experience in film and television production and is currently Executive Producer at BECON-TV (WBEC-TV). He's worked in multiple areas of production including as Producer, Director of Photography, Director, and Videographer. Awards include Suncoast Chapter Emmy Award, five Telly Awards, and Communicator Award of Excellence

Randy Hale

Randy started his company at the age of 21, and now has 38 years in the industry. Hale & Hearty, Inc. provides crew/equipment for ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS, HGTV, TLC, ETC. 2017 credits include: Great Performances-PBS-Director *Havana Time Machine*-one hour special; HGTV-*Flip Flop Nashville*-Director of Photography.

Andrew Haley

Andrew is a live streaming expert and host of *WirecastLive*. His company makes easy-to-use, easy-to-learn live video software. He loves teaching others about emerging technology.

Katelyn Harbourt

"Working in the cosmetic field for eight years has taught me a lot about what works and what doesn't work on camera and television." Katelyn has worked for the top cosmetic brands in the world, such as MAC and Urban Decay, teaching men and women how to look HD ready at any given moment.

Peter Johanns

Associate Professor and Program Director of the Television-Radio degree in the Roy H. Park School of Communications at Ithaca College. Co-founder of *Ithaca Talent Coaching*, a company specializing in developing on-air talent. 100+ of his former students work on-air in news, sports, weather and entertainment.

Rae Kanoa

Joining the famous YouTube segment, Teens React, at the age 13, Rae has grown and matured in the lens of the public eye. Along with her status as an internet sensation, she's also established herself as an award-winning filmmaker, raking in dozens of awards across the country

Paul Kass

Paul is a current STN board member of the Western Region and has been a part of STN for 15 years. He is a middle school math and technology teacher and has been running a video production club at his school for 24 years.

Geoff Kaufman

For the last two years, Geoff has worked as a Data Scientist at BuzzFeed, building tools and consulting teams to help them better understand data from social media. Geoff is also a comedy writer and podcaster, and he eats tacos at least twice a week.

Ken Kebow

Ken is an Emmy Award winning producer/director. His corporate clients include American Airlines, Apple, Callaway Golf, Ford, Google, JPL and Qualcomm. Kebow has also produced and directed training programs for the United States Marines and law enforcement organizations in California. Kebow's documentary work has been honored with an Emmy Award for short documentary and his programs have aired nationwide.

Beth Kennedy

Beth is inspired by scholastic journalism, working with students, parents and colleagues to produce quality online shows with heartfelt storytelling. In her 20th year as a broadcast journalism instructor, Beth currently works from home teaching journalism and advising *The Megabyte Broadcast* at Florida Virtual Full Time Middle School.

Key Code Media

Key Code Media gets you up to date on the current video production technology and how to teach students workflows for morning announcements, from one single operator to a full class where everyone has a role

Brian Lindenbaum

Brian is a documentary and scripted web-series producer who excels at building business models, budgets and development schedules. He is Co-Founder and Director of Operations and Business Development for the *All American High School Film Festival*.

Kevin Matsunaga

Kevin is a media production and yearbook teacher from Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School in Lihue, Hawaii. He's been teaching for 24 years, 17 of them in digital media. He is an STN Convention regular and has been an STN Board Member for the past 6 years.

Jeremy Menard

Jeremy is the Manager of Television & Radio Operations within Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School of Communications. He oversees the school's student run television station, ICTV and radio stations WICB-FM & VIC Radio. Prior to joining IC's staff, he served as the Operations Manager of WPIE the ESPN Radio affiliate in Ithaca, New York.

John (JJ) Murray

JJ is an Award-Winning educator and video professional with more than 20 years of news gathering experience as a reporter, photographer, producer, executive producer and news director. JJ has worked at more than 10 TV stations across the country and taught high school and college media production classes. Many of his former employees and students have also gone on to award-winning careers.

Philip Nelson

During his 19 years at NewTek, Philip was Chief Relationship Officer and oversaw the cultivation of strategic customer relationships with the NBA, NFL, Disney, ESPN, Fox Sports, and MTV. In 2017, Nelson left his role at NewTek to found Nelco Media, Inc. after seeing a need in the market for high level streaming consulting and technology solutions. Current clients include, NFL, NBA, Tim McGraw and Microsoft.

Tom Oliva

Tom has worked with young content creators in myriad capacities for 20 years. He is Co-Founder and Executive Director of the *All American High School Film Festival*.

Jamiee Rashbaum

Jaimee is an Emmy-award winning news producer with 15 years of experience. She worked at WNBC in NYC, including on September 11, 2001. She then produced for NBC and CBS in Miami. She now teaches at Pine Crest School in Fort Lauderdale. She's passionate about great writing and storytelling.

Jacki Romey

Currently President of the Board of Directors for STN, Jacki is retired following a long career teaching broadcast journalism. She helped produce the Eurasia Foundation's first season of TV Bridge and continues advising the Russian team in Yaroslavl. She was a charter member of STN and loves continuing being part of the organization.

Les Rose

Les is a father, friend and photojournalist and currently a Professor of Practice. He teaches broadcast and digital journalism at the Newhouse School at Syracuse University. Les spent the past 38 years as a photojournalist/field producer and the last 20 with CBS National Network News in LA. His career includes 23 years on (some off) with Steve Hartman (7 of them on the *Everybody Has a Story* series), five Emmys, a National Peabody Award, the prestigious National Edward R. Murrow Award and a valuable STN Advisory Board member position.

Bruce Silverman

Bruce is a veteran multimedia journalist. He started his career as a sports anchor/director as a junior at the University of Georgia. In his 30 years as a professional journalist, he has done it all. Sports, news, tv, radio, print and internet. Currently, he is the Director of Broadcasting for Miami FC and serves as the club's play-by-play voice broadcasting. He also hosts a national sports talk show called SILVERMAN: On Sports. Attend his sessions and find out why he says: They Report, I Decide...I am Bruce Silverman.

Scott Simmons

Scott has been a television and video editor for nearly 20 years. (www.scottsimmons.tv) As a freelancer in Nashville, Tennessee he has worked on a wide range of projects across all genres and all technology platforms. As the managing editor of www.ProVideoCoalition.com, Scott writes a long running blog on editing and post-production, The Editblog.

Judd Slivka

Judd is an assistant professor of convergence journalism at the Missouri School of Journalism and the director of aerial journalism at the Reynolds Journalism Institute. He teaches multimedia reporting, mobile and drone journalism and was recently named one of the world's top mobile journalism trainers. He has worked as a reporter at the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* and *The Arizona Republic*. His work has also appeared in *Slate*, *ESPN: The Magazine* and *The Los Angeles Times*

Soundfood Audio

Specializing in sound and how you consume it, Soundfood Audio is an experimental post production audio agency. We work closely with creatives, directors, and agencies to provide them with the highest standard of audio post for a wide variety of content from commercial television and film, to web digital media and video games. Our job is to complement and enhance every project we step into. Collaborating with you to create immersive, memorable experiences

Ken Stone

For 20 years, Ken was a TV and radio news anchor and reporter, news director, show producer, talk show host and Emmy Award winner. He was on the faculty at the University of Minnesota's Journalism School for 7 years and now runs his own video production company.

Shonda Tindall

Shonda is a fellow teacher and serves as Secretary on the STN Board of Directors. She has been teaching television/film production in Texas for 16 years and is an advocate for STN gaining CTE affiliation. Her programs have received numerous recognitions from STN, NATAS Lone Star Chapter, and various film festivals. Her program has also been featured on PBS NewsHour as an active member of Student Reporting Labs.

Al Tompkins

Al is senior faculty for the Poynter Institute and author of *Aim for the Heart*, a journalism textbook used by 150 universities. Tompkins bring 44 years of journalism experience to his teaching. He works in newsrooms around the world and around the country. His clients include NBC, CBS, CNN, The Weather Channel, Univision, Telemundo, The United Nations and Voice of America. Tompkins has taught thousands of journalists in Canada, Egypt, South Africa, Ecuador, Iceland, Cayman and 49 states

Thor Wasbotten

Thor is a professor at Kent State University. He is the former director of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Kent State, Assistant Dean of the College of Communications at Penn State, and a former television news director and station manager. His teaching focuses on digital and data journalism as well as courses that look at the intersection of media, power, and culture.

Stacey Woelfel

Stacey is a professor at the Missouri School of Journalism and director of its Documentary Journalism center. He is the former news director for KOMU-TV. He has led RTDNA, Carole Kneeland Project and Mid-America chapter of NATAS, winning the Payne Award, multiple Emmys and Murrows and the Kemper fellowship.

Jamie Yuccas

Jamie is a National Correspondent for CBS News based in L.A. Yuccas joined Newspath in N.Y. in 2015, and has covered high profile stories including Orlando's Pulse Nightclub shooting, the 2016 Rio Summer Olympics, and the presidential campaign. The Minneapolis native was previously reporter and morning anchor of WCCO-TV. She's won two Emmy Awards, including one for her coverage of 2012's Hurricane Sandy.