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Alumni Expert Profiles

Jasmine Arrington '11

Jasmine Arrington is a MD/MPH candidate at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). Born and raised on Chicago's South Side, she is passionate about social justice, advocacy, and addressing health inequities for underrepresented minorities. Jasmine is a participant in UIC's Urban Medicine Program where she addressed barriers to self-care in an African American congestive heart failure population. As former Vice President of the Student National Medical Association, Jasmine created the Admissions Initiative to partner with the Office of Admissions and Latin Medical Student Association to increase recruitment and retention of underrepresented minorities. She is now an Admissions Ambassador for the College of Medicine and a voting member of the Committee on Admissions. A strong supporter of minority student advancement, she is the Target H.O.P.E STEM faculty leader, teaching Black and Latinx high school students science and public health. Her goal is to engage in social justice issues as a leader in health equity interventions and policy. In her free time, Jasmine enjoys photography, drawing, and spending time with her baby nephew.





Saranna Biel-Cohen '03

Saranna Biel-Cohen has spent more than a decade in the art world; at galleries and auction houses, and museums internationally developing strategy and donor relations among private individuals, corporations, and government. She has been committed to expanding access to information and public service, also serving on the boards of the Hermitage Museum Foundation and the Face the Future Foundation of the Craniofacial Center at the University of Illinois Health. She has a BA in Anthropology and French Literature from the University of Michigan and an MA in History of Art from University College London.



Malcolm Bonner '08

Malcolm Bonner is currently a Marketing Analytics Partner at Meta (formerly Facebook), where he consults Fortune 1000 companies on strategy and measurement of their digital marketing efforts. Malcolm began his career as a data scientist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, focusing on issues of systemic financial risk, later moving on to Bank of America to conduct machine learning research. Outside of his career Malcolm has an interest in public policy and politics, managing a campaign for Chicago City Council and consulting for various other political campaigns and organizations. Malcolm holds a B.S. in Economics from Rochester Institute of Technology and a M.S. in Economics and Computer Science from Duke University - Class of '08.



Jonathan Brandstein '86

Jonathan Brandstein is a Manager at MBST Entertainment with over 20 years of experience in the entertainment industry. As a producer, his credits include *The War at Home*, *One Night Stand*, *Down and Dirty with Jim Norton* and many more.

Full bio coming soon.



Brittney N. Cato '09

Brittney is a zealous advocate, a savvy corporate counselor, and an effective litigator on behalf of her clients. For the past 5 years, she has focused her practice on being a trusted advisor in corporate governance and compliance matters, and in all aspects of dispute resolution, including all phases of high-stakes complex commercial litigation. She is proficient in conversational and written Spanish.

Prior to joining Mercer Oak, Brittney was a senior associate at Novack and Macey LLP as well as Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP where she represented clients across multiple industries in a wide variety of complex disputes. Brittney has experience representing clients in both federal and state court in matters involving intellectual property, breach of contract, legal malpractice defense, real estate, and consumer financial services. In doing so, Brittney has represented and counseled clients through all phases of litigation, including pre-litigation counseling, briefing and arguing dispositive motions, taking and defending depositions, jury and bench trials, settlement conferences and appeals.

Outside of the courtroom, Brittney is an active member of the Associate Board for Marillac St. Vincent Family Services, where she recently served as President from 2019-2021. Marillac St. Vincent is a nonprofit organization that provides vital programs and services in the areas of childhood education, youth services, and community outreach. Prior to launching her legal career, Brittney was a basketball coach to high school and elementary school athletes in London.



Lori Crosley

Ms. Crosley has held senior level product marketing and strategy positions at Morningstar Investment Management, Wells Fargo and Wachovia Investments, where she was responsible for planning, designing and executing global market strategy and institutional investment communications. As a Principal at Greenwich Associates, a leading global, strategy consulting firm that specializes in financial services, Ms. Crosley worked directly with the firms' investment management clients in the US, Canada, UK and Continental Europe, to analyze primary and custom research and recommend strategic, as well as tactical, initiatives affecting both product and service delivery. Ms. Crosley also served as an investment consultant to institutional investors at Ennis Knupp, CSFB and DLJ.

Ms. Crosley earned an MBA in Finance and Marketing and a BS in Economics from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL.



Brian Dhingra '13

Brian Dhingra Brian is an Engagement Manager at McKinsey & Company, a Chicagoan living in New York, an avid skier and tennis player (season-dependent), and explorer of New York's food scene (with a highly active Resy account). Brian is an Engagement Manager (team leader) at McKinsey New York, focused on improving healthcare in the US and globally, serving hospital systems, health insurers, and pharmaceutical companies. In addition, he also focuses on mergers & acquisitions (M&A) work. Brian started his career as a Business Analyst at McKinsey exploring as many different industries as possible (consumer, financial services, defense, etc.) after graduating from University of Pennsylvania with degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Economics in 2018.



Amarit Dulyapaibul '04

Amarit Dulyapaibul is a managing partner and oversees operations and development for the “San” brand of restaurants including Ramen-san and Sushi-san.

At an early age, he began working at the restaurants his parents own and operate in downtown Chicago. Moving through the ranks, he started as a dishwasher, became a host, then a server and eventually transitioned to a manager role. Through this, Amarit has gained a tremendous amount of respect for all the hardworking individuals that devote their time to the industry. After graduating with a Master of Arts in Architecture from Tulane University, Amarit returned to Chicago to begin his career. Specializing in high-end residential design and construction, he developed his understanding of space, scale and atmosphere that would eventually prove instrumental in his success at Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises (LEYE). After two years of design work, Amarit returned to hospitality.

In 2011, Amarit joined Lettuce Entertain You as part of the team at Ben Pao. He spent time at several other concepts, including Foodlife and Foodease, to learn different styles of operations and management. Eventually, he came to work under the leadership of partners R.J., Jerrod, and Molly Melman at Paris Club Bistro & Bar and Studio Paris Nightclub. Amarit was promoted to General Manager of the 59 W. Hubbard building and oversaw the opening of Ramen-san in 2014, where he has consistently grown year-over-year revenues via delivery technologies and various strategic partnerships. In early 2016, Amarit helped open il Porcellino in the same building; in late 2017, he and the team opened nearby Sushi-san. Today, Amarit oversees operations and growth for the “San” brands, which includes Ramen-san Deluxe in Streeterville, Ramen-san in River North and Ramen-san Whisky Bar in Fulton Market in addition to Sushi-san in River North and in the Willis Tower.



Brian Greenblatt '13

Brian Greenblatt is a Senior Integration and Test Engineer for SpaceX. He is currently responsible for generating manufacturing processes and executing the lift/transport operations for the Starship spacecraft at the company's site in Boca Chica, Texas. Starship represents a fully reusable transportation system designed to carry both crew and cargo to Earth orbit, the Moon, Mars and beyond. Prior to the Starship project, Brian worked on Falcon 9 booster reusability and heatshield. Brian has been with SpaceX since graduating from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Brian is passionate about the outdoors, traveling in his Skoolie, photography, and racing cars.



Stacey Knowles '84

“I am forever grateful for the solid academic foundation Latin has afforded me”

In high school, Stacey Knowles was one of the jocks in her class and known for her skills on the tennis court. At Latin Stacey learned how to balance athletics and academics as she was awarded an academic scholarship from Texas A&M University and an athletic scholarship from the University of Illinois- Champaign/ Urbana where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in Economics. Her love for tennis compelled her to play professional tennis on the satellite circuit for two years post-graduation.

Stacey's bouts with rehabilitation from sports related injuries coupled with her management of a physical therapy practice sparked her new career path into the field. She enrolled into the University of Miami-Coral Gables and graduated with clinical honors in 1995. Sports truly shaped the type of physical therapist she is today with her tenacious spirit to help others achieve their most optimal function. Stacey quickly learned that the only way she would be able to help others would be to progress her own knowledge and skills both as the student and the teacher. Ms. Knowles currently holds various post graduate level certifications in Functional Manual Therapy, Jones Strain and Counterstrain and Ergonomic Assessment.

In 2016, Stacey Knowles became a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Therapy after graduating from the graduate program at University of Illinois - Chicago. This student became the teacher when she taught post-graduate level continuing education courses for the Institute of Physical Art and graduate school classes for the University of Illinois-Chicago Department of Physical Therapy. In 2019, Ms. Knowles opened her own private physical therapy practice, Exemplar Physical Therapy, Inc. in the Andersonville neighborhood where she will continue to strive to assist others achieve healthy and active lifestyles and mentor other physical therapists.

Kobi Walsh '13



Kobi Walsh is a Brooklyn-based photographic and sculptural visual artist whose work focuses on highlighting the subjectivity of our perspective. He captures intricate impressionistic fragments of light and time in order to parallel the fragile nature of our individual reality. Not relying on digital manipulation, Kobi's work explores themes of authenticity and the transience of the present moment. He received a B.S. in Cognitive and Brain Sciences from Tufts University, incorporating an understanding of the neurological foundations of perception to play with our expectations of light and color. Kobi's work has been exhibited internationally in New York, Italy, Miami, Chicago, and Boston and is currently working out of his studio at Mana Contemporary. He has won 33 awards for his photography from organizations such as PX3 Prix de La Photographie Paris, the International Photography Awards, Moscow International Foto Awards, and Photographers Forum. Kobi's work has been published 16 times in international publications such as Friend of the Artist, The Flux Review, The Curator's Salon, Create! Magazine, Inside Artists UK, Art Reveal Magazine, and 123 Art Magazine.

Pamela Lewis Rudden '80

Pamela Lewis-Rudden - an immensely driven music executive with 20+ years of music industry experience has worked for several major labels and independent clients in creative positions both in the U.S and abroad. She has worked in numerous, diverse aspects of licensing including but not limited to film and television licensing, soundtracks, music searches and clearances. Her background also includes working with assorted departments including marketing and brand partnerships to augment cross-promotional opportunities available via licensing.

Pamela has made several careers connecting people with the things they need and love. Her ability to unite people with others as well as business services, and music, has led to her to being a powerhouse in a myriad of industries. From humble beginnings as an assistant at RCA Records to P. Diddy's right hand at Uptown Records to then establishing her own company, P.Funk Music Video Promotion: a bright upstart to thriving business owner and then onto becoming an executive in the fashion world, Pamela has been able to excel in everything she has set her mind to and amassed a social network of global contacts.

Now as Vice-President of Plutonic Group Productions - managing Music Producer | Songwriter, Stephen Beanz Rudden, as well as the Creative Sync Licensing specialist at Plutonic Group Syncs, she has combined her long standing love of music, boundless social and networking skills to forge an exciting career path.

