Alumni

# Raney Aronson-Rath, Jeremy Eichler, and Other Columbians in the News

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PBS

*20 Days in Mariupol*, produced by **Raney Aronson-Rath** ’95JRN, won the Academy Award for best documentary feature. Da’Vine Joy Randolph won best supporting actress for her performance in *The Holdovers*, which was written by David Hemingson ’90LAW and also received nominations for best picture and best original screenplay.

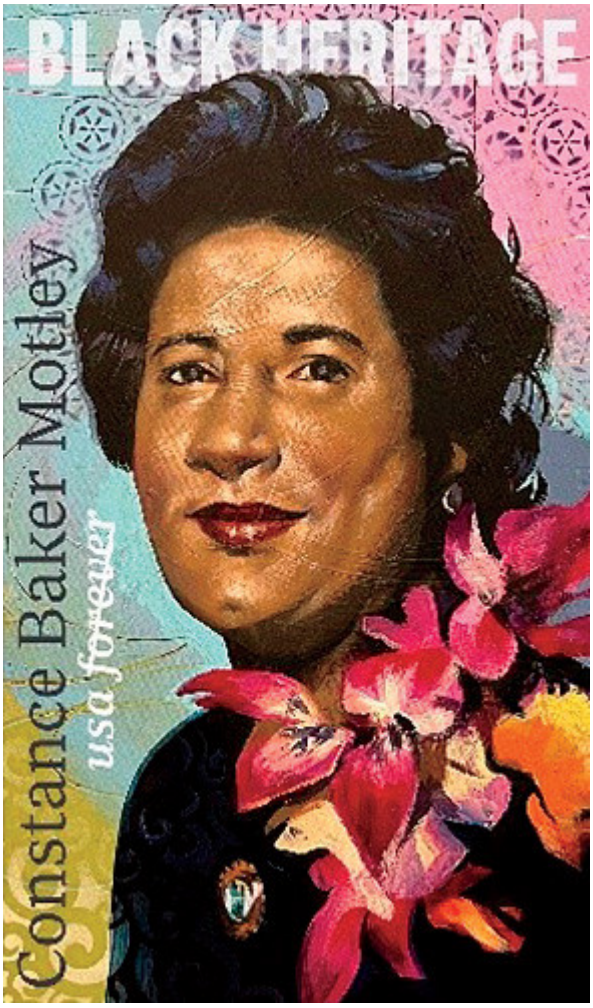
*Time's Echo*, a meditation on the connections between classical music and the Holocaust by **Jeremy Eichler** '15GSAS, won the book of the year award at the 2024 National Jewish Book Awards. **James McBride** '80JRN was also honored there for his novel *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*, as was **Carlie Hoffman** '16SOA for her poetry collection *When There Was Light*.

**Binaifer Nowrojee** '88SIPA, '89LAW was named president of the Open Society Foundations, which support democracy, human rights, free expression, and climate justice worldwide.

The Whitney Biennial, a prominent survey of contemporary American art at the Whitney Museum, features work by **ektor garcia** '16SOA, **Julia Phillips** '15SOA, **Ser Serpas** '17CC, **Tourmaline** '06CC, and **Kiyan Williams** '19SOA. The show runs through August 11.

**Alex Mierjeski** '17JRN and his colleagues at ProPublica received the George Polk Award for national reporting for a series of articles on alleged ethical transgressions by US Supreme Court justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito.

Former Lions soccer star **Ally Clark** '23CC signed her first professional contract, with the Danish team Odense Boldklub Q.



United States Postal Service

The US Postal Service honored **Constance Baker Motley** ’46LAW, ’03HON, the judge, civil-rights lawyer, and second Black woman to graduate from Columbia Law School, with a commemorative postage stamp.

**Carolyn Woods Eisenberg** ’71GSAS won a prestigious Bancroft Prize from Columbia, an honor for scholars of American history, for her book *Fire and Rain: Nixon, Kissinger, and the Wars in Southeast Asia*.

New York City Council member **Shaun Abreu** ’14CC, whose district includes Morningside Heights and Manhattanville, was named chair of the council’s committee on sanitation and solid-waste management.

*The Stag*, written, directed, and produced by **An Chu** ’22SOA, won the short-film jury award for international fiction at the 2024 Sundance Film Festival. *Daughters*, produced by **Sam Bisbee** ’90CC, won the audience award for best US documentary and the Festival Favorite Award.

**William W. Chin** ’68CC, a Harvard Medical School professor and pharmaceutical-industry executive, received Singapore’s Honorary Citizen Award for his contributions to science and technology.

Multiple alumni received 2024 MacDowell Fellowships, which support residencies at top arts organizations: architects **Nina Cooke John** ’98GSAPP and **Janette Kim** ’97CC; composer **Dalit Warshaw** ’96CC; theater artists **Sam Chanse** ’12SOA and **Shayok Misha Chowdhury** ’16SOA; visual artist **Farah Mohammad** ’21SOA; and writers **Alexandra Kleeman** ’12SOA, **Christopher Kondrich** ’08SOA, and **James Yeh** ’09SOA.

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**11 alumni make the 2024 *Forbes* “30 Under 30” lists:**

#### Art and Style

Justice Faith Betty ’18GS, cofounder of Révolutionnaire

Oscar yi Hou ’21CC, visual artist

#### Consumer Technology

Nico Laqua ’22CC, cofounder of Basket Entertainment

#### Energy

Marissa Beatty ’22SEAS, founder of Turnover Labs

Claudia Herbert Colfer ’19GSAS, head of programming at United Nations Global Compact

#### Finance

Zoia Kozakov ’20SPS, product leader at JPMorgan Chase

**Food and Drink**

Raghav Poddar ’19SEAS and Vamsi Gadiraju ’19SEAS, cofounders of Superorder

**Health Care**

Christophe Rimann ’18SEAS, cofounder of Juniper Behavioral Health

**Media**

Lauren Aliza Green ’17CC, writer

**Venture Capital**

Sam Peurifoy ’20GSAS, founding partner at Hivemind



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