Hi Elaine,

Congratulations! Link Media has been selected to participate in the Spring session of the Independent Media Internship program. Your organization will be matched with an intern from Feb. 2-April. 23. In order to participate in this program, your organization's 2009 membership dues for The Media Consortium must be current. Link Media currently has an outstanding balance of $1000. We ask this of all participants in this program. Membership dues help us create a strong, accountable network and support dynamic programming like the Independent Media Internships. I've attached an invoice detailing our dues structure to this email.

Please let me know ASAP if you are unable to meet the requirements of this program, or have any questions.
 **Next Steps (Some of this may change depending on how spring placements shake out):**

Beginning October 16, We will be match applicants up with a MC member organization and let them know they've made it through round one of the application process. At this point, I will send a list of 2-3 potential interns (including clips, resumes and letters of reference). It is your responsibility to schedule interviews with applicants by October 30, but we recommend you do so as quickly as possible to give the intern time to arrange travel, etc. **Please email becki@themediaconsortium.com with your selection by November 6.**

We will send a contract for this program shortly. Please contact me or Erin Polgreen (erin@themediaconsortium.com) with any questions you may have.

Congratulations again!

Hi XXX,

Congratulations! You have been chosen to move on to the interview process for the Media Consortium's Independent Internship Program. You are one of the candidates who will interview with The Applied Research Center for a spring internship.

Noel Rabinowitz of the Applied Research Center will be contacting you shortly to schedule an interview. Please email me if you have not heard from him by November 25.

Interviews must be completed by December 4 (but the sooner the better). We will update you on the status of your application by December 14.

Good luck!

Hi XXX,

Many congratulations! ORGANIZATION would be happy to have you as a SEMESTER (SPRING, FALL, SUMMER) intern. Please email me and ORGANIZATION CONTACT (CCed) as soon as possible to confirm that you're still available and interested in the position. We're very excited to have you on board!

You'll hear from us within the next week regarding contracts, scheduling and other housekeeping. As a reminder, your internship is set to run from February 1-April 23, 2010. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

All best,

Hi XXX,

Thank you so much for applying to the Media Consortium's Independent Internship Program. We had an incredible pool of applicants. Unfortunately, we were not able to match you with any of our organizations at this time. Please keep us in mind for internships in the future.

If you're still interested in working with independent media, many of our members offer unpaid part-time internships. Please feel free to apply through their individual sites. For a list of our members, visit [www.themediaconsortium.org](http://www.themediaconsortium.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).

Best of luck,

Hi Celia,

Please find attached all of the documentation for your intern, Rachael DeWitt, and you to fill out and return by (AT LEAST 2 WEEKS BEFORE INTERNSHIP START). This documentation includes Mother Jones' contract, Rachael's contract and Rachael's W4, I-9 and direct deposit forms. Please send these forms on to Emma Logan along with a confirmation of her start and end dates. You are welcome to email Emma the documents at: elogan@motherjones.com, or fax them to her direct line at: 415.321.4900.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

\*Attachments: Direct Deposit, W4, I-9, MC Intern Program Member Agreement Form, MC Intern Contract Form

Hi All,

Here's everything you'll need for this Thursday's professional development conference call. Six Free Press interns will be joining us--please read their bios (below) and be ready to discuss your internship experiences during the first 30 minutes of the call.

The call is **Thursday, June 18 at 2pm EST/1pm CST/11am PST.** We will be using the Media Consortium conference line: 1-866-846-3997 passcode 4340282.

Megan Tady and Adam Lynn of Free Press have generously offered to lead a discussion on Media Policy's impact on journalism and journalism careers that are a little outside the box. Please take the time to read through their bios and click through the links below. We want this to be an interactive and engaging conversation so you all can get the most out of it.

Please take time to look over the below agenda and materials and be prepared to discuss! If you have any questions, let me know.

Best,
Becki

 **Professional Development Call Agenda**
I. Introductions: 30 min.

-Interns will introduce themselves and discuss what they're working on.

II. Megan Tady and Adam Lynn: 15-20 min.

-Megan Tady and Adam Lynn will discuss Media Policy--the way it's made in DC, what's on the table now and how it affects journalists like Megan.

III. Facilitated Discussion with Q&A: 30-45 min.
           -Megan and Adam will open the floor for a facilitated discussion following their presentation.

**Call Materials:**

**Adam Lynn** is the policy coordinator working in Free Press's Washington office. He conducts research on issues related to media ownership, public media and the future of the Internet. Along with other policy team members, Adam participates in crafting the numerous filings Free Press makes before the FCC. He graduated magna cum laude from Washington State University, focusing his studies on the relationship between media and democracy. Adam interned with Free Press prior to joining the staff.

**Introductions to Media Policy:**

[http://www.freepress.net/policy/internet](http://www.freepress.net/policy/internet%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

[http://www.freepress.net/policy/ownership](http://www.freepress.net/policy/ownership%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

[http://www.freepress.net/policy/public\_media](http://www.freepress.net/policy/public_media%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

**Megan Tady** is a writer, editor and video producer for Free Press. She manages the blogs at SavetheInternet.com and StopBigMedia.com, and writes a monthly media column for *InTheseTimes.com* about media consolidation, the journalism industry, and Internet issues. Megan uses her journalism background to help make media policy resonate with people’s lives, and tries to use storytelling as a tool to create policy change. She produced “America Offline,” a documentary series about the digital divide in the U.S. Prior to working at Free Press, Megan was a national political reporter for *InTheseTimes.com*, and a reporter and editor at *The NewStandard*, a public interest online news site managed by a collective of journalists and published by a reader-funded, non-hierarchical nonprofit organization. Megan has also worked as a freelance journalist for publications such as *AlterNet.org*, *The American Prospect*, *Yes! Magazine*, *Earth Island Journal*, *Gotham Gazette*, and *Women’s eNews*, writing mostly about public health and environmental issues, and corporate and government accountability.

 **Reading material:**

The America Offline series--
Five Days on the Digital Dirt Road: [http://www.internetforeveryone.org/americaoffline/nc](http://www.internetforeveryone.org/americaoffline/nc%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)
Wired Less: Disconnected in Urban America: [http://www.internetforeveryone.org/americaoffline/urban](http://www.internetforeveryone.org/americaoffline/urban%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

**Free Press Interns:**

**Kate Aishton** is a second year at Georgetown University Law Center who has worked on communications policy at the FCC, Aspen Institute, and University of Southern California's Annenberg School.  She is working on the legal issues surrounding online video.

**Ann Alquist** is a masters student at Ohio University studying Media Studies with a focus in public media. She is researching alternative public media structures and funding models.

**Russ Caditz-Peck** is a senior at Whitman College studying Politics. He is working on policy issues surrounding the Internet and media concentration.

**Patricia Johnson** is a senior Communication major at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She is working on the Save The Internet campaign to promote media access, openness, and diversity.

**Denise Linn** is a rising fourth year at the University of Virginia majoring in Media Studies and English. She is working on policy issues concerning broadband and the future of journalism.

**Erica Southerland** is a senior at Cornell University studying Communications, Feminist Gender and Sexuality Studies and Law. She is working on the Save the News Campaign and issues surrounding media concentration.

**Media Consortium Interns:**

**Amy Dempsey** is a California native. In May, she graduated from California State University, Fullerton, where she wrote and worked for the school's newspaper and also wrote the cover story for Tusk magazine, CSUF's annual publication. She is working for RH Reality Check in New York City. Here is a link to what Amy has written so far:

[http://rhrealitycheck.org/blog/2009/06/04/new-web-site-created-memori...](http://rhrealitycheck.org/blog/2009/06/04/new-web-site-created-memorial-dr-george-tiller%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

**Byard Duncan** just graduated from Ithaca College in Central New York. There he wrote for the school newspaper, the student magazine and a local arts newspaper called the Ithaca Times. Byard is interning at Alternet.org in San Francisco, blogging, feature writing and heading up the web site's "Take Action" section. Other work of his has appeared in Commondreams.org, the China Daily and (obviously) on Alternet. Here are a few links to what Byard has written so far:

[http://www.alternet.org/sex/140274/not\_in\_%27our\_town%27:\_san\_franciscans\_take\_to\_the\_streets\_after\_proposition\_8\_decision/](http://www.alternet.org/sex/140274/not_in_%27our_town%27%3A_san_franciscans_take_to_the_streets_after_proposition_8_decision/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

[http://www.alternet.org/world/140422/as\_new\_afghanistan\_commander\_sails\_toward\_confirmation%2C\_key\_torture\_questions\_go\_unasked\_/](http://www.alternet.org/world/140422/as_new_afghanistan_commander_sails_toward_confirmation%2C_key_torture_questions_go_unasked_/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

[http://www.alternet.org/blogs/peek/140431/what\_would\_happen\_if\_we\_simply\_ignored\_bill\_o%27reilly/](http://www.alternet.org/blogs/peek/140431/what_would_happen_if_we_simply_ignored_bill_o%27reilly/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

**Brittany Schell** graduated in May from American University in Washington, D.C., where she studied print journalism, graphic design, and French. She is working for OneWorld.net in D.C., where she edits and publishes daily international stories focusing on human rights and sustainable development. Here are some links to her stories:

[http://us.oneworld.net/article/364357-kenya%E2%80%99s-refugee-camps-overburdened](http://us.oneworld.net/article/364357-kenya%E2%80%99s-refugee-camps-overburdened%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

[http://us.oneworld.net/article/364307-shell-oil-company-settles-saro-wiwa-trial](http://us.oneworld.net/article/364307-shell-oil-company-settles-saro-wiwa-trial%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

**Cindy Von Quednow** is a journalism and Central American studies student at California State University Northridge, with a minor in Spanish language journalism. She has written and edited for various publications on campus in both English and Spanish.  Currently she is a media intern at the Applied Research Center, which publishes ColorLines Magazine, where she has written feature stories and blogs that deal with racial issues nation and worldwide. Here are a few of her writing samples since the beginning of her internship:

Feature about journalists of color finding jobs in ethnic newspapers after working in mainstream publications: [http://www.colorlines.com/article.php?ID=539](http://www.colorlines.com/article.php?ID=539" \t "_blank)

Blog about imprisoned women journalists abroad [http://www.racewire.org/archives/2009/06/female\_journalists\_of\_color.html](http://www.racewire.org/archives/2009/06/female_journalists_of_color.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

Blog: Salvadorans hope for change with new president: [http://www.racewire.org/archives/2009/06/salvadorans\_hope\_for\_change\_wi.html](http://www.racewire.org/archives/2009/06/salvadorans_hope_for_change_wi.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

**Kase Wickman** is a senior at Boston University studying journalism and American politics. She was managing editor of The Daily Free Press, the independent student newspaper at Boston University, and has freelanced for the Boston Globe and the Quincy Patriot Ledger. She is an editorial intern at Air America Media in New York City. Here are a couple of links to her blogs:

[http://airamerica.com/blog/2009/jun/11/when-did-unemployment-become-cool](http://airamerica.com/blog/2009/jun/11/when-did-unemployment-become-cool%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

[http://airamerica.com/blog/2009/jun/09/counting-health-care-eggs-and-democratic-senators-theyre-hatched](http://airamerica.com/blog/2009/jun/09/counting-health-care-eggs-and-democratic-senators-theyre-hatched%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

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