

Gaia Manco

MA Multimedia Journalism 2011

After leaving BU I embarked on a career as a freelance multimedia journalist. I had already started freelancing for BBC South while I was still doing my final MA project, thanks to an encounter I made during a networking event at BU. The working relationship with BBC continued afterwards, for which I will always be indebted to my experience at BU!

Up to now I've worked with – among others – Al Jazeera, EJC and German broadcasters Deutsche Welle and WDR.

The intense hands-on experience and the encounters with seasoned journalists at BU taught me that a multimedia journalist must be resourceful and creative: on top of freelancing I created my own local news website and I worked as a video producer and press tour organiser for the city of Leipzig in Germany, where I moved after the MA.



In the past three years I found myself reporting from central and west African countries, China and of course Germany. I am writing these lines from South Africa where I moved with my husband in mid-2014 – I got married straight after the MA – and at the time you are reading this I should be on another assignment in China. This is only the shining side of the medal, though: making a name for yourself

(and most importantly a living!) out of journalism is extremely hard and the road for me is still very uphill. But I have never regretted the decision to go back to university, to choose journalism and to do so at BU: it gave me the confidence and the practical skills that are making the difference for my career.

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Stuart Necreus

BA (Hons) Retail Management 2001

So, it's been 13 years since I graduated from Bournemouth; it doesn't feel like anywhere near that long but having double checked it on my fingers and toes it definitely is! Since uni, I've spent 11 years working for Tesco in a variety of store roles and more recently in our head office looking after the property programme for superstores. In April I moved over to our fashion label, F&F, to become part of the team franchising the brand globally. I look after our partners in the Middle East, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Armenia; as part of my role I travel to these countries to help our partners operate and grow the F&F brand. I'm married to Lara and have three boys, so all-in-all I'm kept pretty busy!



Neesha Morar

BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance 2011

After graduating I joined the Finance Future Leaders Programme at GlaxoSmithKline. During my first year, I worked in the management accounting team responsible for the manufacturing sites around the UK. Following this, I joined Consumer Healthcare where I was the brand finance partner for brands such as Aquafresh, Beechams and Oilatum. My final year has been in Global Tax looking at the tax strategy.

The programme has provided me with a variety of roles and a CIMA qualification, becoming a member in November 2013. I complete the scheme in September, moving into Sales Finance working on a number of UK supermarket accounts.

