

Appendix A

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- Professor for “Making the Business of Digital Journalism Work,” a course jointly run out of Columbia’s journalism and business schools. Later become close mentor; named me only honors student in her class.

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