The WHQR Mid-Day Cafe interview with current students Christine DeLong, Becky Germain, and Chris Guppy about the MFA Art Show is now available online! Check it out [here](#).

Congratulations, Christine, Becky, and Chris!

MFA alum Jarvis Slacks interviewed recently published MFA alum Jay Varner on his podcast (check it out [here](#)), as well as MFA alum Miriam Parker (find the interview [here](#)).

Congratulations, Jay and Miriam!

MFA alum Anthony Sams is now a full-time English faculty member at Ivy Tech Community College Southern Indiana. His son Judah Michael was born November 27.

Congratulations, Tony!

Josh MacIvor-Andersen’s five-part essay was published in *The Paris Review* Daily (read it [here](#)). He also has an essay about depression forthcoming in the spring in *Northwest Review*, and a profile of Captain Joe, the Cape Fear Naturalist, in *Our State* Magazine. His piece "The Curse of Ham," (*Arts and Letters*, issue 23) was just nominated for a Pushcart.

MFA alum Rebecca Petruck has signed with children’s literature agent Kate Testerman of [ktliterary](http://ktliterary.com). Check her out on the [Clients](http://ktliterary.com) page. (For details about just how competitive this process is, see: [http://ktliterary.com/2010/12/a-year-in-queries/](http://ktliterary.com/2010/12/a-year-in-queries/).)

Congratulations, Rebecca!


Congratulations, Lookout Books!
MFA student Michelle Bliss was named News Director at WHQR.

Congratulations, Michelle!

MFA student Meghan Barnes has been nominated for the Pushcart. Read about it [here](#).

Congratulations, Meghan!

Ecotone was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (view [here](#)). The $10,000 grant and will support the publication and promotion of Ecotone as well as a collection of stories by Steve Almond called God Bless America.

Congratulations, Ecotone!

Department Chair Philip Gerard resumed his duties as WHQR Commentator on WHQR 91.3 FM on November 25. You can listen online at [whqr.org](http://whqr.org).

Congratulations, Philip!

MFA student Rochelle Hurt won the 2010 Poetry International Prize. The poem will appear in issue 18, next year.

Congratulations, Rochelle!

Recent MFA alum Patrick Swaney’s poetry book was a finalist for the 2010 ABZ Poetry Prize.

Congratulations, Patrick!