

# Musinguzi Blanshe, Elissa Slotkin, and other Alumni in the News

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Musinguzi Blanshe (Leon Sadiki / The Wits Centre for Journalism)

Ugandan journalist **Musinguzi Blanshe** '20JRN won the African Investigative Journalist of the Year award for his series on Congolese rainforest-timber trafficking.

Michigan congresswoman **Elissa Slotkin** '03SIPA, a member of the House of Representatives since 2019, was elected to the Senate in November. California congresswoman **Sara Jacobs** '12SIPA won reelection to the House.

**Alicia Graf Mack** '03GS, the director of Juilliard's dance division, was selected as the next artistic director of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.



Lucia Aniello (Jerod Harris / Getty Images)

At the 2024 Emmys, *Shōgun*, the historical drama co-created by **Justin Marks** '02CC, swept up eighteen awards including best drama series. *Hacks*, co-created by **Lucia Aniello** '04CC, scored the Emmy for outstanding comedy series as well as a screenwriting award for Aniello. **Joanna Rothkopf** '14JRN and **Tim Carvell** '95CC won as writers of *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver*, while **Ramin Hedayati** '02CC, co-executive producer of *The Daily Show*, took home a prize for outstanding talk series. At the Creative Arts Emmys, **Leah Katznelson** '02CC won in the costume-design category for *Feud: Capote vs. The Swans*. At the News and Documentary Emmys, **Noah Amir Arjomand** '18GSAS won for outstanding social-issue documentary for *Eat Your Catfish*, and **Dan Krockmalnic** '06LAW won for outstanding crime and justice documentary as an executive producer of *Murder in Boston: Roots, Rampage, & Reckoning*.

*McNeal*, a play written by **Ayad Akhtar** '02SOA, opened on Broadway this past fall, with Robert Downey Jr. starring as a renowned novelist grappling with the age of artificial intelligence.

Venture capitalist **Tanvi Chaturvedi** '14BUS, human-trafficking consultant **Shobana Powell** '14SW, and social-justice advocate **Lindsay Schubiner** '07BC were included in the 2024-25 cohort of Obama Foundation USA Leaders.

*Creation Lake*, a spy novel by **Rachel Kushner** '01SOA, was shortlisted for the 2024 Booker Prize, a prestigious annual award for fiction.

A solo exhibition dedicated to the work of sculptor and performance artist **Smita Sen** '16CC opened at the Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami on November 6 and runs until April 6.

BlocPower founder **Donnel Baird** '13BUS, NASA scientist **Peter Kalmus** '08GSAS, and UC Santa Barbara energy researcher **Leah Stokes** '09SIPA were included on *Forbes*'s inaugural list of "superstar" sustainability leaders.

*Say Nothing*, the 2019 nonfiction book by **Patrick Radden Keefe** '99CC about an infamous murder in Troubles-era Northern Ireland, was adapted into a limited series of the same name. The show premiered on FX and Hulu on November 14.

**April Kim Tonin** '99GSAS, an artist and the head of education at the Frick Collection, illustrated *How to Cook Everything Kids*, the new children's cookbook from food journalist and Columbia public-health lecturer **Mark Bittman**.



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