

Sherwin Brynmor Bryce–Pease

Sherwin Bryce-Pease was born in East London and graduated from Rhodes in 2000 with a degree in journalism and media studies. He is one of many notable radio personalities to have emerged from Rhodes Music Radio station (RMR).

Beginning his working career as an intern in the Marketing and Communications Division at Rhodes, he then completed an internship in marketing as Rhodes University's International Communications Liaison Officers with Global Fluency, a global marketing and strategic communications agency with offices in San Francisco, Palto Alto and New York.

Returning to South Africa in 2002, he took up a position with SABC and has been with the organization ever since. He held various positions in the newsroom and in 2005, was appointed Insert Producer and Co-Ancor of SABC News' Weekend Breakfast Show "Weekend Live" and a stand-in presenter on SABC 2's flagship breakfast show "Morning Live".

In August, 2008 Sherwin made the move to New York as SABC Correspondent, later becoming UN Bureau Chief based at the United Nations headquarters. He reports on U.S. and UN politics, including the U.N. Security Council.

When Sherwin wakes up in Manhattan he often has no idea what his working day will bring and this leads to the exciting pick up and go lifestyle that he relishes.

Highlights of his career so far include interviews with U.S. President Barack Obama at the White House, U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, three South African Presidents, Chile's President Michelle Bachelete, actor Morgan Freeman, Nobel laureates Nadine Gordimer and Shirin Ebadi, fashion designer David Tlale, and multi-award winning DJ and producer Black Coffee to name but a few. More recently he covered the US Presidential election race, reporting from both the Democratic and Republican conventions.

Progress has been extremely slow in rectifying women's under-representation in the media and Sherwin is one of the inaugural signatories to the UN Women's *Step It Up for Gender Equality* campaign to enhance the representation of women in the news media. He is also a board member of the UN Correspondent's Association, a structure that liaises on media issues between the press corps and the UN Secretariat.

He serves on the Board of Trustees of the *Dag Hannarskjöld Fund for Journalists*. The Fund awards four fellowships annually to deserving media practitioners between the ages of 25 and 35 from developing countries. The recipients spend three months in New York reporting on the United Nations and sending their stories back to their respective media organisations.

Sherwin is a passionate Old Rhodian and is a trustee of the USA Rhodes University Trust helping to secure funds in the USA for underprivileged students and over the years he has personally donated generously towards Rhodes' bursary funds.

He is a true professional; one who has used his degree from Rhodes to advance his career and to show the importance of doing a job you excel at and love. He is an excellent role model who is richly deserving of the Emerging Old Rhodian Award.

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