

Keynote Speaker: Jessica Devaney, Class of 2006

Jessica is a creative producer and communications strategist. She recently produced *Speed Sisters* (2015), which follows an intrepid team of Palestinian women racecar drivers. Jessica co-produced the Peabody Award winning short *My Neighbourhood* (2012) and produced its companion web series *Home Front* (2011). She associate produced *Budrus* (2009), which won over a dozen international awards, including the Ridenhour Documentary Film Prize. She was a key driver of the film's engagement strategy, which was recognized with the PUMA Impact Award (2012). Jessica was previously the Director of Communications at Just Vision, where she produced films and led communications strategy in support of Palestinian and Israeli community organizers and human rights defenders. She is currently producing the feature documentary and interactive game, *Roll Red Roll*, a true crime thriller examining sexual assault in small town America. Jessica's films have received support from the Sundance Institute, Tribeca Film Institute, Ford Foundation, Harnisch Foundation, Fork Films, Chicken & Egg Films, Doha Film Institute, IDA, Bertha Foundation, BRITDOC, and more. Her work is featured regularly in major media outlets like *The New York Times*, MSNBC, NPR, BBC, *The Washington Post*, *The Economist*, *Sports Illustrated*, and Al Jazeera.



Jessica holds an M.A. in religion and society from Wake Forest University and studied at Georgetown's Graduate School of Foreign Service in the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies where she researched gender and nationalism in the Middle East. She is a 2016 Women at Sundance Fellow and founder of the Queer Producers Collective.



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Keynote Address

Jessica Devaney, Class of 2006

Remarks to the Graduates

Dr. Penny Rue, Vice President of Campus Life

Honoring the Graduates

Dr. Angela Mazaris, Director, LGBTQ Center

Jessica Devaney, Class of 2006

Kayla Lisenby, Program Coordinator, LGBTQ Center

Closing

Dr. Angela Mazaris, Director, LGBTQ Center

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