

Leader/Register reporter chosen for yearlong fellowship

SHELL LAKE— Danielle Danford, reporter for the cooperative-owned Washburn County Register and Inter-County Leader newspapers, was selected as one of 28 journalists from across the country for a yearlong fellowship.

The fellowship is aimed at helping journalists explore the factors driving the increase in jail populations in their community, a trend being observed across the United States.

The fellowship kicked off July 9 in New York City with a two-day conference featuring speakers on the topics of the best practices underway to address the jail crisis that are often overlooked in discussions about mass incarceration. The conference was held at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Manhattan.

Speakers at the two-day conference included Larry Krasner, Philadelphia district attorney; Cherise Fanno Burdeen, CEO of the Pretrial Justice Institute; Judge Steven Leifman, associate administrative judge for the 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida; Al Cross, director of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues; Tona Monroe, Blount County, Tennessee, commissioner; Georgia State Rep. Chuck Elfrstration; John Tilley, Kentucky Justice cabinet secretary; G. Larry Mays, author of "Trouble in the Heartland"; Larry Amerson, former president of the National Sheriffs Association; Christian Henrichson of the Vera Institute of Justice; and Emily West of the MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge.

The fellows were selected from a wide pool of applicants based on editors' recommendations, and on reporting projects underway or in the planning stage. The fellowship is organized by John Jay's Center on Media, Crime and Justice, with the collaboration of



Reporter Danielle Danford attended the two-day conference at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in NYC as a part of a yearlong fellowship on rural justice issues.

the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues and is supported by the Ford Foundation and the Catherine and John D. MacArthur Foundation.

The John Jay Center on Media, Crime and Justice brings together journalists, legislators, policymakers, scholars and practitioners from across the nation for candid on-the-record discussions on emerging issues of U.S. criminal justice.

More than 900 reporters have participated in CMCJ media training programs in the past decade.



Danielle Danford, a reporter for the Washburn County Register and Inter-County Leader newspapers, is shown in Times Square in New York City. Danford was in NYC July 9-11 for a conference on rural justice issues. – Special photos