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**BAYLOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO PRESENT YOUNG ALUMNI  
AWARDS AT HOMECOMING**

The 2009 Herbert H. Reynolds Outstanding Young Alumni Awards will be presented Friday, October 23 during the 6:30 p.m. performance of Pigskin at Baylor University's Homecoming. The award is given annually by the Baylor Alumni Association to recognize professional achievement and distinguished service by Baylor alumni forty years old or younger. This year's recipients include Dr. Sarah Brosnan of Decatur, Georgia; Dr. Michael Lindsay of Bellaire; Rick Tullis of Woodway; and Dr. Kenyon Wilson of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dr. Sarah Brosnan is an assistant professor of psychology and neuroscience at Georgia State University in Atlanta, where she researches the evolution of complex social behavior. After graduating from Baylor in 1998 as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, she served as the lead author of a groundbreaking study of capuchin monkeys that had implications for the motivations underlying cooperation among primates.

Brosnan earned her PhD from Emory University in 2004 and has received two major research grants from the National Science Foundation. She has published more than thirty book chapters or articles in journals, including *Nature* and *the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, and her work has been featured on such media outlets as NPR, the BBC, MSNBC, and in the *Economist*, the *New York Times*, and the *Wall Street Journal*.

Dr. Michael Lindsay, a 1994 Phi Beta Kappa Baylor graduate, is an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at Rice University. He is the author of the Pulitzer-nominated book *Faith in the Halls of Power: How Evangelicals Joined the American Elite*, which was named by *Publishers Weekly* as one of the best books of 2007. After graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary and Oxford, Lindsay earned his doctorate at Princeton, where he was a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow and the Harold W. Dodds Fellow. Prior to that, he served as a survey researcher at the George Gallup International Institute in Princeton, New Jersey.

His research focuses on leadership and culture, and his work has been published in the leading scholarly journals of three academic fields—sociology, religion, and American studies. He was honored in 2006 as the most promising sociologist under thirty-five in the world by the World Congress of Sociology.

Rick Tullis is the president and co-founder of Capstone Mechanical, one of the fastest-growing companies that provide engineering, contracting, and service in the areas of air conditioning, heating, plumbing, energy conservation, and sheet-metal fabrication.

After graduating from Baylor in 1993 with a degree in mechanical engineering, Tullis started his career at McGregor's Trane Company, where he quickly gained the position of product manager for North America. In 2005, he launched Capstone Mechanical with a couple of fellow Baylor graduates. Today, the company has more than one hundred employees and is a corporate partner with Baylor's School of Engineering and Computer Science.

Kenyon Wilson is an assistant professor of music at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where he teaches music theory, pedagogy, and applied brass. He is also a principal tubist with the Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra in Alabama and the Augusta and Carroll Symphony Orchestras in Georgia.

After graduating from Baylor in 1992, Wilson went on to perform, teach, and compose music around the world. He was a lecturing Fulbright Scholar in Baku Music Academy in Azerbaijan and has conducted his own works in Japan, and at Carnegie Hall. Wilson has also taught at several universities and his musical compositions have been recorded on six albums. His brass fanfare, *Kerfuffle*, was the subject of an article in the arts section of the *Wall Street Journal* in 2008. He plans to premiere several new compositions this year.

For more information about the Herbert H. Reynolds Outstanding Young Alumni award, or any of the other eight awards presented by the Baylor Alumni Association, call (254) 710-1121 or check the association's website at [bayloralumniassociation.com](http://bayloralumniassociation.com).

About the Baylor Alumni Association:

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