

Curtis Gilbert *

Home Media: Minnesota Public Radio News, St. Paul, MN Guest Media: Deutsche Welle (radio), Bonn

Curtis Gilbert, 27, studied communication and music at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., and worked at radio stations and newspapers during summers. Following graduation, he spent two years in collegiate fundraising, before landing a job as a producer at Minnesota Public Radio.

Curtis produces a daily news and information program for MPR, as well as a nationally distributed public affairs program for its sister company, American Public Media. Both programs are long-form; they devote an entire hour to a single topic. Curtis will use his Burns Fellowship to focus on short-form work, covering new stories as a reporter, rather than crafting programs as a producer. He looks forward to hearing his voice on the radio, after three years spent mainly behind the scenes.

When not at work, Curtis amuses himself trying out the elaborate recipes he finds in cooking magazines, strumming his guitar and volunteering with the alumni department at his alma mater.