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Actor Has Filled Many Real-Life Roles

Alumnus possesses eclectic background BY KATHLEEN MILLS

**K**evin Kolack, PhD'97, was the kind of high-school student who never got any grade lower than an A. His senior year he skipped lunch every day so he could squeeze in an extra class. So perhaps it's not surprising that Kolack is, or has been, a chemistry professor, an actor, an EMT, a firefighter, a cab driver, an acting coach, an Olympic-level marksman, and a helicopter pilot.

Though working for the past 10 years as a TV and independent film actor, Kolack finds the time to do a little bit of everything. How does he do it?

"I'm willing to work at it," he says. "I'm aware of that saying, 'Jack of all trades, master of none.' And I've been careful to not let that apply. I'm not a dilettante."

All of these ancillary experiences make Kolack a better actor, he says.

"When you work on a PhD, you are working for a long-range goal," Kolack says. "It's the same in the entertainment business. People think they will be famous overnight. But you have to work at it."



Actor Kevin Kolack has also worked as a chemistry professor, firefighter, and helicopter pilot.

Currently living in New York City with his wife, Diane, Kolack does voiceover work for commercials (Visa and Odor Eaters), acts in small films, and has most recently appeared on the soap opera *One Life to Live* and the dramas *White Collar* and *Law and Order: SVU*. He also coaches other actors on how to set up their own websites, prepare for auditions, and make over their images.

Like most actors, Kolack hopes that eventually he'll make it big in movies. But not so that he can own a larger home or a more expensive car. Kolack sees fame as a way to reach people.

"I could have become a minister. This is the path I choose for how I will speak to people," he says, later noting that if he had a nationwide platform he would speak in favor of financial reform and against factory food.

That's not to say that Kolack couldn't add minister to his résumé at some point. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia with majors in chemistry and Eastern religions, focusing on Buddhism.

He came to IU Bloomington for graduate school in chemistry. While studying inorganic chemistry with former IU professor George Christou, Kolack also took classes in law and Buddhism and immersed himself in Bloomington's Tibetan community. Kolack worked as a firefighter during graduate school, eventually forming a lifelong bond with some of Bloomington's firefighters.

"I look at Bloomington as my hometown," says Kolack, who grew up in Georgia.

And he calls the firefighters his family: "They were with me when I arrived in grad school, when my father died, when things were on fire. That part of firefighting that you see on TV is really true."

Both of Kolack's parents went to IU, and the actor notes that he was conceived in Bloomington just as his parents were finishing school.

"It's a full circle journey," he says. "I have that weird kismet in my life." ■

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