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Dear SIPA Alumni,

Our community was personally touched by the devastating earthquake that shook Haiti on January 12, 2010. Six SIPA students and SIPA Professor Elisabeth Lindenmayer were in Port-au-Prince on a UN student study trip when they were caught in the 7.0 magnitude disaster. All students and Professor Lindenmayer are now safely home, but the life changing experience has no doubt impacted them. (Read their story and what Columbia University has been doing to help the people of Haiti below.)

As practitioners of public policy and international relations, you or many of your peers work in numerous industries, whether it be humanitarian, environmental, public diplomacy, or international organizations to name a few. You must cope with and respond to natural disasters that occur around the world. You may spend numerous hours helping to expedite response and relief efforts to affected areas. You may be physically immersed in these devastated environments to help protect human life. Regardless of your exact role, you all possess common personality traits: courage, empathy, selflessness, and passion.

It is difficult to predict the long-term after effects of Haiti's earthquake. One thing is certain though. Many of our alumni will be busy helping rebuild its future.

Warm regards,

SIPA Office of Alumni Relations

News at SIPA

Columbia University Responds to Haiti Earthquake

As the world receives more information and images of the terrible devastation in Haiti, we join with others around the globe in conveying our sympathy and support for all those affected by this disaster. Our thoughts are with the people of Haiti, who will continue to face enormous challenges in the days and weeks ahead. Across the University, students, faculty and staff are doing their part to help communities in Haiti. [More.](#)

SIPA Students and Professor Lindenmayer Survive Haiti

Six SIPA students and a faculty member are safe after becoming trapped in Port-au-Prince, Haiti during the devastating earthquake that struck that country on January 12. [Elisabeth Lindenmayer](#), director of SIPA's United Nations Studies Program, and the six students were in Haiti on a UN study trip. After evacuating by helicopter to the Dominican Republic, all returned home on Friday, January 15. [More.](#)

SIPA Alumna Addresses the Haiti Earthquake

Alumna Michele Wucker (MIA '93), director of the World Policy Institute, appeared on *MSNBC's "Rachel Maddow Show"* to discuss the Haiti earthquake and her recent book *Why The Cocks Fight: Dominicans, Haitians and the Struggle for Hispaniola*. [More](#)

Professor Dorian Warren Comments on President Obama's State of the Union Address

SIPA Professor [Dorian Warren](#), along with Cooper Union Professor Fred Siegel, provided commentary on President Obama's first State of the Union Address on the NY1 television program, "Inside City Hall." To view the full discussion, click [here](#).

Capstone Workshop: Measuring Green

In a [SIPA Capstone Workshop](#), students worked with the Clinton Global Initiative to develop a process of calculating Sustainable Return on Investment (SROI). It is intended to assist elected officials and public administrators in their decision-making, by assigning dollar amounts to financial, social (non-cash) and environmental (external) variables. Read the report [here](#).

Dean John Coatsworth Publishes Chapter in *The Cambridge History of the Cold War*

SIPA Dean John Coatsworth recently authored a chapter in [The Cambridge History of the Cold War](#) entitled "The Cold War in Central America, 1975-1991." The series examines how the Cold War evolved from the geopolitical, ideological, economic, and socio-political environment of the two World Wars and the interwar era, and explains the global dynamics of the Cold War international system.

Joseph Stiglitz authors new book *Freefall: America, Free Markets, and the Sinking of the World Economy*

In his newest publication, *Freefall: America, Free Markets, and the Sinking of the World Economy*, SIPA Professor **Joseph Stiglitz** outlines a way out of the financial crisis, based on restoring the balance between markets and government, addressing the inequalities of the global financial system, and demanding more good ideas (and less ideology) from economists.

SIPA Professor Richard Robb Critiques *SuperFreakonomics*

In an article for *Forbes* entitled "Extreme Economics," Professor Richard Robb writes in reviewing Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner's *SuperFreakonomics*, "Their basic formula emerged in the first book, and they exploit it relentlessly in the sequel: Say something titillating and mix in an out-of-place term from economics to make it entertaining." Read the article [here](#).

Professor Swati Desai Elected Secretary of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

[Professor Swati Desai](#) was elected Secretary of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) to serve a two-year term, beginning in January 2010. She just completed her first semester at SIPA as an Associate Professor of Professional Practice, teaching public and nonprofit management, and performance management. [More](#).

Highlights of Upcoming Events and Programs

2/10/10 San Francisco: SIPA Alumni Networking Drinks

On **February 10 from 6:30-9:00 pm** SIPA alumni in San Francisco are invited to join fellow alumni for a happy hour at [Doc's Clock](#). Trina Martynowicz (MPA '06) and Jeremy Newman (MPA '08) will be on hand to meet and greet alumni. Register with key word 'SF Networking Drinks' [here](#).

2/12/10 London: All Ivy Plus Winter Cocktail Reception

On **Friday, February 12**, Columbia alumni are invited to an All Ivy Plus Winter Cocktail Reception at the [East India Club](#). The event is being organized by the Cornell Club of London and the Brown University Club of the UK. Initiated in 1993, the purpose of this event is to welcome new Ivy League and Seven College Conference

Schools and other U.S. college alumni to London, to make new friendships, to foster networking, and to provide a relaxed atmosphere for enjoyment by all in the centre of London. For more information, please contact Natalie Teich of the Cornell Club at nmt4@cornell.edu. [More](#).

2/15/10-2/19/10 NYC: Student Informational Interviews

OCS is increasing the number of opportunities for current SIPA students to contact alumni, allowing alumni to meet with students with greater flexibility and convenience. The informational interviews are scheduled for a full week starting **Monday, February 15, 2010 and ending Friday, February 19, 2010**. OCS kindly asks alumni to make themselves available for pre-arranged informational interviews with students, at a mutually agreed time and location. For more information click [here](#).

2/18/10 NYC: Student/Alumni Networking Reception at the Gabarron Foundation

The NYC Career Series aims to inform students about different career options in their fields of interest, introducing them to SIPA alumni and professionals working in the New York City area. We welcome you to join us for an Alumni/Student Networking Reception on **Thursday, February 18, 2010** at the elegant [Gabarron Foundation](#), 149 East 38 Street, New York, NY from **6:00-8:00 pm**. [More](#).

2/20/10 D.C.: February Food and Friends Charity

Columbia University Club of Washington, D.C. (CUCDC) will be assisting Food and Friends, a local charity that provides meals and nutritional counseling for persons with life-threatening illnesses (primarily HIV/AIDS and cancer). The CUCDC has volunteered to work in the pantry assembling/packing meals which will be distributed to the families/individuals. We need volunteers from 9:00-11:00am! [More](#).

2/25/10 NYC: Black Alumni Heritage Award Reception

On **Thursday, February 25**, Dean Michele Moody-Adams will welcome our alumni and students, while BAC honors Douglas Holloway ('78BUS), former president of Cable Investments for NBC Universal Cable and a very active contributor in the community. The event will take place at **The Faculty House, on campus, beginning at 6:30pm**. Be sure to register for this event in advance. [More](#).

3/2/10 London: Reception at Michelangelo Exhibit at Courtauld Gallery

On **Tuesday March 2**, come to a reception hosted by the Penn Club at the Michelangelo exhibit. Penn alumni and other US alumni friends will have exclusive access to the [Courtauld Gallery](#) to view Michelangelo's "Dream," as well as the other fantastic collections in the Courtauld Gallery – all without the crowds! [More](#).

3/15-16/10 NYC: Economist Conferences' Corporate Citizenship 2010 Event

What is the role of business with regard to major international issues? Join a unique group of leaders including President Bill Clinton and key executives from Ben & Jerry's, Coca-Cola, Edelman, Procter & Gamble, (RED), Timberland, Water.org and others to debate how companies can play a more positive leadership role in society. SIPA is working with The Economist to offer SIPA alumni a discount at this event to be held at The New York Public Library. Register with code "SIPA" and save \$300 off standard and non-profit registration rates. Click [here](#) to learn more.

4/6/10 NYC: Facing the Fracture: Media and Economic Understanding

This event will be held **from 9:00 am-6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 6** and bring together top journalists, scholars, and activists for a day of dynamic public discussions about the role of the media in covering the ongoing financial crisis. As we have seen, the financial meltdown has produced some extraordinary reporting but has also caused journalists and analysts to question the role that the business press needs to play in order to truly fulfill its role as part of the Fourth Estate. SIPA alumni are invited to this full-day event, which will include speakers such as [Andrew Rich](#), President of the Roosevelt Institute, and [Ariana Huffington](#), Co-Founder and Editor-in-Chief of *The Huffington Post*. The event will be held on the 15th floor of the International Affairs Building.

4/29/10 NYC: SIPA Tenth Annual Global Leadership Awards Dinner

SIPA alumni are cordially invited to this year's gala event to be held on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at the Mandarin Oriental. These year's honorees are Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Managing Director of the World Bank,

and Fareed Zakaria, Editor of Newsweek International and CNN's Fareed Zakaria, GPS. The reception will commence at 6:30 pm, to be followed by the awards dinner at 7:00 pm. Table and ticket information can be viewed at the event website. [More.](#)

5/1/10 NYC: SIPA Alumni Day

On Saturday, May 1st, all SIPA alumni are invited to attend the school's annual Alumni Day. Stay tuned for more information in next month's newsletter!

Alumni Career Programs & Events

SIPAlink

SIPA's Office of Career Services (OCS) encourages you to use **SIPAlink**, an online recruitment database. Follow the links below for online job and internship postings, employer information sessions, and much more. Some recent jobs are highlighted below. Register to find out more: <https://www.myinterfase.com/cusipa/student/>.

- Senior Economist, Institute of Economic Affairs (Ghana)
- Instructor and Research Associate, Combating Terrorism Center at West Point (New York)
- Resident Director, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (Islamabad)

Please see **SIPAlink** for more detailed descriptions and application instructions.

Columbia Alumni Center

New Hours: We are happy to announce that the Alumni Center will be open on **Saturdays from 10:00 am-4:00 pm**. Please stop by!

SIPA Office of Career Services Invites SIPA Alumni to Various Career Panels

The Office of Career Services would like to invite you to attend various career panels covering topics on Human Rights, Urban Government, Migration/Refugees, Environmental Policy, Foundations, Nonprofits/NGOs and Political Risk and Analysis. Join your fellow SIPA alumni and other NYC professionals for a discussion on career opportunities and industry trends. For more details, please visit [SIPAlink](#).

International Career Advancement Program (ICAP)

The Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, and the Aspen Institute invite applications for the **International Career Advancement Program (ICAP)** for 2010. **ICAP** will bring together mid-career professionals from groups underrepresented in leadership positions in international affairs with senior officials, faculty and staff to spend one week discussing topics such as major international issues to be faced during the next decade and programs and policies designed to increase diversity at senior levels. For more information about the program and to download an application, click [here](#).

2/16/10 NYC: Reach Your Goals in 2010: How to Define, Plan, and Achieve Them

Successful people have one thing in common: They know how to identify achievable goals that will take them where they want to go. This seminar will help you identify and define career, academic, and personal goals, and then create a plan to achieve them. The webinar will be hosted by [Amy Brenna](#), Efficiency Coach for businesses and individuals on February 16th from 6:00-7:00 pm. [More.](#)

2/24/10: What's Your Next Journey? Career Change Webinar Workshop for Alumni

In this workshop, participants assess their values, skills, interests, talents, and personality traits through helpful discussions, exercises, and career tools, including the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, and consider how results apply to the working world. This workshop meets for four 90-minute sessions via a webinar platform (Wednesdays, February 24, March 10, March 24, and April 7, 12:00-1:30pm). For more information on this workshop, please contact Emily Seamone at es2756@columbia.edu. [More](#).

Recent Alumni Events

1/14/09 D.C.: Annual D.C. Career Conference - Alumni Networking Reception

This year the annual Washington, D.C. Career Conference was held from January 13-15. SIPA alumni also came out to share their professional experiences with students at the **Alumni Networking Reception, which was held on January 14, 2010** at the [Four Seasons Hotel](#). Additionally, alumni also hosted students on Friday, January 15 for informational interviews. The event was a huge success, and we look forward to working with you again next year! A big thanks to all who helped!

1/21/10 London: Inter-Ivy Pub Night

Columbia alumni in London participated in an inter-ivy pub night hosted by the University of Pennsylvania Alumni Association. The event was held at [The Cadogen Arms](#). Be sure to make it to the next Inter-Ivy Pub Night to be held sometime this spring.

1/21/10 Los Angeles: Alumni Happy Hour

In January SIPA alumni gathered at [Provecho](#), one of LA's hotspots, to catch up with former classmates and hear all their latest endeavors!

1/23/10 Park City, Utah: CAA at Sundance Film Festival

Alumni, filmmakers, and friends were invited to a complimentary reception on **January 23** at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. [More](#).

1/29/10 NYC: Environment, Natural Resources and Eco-tourism: Tools for Peace Building and Sustainable Development in the Balkans

The Center for International Conflict Resolution (CICR) in partnership with the Italian Ministry for Environment Land and Sea co-hosted a one-day symposium, exploring issues related to sustainable development, environmental policymaking and peace building in the Balkans. The event was held on January 29 at Columbia University. [More](#).

1/31/10 London: An Evening with President Lee C. Bollinger

Alumni were invited to spend an evening with Columbia University President Lee Bollinger on **Sunday, January 31** at the [British Museum](#). Attendees spoke with President Bollinger about important issues and upcoming events relevant to Columbia University. [More](#).

2/1/10 NYC: Economic Recovery in the Cities

The 13th David N. Dinkins Leadership and Public Policy Forum was held on **Monday, February 1** with a keynote speech given by [U.S. Representative Charles B. Rangel](#).

2/6/10 NYC: The Global Project to Measure the Progress of Societies – Defining Success and Happiness Beyond the GDP; A Lunchtime Conversation with Professor Prewitt

The EMPA Forum held an afternoon lunchtime conversation with [Professor Kenneth Prewitt, Vice President for Columbia Global Centers](#). Professor Prewitt discussed the Global Project, which is dedicated to what is often called "Beyond GDP," an effort to help countries assess their progress as societies in ways broader than the current reliance on gross domestic product (GDP) as the central measure of "how well are we doing."

Alumni Notes

Have you logged onto [Alumni Connection](#) yet to update your [class note](#)? What are you waiting for! All you need is your UNI and Password. (If you forgot them, you can access them [here](#).) Below are some recent postings. Post your note today and stay connected with more than 16,000 alumni in 155 countries.

Glenn R. Mack (MIA '93) has been named President of Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Atlanta. Before that, he opened his own cooking school in Austin, Texas and served as Chief Academic Officer for Le Cordon Bleu in Miami. His recent publications include *Food Culture in Russia and Central Asia*, *Uzbek Cuisine*, contributions to *Culinary Biographies*, *Scribner's Encyclopedia of Food, Gastronomica*, and *Lonely Planet's Central Asia Travel Guide*. After SIPA, Glenn lived in Moscow and Uzbekistan from 1991-1995 covering the fall of the USSR with *Time Magazine*.

Colman Chamberlain (MIA '09) recently accepted a position at East Harlem Tutorial Program located in New York as Deputy Director of Development and Communications. Since graduation, he has been working to raise awareness and funds for one of New York's oldest after school programs in East Harlem: the East Harlem Tutorial Program. This after school program provides kids with strong academic support, great film, dance, and arts programs, and a safe haven. More information on the great work being done can be found at <http://vote.ehtp.org>.

Giving to SIPA

Through contributions to SIPA's Annual Fund, donations for student fellowships, or participation in SIPA's annual global leadership awards dinner, you can help to foster the link between academic excellence and the practice of public policy that makes SIPA unique. For information on how you can contribute to SIPA's mission, please visit: http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/about_sipa/giving_to_sipa.html.

In the fall, SIPA Advisory Board members announced a \$50,000 one to one matching gift challenge for donors to the annual fund with the sole purpose of increasing the number of gifts received by December 31, 2009. The event was a success, marked by an additional 270 donors who helped raise \$247,000. This amount represents an increase of \$25,000, as compared to the same time last year.

Create a lasting contribution by making a donation to SIPA today!

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