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The new year has arrived. SIPA alumni will soon be receiving their winter 2011 issue of *SIPA NEWS*, focusing on “water.” The issue also contains important dates to remember, School wide news, and class notes from your peers.

Our alumni were an active group in 2010. Alumni helped us organize events on three continents this past year: In South America (Bogotá, Colombia), North America (Toronto, Canada and in the U.S. cities of San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and New York) and in Africa (Johannesburg, South Africa). In 2011, SIPA headed to Asia, where Senior Associate Dean Troy Eggers met with alumni in Beijing, Tokyo, and Seoul. Whether directly through our Office of Alumni Affairs or through the Columbia Club Network, SIPA alumni are busy meeting one another.

As you begin to tackle your new year’s resolutions, don’t forget an important one: staying connected with your alma mater. Come to the annual SIPA Alumni Day taking place on April 16, 2011 on the Columbia Campus. This year’s event will focus on topical issues, and **Susie Gharib**, anchor of PBS’ “Nightly Business Report,” will serve as luncheon keynote speaker. Stay informed on current events by hearing off the record comments, participating in lively debates, and engaging in enriching discussions with faculty and your peers. A “Save the Date” with more information will be sent shortly to alumni.

Best wishes for a fantastic 2011,
SIPA Office of Alumni Affairs

News at SIPA

Wikileaks and the Role of Academia

Columbia President [Lee C. Bollinger](#) led a discussion at SIPA in December among scholars of journalism, political science, and international affairs on the impact of Wikileaks. [More.](#)

***Journal of International Affairs* Launches Fall Issue on “Innovating for Development”**

The [Journal of International Affairs](#) launched its fall 2010 issue with a “Thought Leadership Forum,” discussing how technology shapes policies on energy, natural resources, and climate change, and how governments can foster innovation in these fields. [More.](#)

SIPA Professor Helps TANF Help Children

Professor [Swati Desai](#) has been appointed as a senior advisor to the [Urban Institute](#), on a project to improve state performance measures for [TANF](#) – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. [More.](#)

Energy Economist at SIPA: Time Has Run Out On Climate

Dr. Fatih Birol, chief economist of the International Energy Agency, assessed the world's energy needs in SIPA's Leaders in Global Energy series. [More](#).

Highlights of Upcoming Events and Programs

1/18/11 Johannesburg, South Africa: Happy Hour with Columbia Alumni

Come join SIPA and Columbia Alumni for a Happy Hour in Johannesburg, South Africa on January 18, 2011 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Moyos at Zoo Lake (1 Prince of Wales Drive Zoo Lake Park Parkview, Johannesburg). Please RSVP to Karena Cronin (Karena.cronin@gmail.com).

2/2/11 San Francisco, California: Alumni Networking Drinks at the [The Blue Light Cafe](#)

You and your classmates are invited to attend a SIPA Alumni Happy Hour on Wednesday, February 2, from 6:00-9:00pm. Alumnus Jeremy Newman (MPA'08) will be on hand to meet and greet alumni. The event will be at the The Blue Light Cafe (1979 Union Street, San Francisco, CA). (Please note appetizers will be provided. Drinks tickets on a first come, first serve basis) Please register with key word 'SF Networking Drinks' [here](#).

4/16/11 NYC: The Third Annual SIPA Alumni Day

Mark your calendars! The annual SIPA Alumni Day will be held on the Columbia Campus on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Topics for discussion include President Obama's future as a one-term president, China and markets, Afghanistan and the "end game" and the Iranian dimension of the Arab-Israeli peace process. The day will conclude with a lunch with our keynote speaker, **Susie Gharib**, anchor of PBS' "Nightly Business Report." A Save the Date will be sent out shortly.

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/>.

- Regional Editor, Africa/Middle East, *The Economist* – New York (SIPAlink Job ID: 33653)
- Resident Senior Program Manager for Elections, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs – Monrovia, Liberia (SIPAlink Job ID: 33644)
- Communications Director, Vaccines and Polio, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation – Seattle (SIPAlink Job ID: 33618)

Please see [SIPAlink](#) for more detailed descriptions, application instructions and industry updates. Also, visit the site if you are interested in attending employer information sessions and other career events open to alumni.

Other Online Career Resources Include:

GOING GLOBAL

Packed with country-specific career information, this research tool provides expert advice and insider tips for finding employment opportunities at home and abroad. Explore career and employment opportunities in countries around the world. Resources include: business and networking groups, job search resources, cost of living data, and more. H-1B employer listings are included in each City Guide, as well as a state-by-state roster. To access the site, please click [here](#).

VAULT

Vault is the world's leading source of career information. It will make your efforts at researching employers, industries, and career subjects infinitely easier and more efficient. To access the online database, click [here](#).

WET FEETE

Since 1994, WetFeet has been a trusted third party for job seekers, helping students and young professionals make smarter career decisions. The Wetfeet Career Resource site gives you access to the complete Insider Guide library and inside scoop on more than 1,000 companies, careers, and industries, along with videos and tips to help find and score your ideal job. To access the online database, click [here](#).

CIA Careers for Business Professionals as National Clandestine Service/Operations Officers

The CIA is currently recruiting for the [National Clandestine Service \(NCS\)](#). The NCS is an elite corps that strengthens national security through the collection of human intelligence (HUMINT).

General Requirements include: U.S. Citizenship, Dual U.S. citizenship, or U.S. Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status; strong interest in international affairs; willingness to serve worldwide and to live/work overseas the majority of your career; strong interpersonal/communications skills and the ability to write clearly and concisely; demonstrated ability to work both independently and as part of a team; impeccable integrity; no illegal drug use within the past 12 months; international work/travel experience and foreign language skills, highly desirable.

Individuals must be physically located in the U.S. to respond to this posting. If you are outside of the U.S., please wait to respond until after you have returned to the States.

If interested, please submit your resume for review to: nycrecruiting01@gmail.com.

If your background appears to be a good fit based on current requirements, you will be contacted within 45 days after the receipt of your resume.

SIPA alumni are also invited to participate in the Center for Career Education's January 2011 Alumni Career Development events and programs. If you would like to receive monthly EMAIL UPDATES on CCE's Alumni Career Development Events, please send an email to es2756@columbia.edu.

How to Write an Effective LinkedIn Profile Webinar, Thursday, January 19, 12:00-1:00pm (ET) with Brenda Bernstein, founder and senior editor of The Essay Expert, www.TheEssayExpert.com

If you are a professional in any industry, you simply can't afford to have a mediocre LinkedIn profile. Your clients and potential employers will all be scrutinizing your profile, and you want to make a great impression. Brenda Bernstein, a LinkedIn expert, will take you through the most important sections and strategies of LinkedIn. You will learn tips and tricks that will get you found -- and that will make an effective impression on the people who find you.

IvyLife-Columbia Networking Events, Networking Breakfasts and Evening Events Each Month

IvyLife-Columbia is a LinkedIn group, which is also part of the parent group, IvyLife. Both groups hold various networking events in NYC as well as around the world. For more information, visit the group on LinkedIn or <http://www.ivylife-columbia.net>. If you have questions, please contact William@caa.columbia.edu.

Recent Alumni Events

12/16/10 NYC: SIPA Alumni Networking Reception

More than 70 SIPA alumni gathered at [The Ginger Man](#) for a Networking Reception.

1/6/11 Beijing: SIPA Alumni Reception with Senior Associate Dean Troy Eggers

More than 30 SIPA alumni joined [Senior Associate Dean Eggers](#) at [The Ritz-Carlton](#), Beijing for an update on the latest news and events from SIPA.

1/11/11 Tokyo: SIPA Alumni Reception with Senior Associate Dean Troy Eggers

More than 40 SIPA alumni joined [Senior Associate Dean Eggers](#) at the [Hotel Okura, Tokyo](#) for an update on the latest news and events from SIPA.

1/13/11 Seoul: SIPA Alumni Reception with Senior Associate Dean Troy Eggers

SIPA alumni met and mingled with [Senior Associate Dean Eggers](#) at the [Grand Hilton, Seoul](#).

1/13-14/11 Washington, DC: SIPA's 35th Annual Washington, D.C. Career Conference

Over 150 alumni participated in SIPA's 35th Annual Washington, D.C. Career Conference Student/Alumni Networking Reception.

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 17,000 alumni in 153 countries.

David Hausner (MIA/MPH '92) writes, "I am focusing mostly on HIV and AIDS and working for John Snow, Inc. (JSI) as the country director for the AIDSTAR-One Project in India. This is my second time living and working in India, having lived here for five years between 1994 and 1999. My family moved to India from Almaty, Kazakhstan, where we lived for five years, working for JSI in the five former Soviet Republics of Central Asia, also focusing on HIV. We have enjoyed exploring many parts of the world, learning new cultures, tasting various cuisines, and meeting many fascinating people. We are happy to welcome visitors."

Charles Santangelo (MPA'83) is now on assignment with NASA, assisting with its technology budget. This comes after three years assisting the U.S. Department of Homeland Security performing a similar role.

Giving to SIPA

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

Through contributions to SIPA's annual fund, donations for student fellowships, or participation in SIPA's annual Global Leadership Awards Dinner, you can help strengthen the link between academic excellence and the practice of public policy that makes SIPA unique. For information on how to further SIPA's mission, please visit: http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/about_sipa/giving_to_sipa.html

SIPA's Annual Fund is the School's chief vehicle to engage the broad base of our alumni in supporting SIPA. It is a critical piece of the School's fund-raising strategy, which also involves solicitations of significant gifts from large donors. One hundred percent of the gifts raised by SIPA's Annual Fund support the education of SIPA students.

Visit: <https://giving.columbia.edu/giveonline/>

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