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## Alumni eNews – March 2010

Dear SIPA Alumni,

After grueling winter months, we can take comfort in knowing that spring is just around the corner. (For those alumni living in DC, you can expect to see the cherry blossoms in full bloom in just a few weeks.) It also means that SIPA's annual Alumni Day is less than two months away.

If you missed the announcement, here's a recap: **SIPA Alumni Day** will take place on the Columbia University Campus on Saturday, May 1, 2010. Participants can choose to attend panels focusing on the domestic and global health care agendas and/or workshops on boosting your career in a recovering economy. Our keynote address will be given by [Dr. Jay Levy](#) (IF 1962, MD 1965), co-discoverer of the AIDS virus, HIV.

For further details, including confirmed panelists to date and registration, click [here](#). This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with fellow classmates and faculty.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Warm wishes,

**SIPA Alumni Relations**

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## News at SIPA

### **Former SIPA Dean Alfred Stepan Published in *Social Research***

Alfred Stepan published an article in *Social Research*, entitled "[The Early Years of Central European University as a Network: A Memoir.](#)" Stepan is the Wallace Sayre Professor of Government and former dean of SIPA.

### **SIPA Professor John Mutter Co-authors Chapter in *Human Rights and Climate Change***

[John Mutter](#) co-authored a chapter in *Human Rights and Climate Change*, entitled "Climate change, evolution of disasters and inequality." Professor Mutter and co-author Kye Mesa Barnard examine the highly variable effects of climate change and increasing disasters on economic development and human rights, and the debates now taking place within the spheres of science, politics, economics and civil society.

### **SIPA Professor Analyzes March 7, 2010 Elections in Iraq**

Professor Austin Long analyzed the March 7 election in Iraq and what it means for security in the region. Commenting on the lower turnout, Professor Long said "I think a lot of Iraqis are frustrated with democracy ... They just feel like the current state of Iraqi democracy is not achieving what they want." For more details, click [here](#).

### **SIPA Latin American Students Association Responds to Chilean Earthquake**

In response to Chile's devastating earthquake, the SIPA Latin American Student Association (LASA) organized a Telethon on Friday, March 4, in the Roone Arledge Cinema at Lerner Hall, raising almost US\$3,000 in just a couple of hours. To read more about their efforts and how they have created an inter-emergency Columbia network with the Chilean community, click [here](#).

### **Student Group Launches Columbia SIPA Veterans Association**

The Columbia SIPA Veterans Association (CSVA) was launched this past semester. All students and alumni from all nations and militaries are invited to join. The group's aims are to help new SIPA students transition smoothly from the military to student life, as well as increase networking opportunities among alumni. Find out more by searching the Facebook group "Columbia SIPA Veterans Association." For more information on upcoming events, please contact Jay M. Ross at Email: jr2998@columbia.edu.

### **SIPA Available on iTunes**

SIPA has posted its spring multimedia collection on the CU-SIPA iTunes. Two media collections are now available: SIPA Video Events 2010-- recent events that have taken place at SIPA, featuring a variety of notable guests and Columbia faculty, and Conceptual Foundations of International Politics 2007- full course video collection, which is also available on Columbia on YouTube EDU. The link is available on the SIPA homepage. [More](#).

### **SIPA Alumni Provide Leadership to Geneva Club**

The Columbia Alumni Association's Geneva Club is pleased to welcome three new club leaders: Irene Martinetti (SIPA '06), Lori Brumat (SIPA '98) and Liana Melchenko (SIPA '08). All three women look forward to representing SIPA in the broader Columbia Alumni Community. For details on club activities, click [here](#).

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## **Highlights of Upcoming Events and Programs**

### **03/24/10 NYC: SIPA NYC Alumni Networking & Drinks**

The next SIPA Alumni Happy Hour will be on March 24, 2010, from 6:00-8:00pm at The Bubble Lounge. SIPA Alumni Director Daniela Coleman will be in attendance to answer any SIPA related questions. Register with key word 'NYC Networking Drinks' [here](#).

### **4/6/10 NYC: Facing the Fracture: Media & Economic Understanding**

This event will cover: newsroom realities faced by business journalists today; broadening the coverage to include new ideas and new sources from Main Street; how the Internet has altered economic reporting; and the variation in reporting on the financial crisis across the globe. Speakers will include [Arianna Huffington](#), [Joseph Stiglitz](#), and [Steve Pearlstein](#). The event will be held on April 6 from 9:00am-6:00pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> floor of the School of International and Public Affairs. Be sure to register in advance. [More](#).

### **4/29/10 NYC: Tenth Annual SIPA 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. This year's honorees are Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Managing Director of the World Bank, Fareed Zakaria, Editor of Newsweek International and CNN's Fareed Zakaria, GPS and Partners in Health. The reception will commence at 6:30pm, to be followed by the awards dinner at 7:00pm. Table and ticket information can be viewed at the event website. (Note a ticket purchased at the Annual Awards Dinner is valid for complimentary entry to SIPA Alumni Day.) [More](#).

### **5/1/10 NYC: SIPA Alumni Day**

On Saturday May 1, 2010, all SIPA alumni are invited to attend the school's annual Alumni Day. This year's alumni day will focus on both domestic and global health care issues, in addition to workshops on how to boost your career in a recovering economy. For more information, including how to RSVP, click [here](#).

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## Alumni Career Programs & Events

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### *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/>.

- Chief of Party and Deputy Chief of Party Consultants, The Asia Foundation (Bangladesh)
- Children's Health Care Coordinator, Community Catalyst (Boston)
- Senior Analyst, Eurasia Group (London)

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

### **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](#).

### **3/25/10: Mastering Collaborative Competitive Relationships for Career Success Webinar 1-2PM (ET)**

People who truly succeed in today's constantly changing business environment are those who are able to collaborate with peers, seniors, colleagues, and competitors. This seminar, taught by [Kathryn Mayer](#), introduces a dynamic approach to collaboration: Collaborative Competition™, which is founded on the principle that competition can be an opportunity to learn, evolve and excel – and it can be a collaborative experience. [More](#).

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## Recent Alumni Events

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

On February 10, 2010, SIPA alumni in San Francisco joined fellow alumni for a happy hour at [Doc's Clock](#). Your fellow alumni Trina Martynowicz (MPA '06) and Jeremy Newman (MPA '08) were on hand to meet and greet alumni.

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

The NYC Career Series held a networking reception on **Thursday, February 18, 2010** at the elegant [The Gabarron Foundation](#), with over 200 alumni and students in attendance.

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

On February 25, 2010, Dean Michele Moody-Adams welcomed our alumni and students, while BAC honored Douglas Holloway ('78BUS), former president of Cable Investments for NBC Universal Cable and a very active contributor in the community. The event was held at the Faculty House.

### **2/25/10 Paris: The Columbia - Harvard Bowling Challenge**

The Columbia - Harvard Bowling Challenge returned for another year. The event was held at the usual boudrome in Montparnasse (25 r Commdt René Mouchotte) on February 25. Columbia alumni showed up in force to show the Crimsons their magical arm swing! Overall, the event was a success and all parties enjoyed the healthy competition!

### **3/9/10 NYC: Central Intelligence Agency National Clandestine Services: Information Session**

Alumni attended an informative information session on the CIA.

### **3/10/10 DC: Alumni Networking & Drinks**

Over 75 SIPA alumni met at the Capital City Brewery. Newly admitted SIPA students were also on hand to meet alumni and ask them about their experiences at SIPA.

### **3/11/10 Johannesburg: Alumni Happy Hour**

SIPA and Columbia alumni met for the first official Columbia alumni chapter networking reception in Africa at The Baron. For questions on future events, please email Sawa Nakagawa MBA/MIA '09 at Email: [sawanakagawa@gmail.com](mailto:sawanakagawa@gmail.com).

## **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.

**Brian Wynter (MIA '85)** was appointed Governor of the Bank of Jamaica in November 2009. As Governor, he is Chairman of the Board of Directors. Before returning to Jamaica in 1988, Wynter worked with Chase Investment Bank and Schroder Wertheim International Company, both in New York.

**Julia Love (MIA '06)** recently accepted a position at iMentor located in New York as Director of Corporate Partnerships. Over the last nine years, it has developed and refined a mentoring model combining email communication and in-person meetings. As the Director of Corporate Partnerships, she writes, "I am responsible for securing corporate funding and will help to establish iMentor as the #1 employee volunteerism program for companies and individuals seeking to have a significant impact on youth and adults in New York City and around the country."

## **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](http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/about_sipa/giving_to_sipa.html)

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