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Dear SIPA Alumni,

SIPA Alumni Relations is committed to helping you during these difficult economic times. Working with the Office of Career Services, we have increased opportunities for alumni to meet with employers, to research jobs in the [SIPALink](#) online job database, and to attend career programming seminars with selected consultants. When possible, we will videotape these interactions so that no matter where you live, you will be able to benefit from these resources. (For those interested in making a mid-career transition to the US Foreign Service, we recently recorded an information session and interview with diplomat-in-residence Robert William Dry. Details below.)

In addition, with the help of our alumni volunteer leaders, we are committed to ensuring that you are able to connect with each other. Our network is extensive, with graduates in over 155 countries. If you will be in **Paris** on October 20th, come to a reception that will feature remarks from Dean Coatsworth about Columbia and SIPA's global initiatives. Following Asian Markets closely? Come join us in **NYC** on October 28th for a discussion on the impact of the global financial crisis on Asia. In **Geneva** on November 14th? Don't miss out on an evening of dancing and music.

Lastly, we want to hear from you! We are proud of your accomplishments and want to know what you have been up to since graduation, so that we can post your updates online and include them in our next issue of *SIPA NEWS*. (Email: Sipaalum@columbia.edu or visit [here](#).)

SIPA Alumni Relations

News at SIPA

NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg and London Mayor Boris Johnson Discuss Urban Issues

As part of a three-day conference in New York continuing discussions between these two great cities, SIPA co-hosted a conversation with Mayors Bloomberg and Johnson. The conference covered major issues facing both cities including: the future of their financial sectors, the diversification of their economies, building and maintaining their capital plants, and expanding housing affordability. [More here](#).

World Leaders Forum Brings Distinguished Leaders to University

The World Leaders Forum, a year-round event series which advances lively, uninhibited dialogue on the large economic, political, and social questions of our time, took place on campus. This year's participants included the President of Argentina, the Prime Minister of Thailand, and the President of Serbia. For details, click [here](#).

SIPA Professor Doyle Receives Charles E. Merriam Award

Professor [Michael Doyle](#) is the 2009 recipient of the American Political Science Association's (APSA) *Charles E. Merriam Award*, the second SIPA faculty member to win the prestigious prize. The award's recognition of two senior members of SIPA's faculty within the last five years demonstrates the School's commitment to research and teaching that combines the best of scholarship and public service. [More](#).

Professor Fuchs Reappointed to FDIC Advisory Committee on Economic Inclusion

SIPA Professor Ester Fuchs was reappointed to the FDIC's Advisory Committee on Economic Inclusion. The committee provides the FDIC with advice and recommendations on expanding access to banking services by under-served populations. [More](#).

A Conversation with British Economist Nicholas Stern

British economist and former head of the UK's Government Economic Service Nicholas Stern met with SIPA students and faculty. Professor Stern is the author of "The Economics of Climate Change: The Stern Review" and Patel Professor of Economics and Government, as well as chair of the Grantham Institute for Climate Change and the Environment at the London School of Economics and Political Science. [More](#).

Seminar on Azerbaijan's Foreign Policy with Foreign Affairs Minister

The Harriman Institute hosted a seminar with H.E. Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Republic of Azerbaijan speaking on "The Foreign Policy of Azerbaijan: Affecting Factors and Priorities." The event was moderated by Ambassador Stephen Sestanovich, Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Professor for the Practice of International Diplomacy. [More](#).

Professor Steven Cohen asks in *The New York Observer* "[What is the Role of the Government?](#)"

Professor Cohen poses this question in response to the current healthcare debate. For details, click [here](#).

Highlights of Upcoming Events and Programs

10/15/09 – 10/16/09 NYC: Columbia University to Launch New Alumni Center for All CU Grads

The newly opened Columbia Alumni Center on W. 113th Street offers Columbia's growing alumni community access to University resources and a healthy dose of hospitality. The Columbia Alumni Center is preparing to celebrate its official "Especially Open House" featuring refreshments and giveaways on October 15-16. All alumni are invited to come! For more information on the Center and the upcoming event, click [here](#).

10/17/09 NYC: Black Alumni Council Homecoming of Columbia; A Celebration of Culture

The [Columbia Alumni Association](#) and the [Black Alumni Council of Columbia University](#) cordially invite all Columbia University alumni, family, and friends to the 2009 Black Alumni Homecoming—a celebration of culture and achievements by black alumni at Columbia. For details, click [here](#).

10/17/09 DC: Food & Friends Charity Event in Washington, DC

The Columbia University Club of Washington, DC (CUCDC) will be assisting Food & Friends, a local charity that provides meals and nutritional counseling for persons with life-threatening illnesses. The CUCDC needs volunteers to assist in the pantry assembling/packing meals to be distributed to families/individuals. For more information on how you can help, please click [here](#).

10/17/09 NYC: CU Homecoming Game: Columbia Lions vs. University of Pennsylvania at 1:30pm

Come join fellow EMPA/SIPA Alumni to cheer at the Columbia University Homecoming Game as the Lions play the University of Pennsylvania on Saturday, October 17, 2009, starting at 1:30pm. Tickets are \$5 in advance. Be sure to wear your Columbia blue. Register [here](#).

10/20/09 Paris: Dean John H. Coatsworth Meets with CU and SIPA Alumni in Paris

Join SIPA Dean John Coatsworth on **Tuesday, October 20th from 7:00 – 9:30pm** for an informative evening of SIPA news and discussion on Columbia's Global Centers at the [St. James Club in Paris](#). For more information on how to attend, click [here](#).

10/22/09 DC: "A Grand Tour of the Universe" with Columbia Professor David Helfand

Having observed the universe optically and by radio and X-ray, Professor Helfand will guide us through "A Grand Tour of the Universe" replete with colliding galaxies and a fly-through of the universe set to the Blue Danube waltz. Join us on **Thursday, October 22nd from 6:30-8:30pm** at [The Woman's National Democratic Club](#) to witness this amazing event. [More](#).

10/28/09 NYC: Economic Meltdown and Geopolitical Stability: A Discussion of Asian Markets in 2010

Alumni are invited to attend a discussion on the National Bureau of Asian Research's (NBR) new book, *Strategic Asia 2009-10: Economic Meltdown and Geopolitical Stability* on **Wednesday, October 28th at 6:30pm** at the [Columbia University Club in NYC](#). Moderated by SIPA Professor [Arvind Panagariya](#). Panelists include [Ashley J. Tellis](#), [Roger Kubarych](#), and [Steven Halliwell](#). Lecture-discussion (including Q & A), followed by cocktail and buffet reception. [More](#).

11/7/09 NYC: Discussion on Ethics and Integrity in Municipal Government

All SIPA Alumni are invited to join EMPA Alumni and students for a conversation with [Rose Gill Hearn](#), Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation at the IAB, 15th floor, from 1:00-2:00pm. (420 W. 118th St). For details, and to RSVP, please contact: Jacqueline Pineda at jp2280@columbia.edu.

11/14/09 Geneva: CU Club of Geneva Hosts School Ball

London School of Business and Columbia University cordially invite you and your partner to an evening of gourmet dining and dancing to the music of the 70's-80's at [Swissôtel Métropole](#). Alumni from other top universities including Stanford, Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge will also be in attendance. [More](#).

11/18/2009 DC: SIPA Policy Forum on Counterinsurgency in Iraq (6:30 – 8:30pm)

Join SIPA Professor [Austin Long](#) at the **City Tavern Club** for a candid discussion on "Complacency Kills: Observations from the Field on Counterinsurgency and the Future of Iraq." Details and registration information forthcoming.

Alumni Career Programs & Events

SIPAlink

SIPA's Office of Career Services (OCS) is proud to introduce **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, Agricultural Policy and Trade Liberalization, OECD (Paris)
- Trader Analyst, Cross Market Monitoring, Federal Reserve Bank of New York (New York)
- Deputy Director of Operations, International Rescue Committee, (Uganda)
- White House Fellows Program, (deadline: February 1, 2010; Washington, DC). [More](#).

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

Join Columbia on LinkedIn

Network with over 9,500 Columbia alumni in this online community! Use your Columbia University e-mail address for immediate admission. For more information, click [here](#).

10/15/09 NYC: Columbia Referral Network (CRN) Meeting

A Columbia alumni networking meeting is held on the **third Thursday of every month from 8:00-9:00am** at the [Columbia Alumni Center](#). To register, please join the Columbia Referral Network group on LinkedIn. For more questions, please contact William@caa.columbia.edu.

10/20/09 NYC: The Self-Employment Option: How to Succeed at Starting Your Own Business

Self-employment has become a viable option for people in many lines of work. If you are drawn to working on your own but fear that difficulties in areas of self-starting, follow-through, lateness, and disorganization will doom you to failure, join us on this webinar on **Tuesday October 20th from 1:00-2:00pm (ET)**. More information [here](#).

Recent Alumni Events

9/16/09 NYC: SIPA Alumni Networking Drinks in NYC

In September, SIPA alumni gathered at the Boat Basin for an enjoyable evening of drinks and conversation.

9/18/09 Shanghai: Columbia Alumni Association Networking Event

Columbia alumni living and working in Shanghai met with new alumni who have recently graduated or relocated to the city over the summer at [Lawry's The Prime Rib](#). Be sure to email columbia_sh_alumni@yahoo.com.cn to join the mailing list of the Shanghai Columbia Alumni Association, so you can receive future event announcements directly from the local alumni club.

9/23/09 DC: SIPA Alumni Networking Drinks in DC

Over 100 SIPA alumni gathered at [James Hoban's Restaurant and Bar](#) for a wonderful evening of drinks and catching up with fellow alumni. Check the [Columbia Club of Washington DC's event website](#) for a list of all upcoming events.

9/30/09 NYC: State Department Information Session on the Foreign Service Exam

Diplomat-in-Residence Robert William Dry discussed the Foreign Service Exam, including the Oral Assessment portion with SIPA alumni. If you missed it, you can watch the videotaped sessions [here](#).
(Note: Log-in: SIPAalum, password: SIPA2009)

10/1/09 NYC: President Obama's Foreign Policy: One Year In

The International Security Policy (ISP) Alumni Network hosted an off-the-record dinner conversation with Nonresident Senior Fellow of the Brookings Institution, [Michael Fullilove](#).

10/1/09 Vietnam: Columbia Alumni Worldwide Networking in Ho Chi Minh City

While old friends reconnected, new transplants in the city were welcomed as Columbia Alumni Worldwide celebrated this burgeoning alumni group in HCMC.

10/4/09 Turkey: Joseph Stiglitz Met with Alumni in Istanbul

Nobel laureate and University Professor Joseph Stiglitz spoke with Columbia alumni and friends at [Yapý Kredi Yeniköy Koru Premises](#) in Istanbul. SIPA Professor Sharyn O'Halloran provided closing remarks.

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.

Karen Clark (MIA '08) recently accepted a position at the State Department located in Washington, DC as Regional Affairs Officer, East Asia and Pacific. "After graduating from SIPA in 2008, I studied the Indonesian language at the Foreign Service Institute and was assigned to work as a Regional Affairs Officer in the Office of Regional and Security Policy of the East Asia and Pacific Affairs Bureau. I am currently working on U.S.-ASEAN cooperation as well as various multilateral issues. I work extensively with the various desk officers to accomplish Bureau-wide goals in addition to interacting with other government agencies."

Roshanak Taghavi (MIA '07) has been at the forefront of the unfolding news in Iran. For over a year, Taghavi has written for Dow Jones Newswires and the Wall Street Journal, reporting from Tehran. This includes reporting on Iran's energy sector, economy, and the June presidential election and post-election turmoil. You can read [Taghavi's story in the Wall Street Journal](#) on the inauguration of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and the accompanying protests.

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.

SIPA Students to Benefit from \$400 Million Gift to Columbia from John Kluge

Recognizing the importance of SIPA's mission to Columbia University and the importance of a vibrant, diverse, and global student body to SIPA, the University's greatest benefactor, John Kluge (CC '37), has agreed to allow the University to designate \$30 million of his \$400 million pledge to build the financial aid endowment at SIPA. [More](#)

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