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## Alumni eNews – February 2009

Dear SIPA Alumni,

Since the beginning of the new year, SIPA alumni have gathered in Moscow, London, New York and Washington to reconnect with each other. In New York, alumni viewed a gallery showing of fellow graduate and painter, Cecile Brunswick. In Washington and London, alumni met with Dean Coatsworth and caught up with former classmates. For more information about upcoming SIPA/CAA activities in your area, click [here](#).

Two major SIPA events this spring to note are the **Ninth Annual Global Leadership Awards Dinner** on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and the first ever annual **SIPA Alumni Day** on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to stay tuned for more information.

In addition, to help alumni deal with the challenges of the difficult economy, SIPA Alumni Relations and the Office of Career Services are teaming up to provide a number of career events. The series will start with Career Consultant Ellis Chase on “Career Transition: A Proactive Approach” in NYC on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Details are below.

We look forward to seeing you at one of these exciting events later this spring.

Best wishes,

Daniela Coleman  
Director of Alumni Relations  
SIPA

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### Inside SIPA

#### **Aldo Civico Interviews Ben Ami on the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

Aldo Civico, director of the Center for International Conflict Resolution, interviewed former Israeli foreign minister **Shlomo Ben Ami** for the second episode of his podcast **Conflict Zone**. Ami commented on George Mitchell, the new US Special Envoy to the Middle East. Later in the podcast, Ben Ami discussed key intractability features of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the opportunity to talk with Hamas. You can listen to it [here](#) or by following the link to Civico’s website [here](#).

#### **Scott Barrett to Join SIPA Faculty**

Scott Barrett will join the School of International and Public Affairs and the Earth Institute in the fall of 2009 as the first Lenfest Professor of Natural Resource Economics. Professor Barrett's research focuses on interactions between natural and social systems, especially at the global level. To find out more, click [here](#).

## Lincoln Mitchell's *Uncertain Democracy*

Lincoln Mitchell recently published *Uncertain Democracy: U.S. Foreign Policy and Georgia's Rose Revolution*, the first scholarly examination of Georgia's recent political past. Mitchell recounts the events that led to the overthrow of President Eduard Shevardnadze and analyzes factors contributing to the staying-power of the democratically elected government led by President Mikheil Saakashvili. To find out more, click [here](#).

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## Highlights of Upcoming Alumni Events and Programs

### Planning to be in London?

The Columbia University Club of London (CUCL) invites you to the following February events:

**2/19/09:** All Ivy Plus Winter Cocktail Reception

**2/25/09:** Belden Menkus on "An Age of Discontinuity: The New Leadership Agenda"

**2/28/09:** Annual Columbia Community Outreach

For more details on these and other events co-hosted by the CUCL, click [here](#).

### **2/19-20/2009: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual SIPA NYC Career Conference:**

#### **Student/Alumni Networking Reception (2/19/09) and Informational Interviews Day (2/20/09)**

Alumni are invited to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual SIPA NYC Career Conference by attending the **Networking Reception** and/or **hosting informational interviews** with current SIPA students. The reception will take place on **Thursday, February 19** at **Studio 450** (450 West 31st St., between 9th and 10th Ave.) from **6:30-8:30 pm**. On **Friday, February 20** alumni can host informational interviews with students.

To register for either, click [here](#). For further information, please email: [sipanycseries@gmail.com](mailto:sipanycseries@gmail.com)

### **2/23/09: "Career Transition: A Proactive Approach" with Ellis Chase - NYC**

*(Please note that this event is full.)*

To help alumni deal with job searches in this difficult economy, **SIPA Alumni Relations** and the **Office of Career Services** will be holding a **Career Networking Session** in New York City for alumni on **Monday, February 23** with career management consultant [Ellis Chase](#). This special event will be held at the [Eurasia Group](#), 475 Fifth Avenue, (at 41st Street) from 6:30–8:30pm

### **SIPA Authors Series**

Presentation and Book signing

#### **2/23/09 at 6:00 pm:**

Richard Goldberg on *The Battle for Wall Street: Behind the Lines in the Struggle that Pushed an Industry into Turmoil* (John Wiley and Sons, 2009)

International Affairs Building, Room 1512

#### **2/25/09 at 6:00 pm:**

David Ottaway (IF 1963), former *Washington Post* correspondent, on *The King's Messenger: Prince Bandar bin Sultan and America's Tangled Relationship with Saudi Arabia* (Walker & Company, 2008), International Affairs Building, Room 1512

### **4/23/09: Ninth Annual Global Leadership Awards Dinner - NYC**

The Awards Dinner will be held at the **Mandarin Oriental** (6:30pm reception, 7:30pm dinner and awards). Alumni who purchase seats or tables at the dinner will receive free registration for SIPA's Alumni Day, to be held on the Columbia campus Saturday, April 25 (see details below). For more information, click [here](#).

## 4/25/09 The Annual SIPA Alumni Day on the Columbia University Campus

We are looking forward to spending Alumni Day with you. Registration will be free for alumni who have purchased a seat at the Ninth Annual Global Leadership Awards Dinner scheduled for Thursday, April 23. (Click [here](#) for details). Please stay tuned and direct all related questions to SIPA Alumni Relations: (212) 854-8671 and [sipaalum@columbia.edu](mailto:sipaalum@columbia.edu).

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## Alumni Career Programs & Events

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### Alumni Career Development Tele-Seminar

**2/19/09, 1:00-2:00pm (ET): “Recession-Proof Your Job”**

Tele-seminar (access by phone)

Speaker: Caroline Ceniza-Levine, Career Coach: <http://www.sixfigurestart.com/>

Click [here](#) for details.

**2/25/09, 12:00-1:00pm (ET): “How to Effectively Handle a Job Layoff”**

Tele-seminar (access by phone)

Speaker: [Connie Thanasoulis-Cerrachio](#), Career Coach.

Click [here](#) for details.

**2/25/09, 6:30-8:30pm: “New Strategies for Managing the ‘Fit’ Between Your Career, Work and Family”**

Speaker: Work/life flexibility expert Cali Williams Yost (BUS, '95)

For details, click [here](#).

\*If you would like to receive monthly email updates on CCE's Alumni Career Development Events, please e-mail [es2756@columbia.edu](mailto:es2756@columbia.edu).

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## SIPAlink

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SIPA's Office of Career Services (OCS) is proud to introduce **SIPAlink**, our 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 Energy Advisor, *United States Agency for International Development (USAID)*, Washington, DC
- Roving Africa Supply-Chain Analyst, *Clinton Foundation*, New York, NY
- Deputy Director Programs, *Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF)*, London
- International Policy Associate, *Corporate Accountability International*, Boston, MA

## Recent Alumni Events

### **1/15-1/16/09: SIPA's Annual Washington, D.C. Career Conference**

More than 180 alumni participated in this year's SIPA Alumni Career Day. A special thanks to all the alumni who donated their time to speak with students.

### **1/20/09: Presidential Inauguration at Columbia: Campus Celebration Slideshow**

How did Columbia celebrate the inauguration of the first Columbia graduate to become President of the United States? To see images of this historic day on campus, click [here](#). To read more about the inauguration celebration, visit [Columbia News](#).

### **1/21/09: Picasso Exhibition with the Columbia Club of Paris**

On the evening of Wednesday, January 21, the Paris Club held an art exposition at the Grand Palais. Warm thanks to board member Gloria Bradbury CC'98 for organizing. For further details and images of the showing, click [here](#).

### **1/29/09: Networking & Drinks with the Columbia Alumni Club of Moscow**

Moscow alumni met at **Floridita** for an evening of networking and socializing.

### **1/29/09: Art Exhibition and Reception for SIPA Alumna Cecile Brunswick**

More than 100 alumni turned out for an evening of culture and socializing to see the art work of SIPA alumna Cecile Brunswick at the Artsource International LLC Gallery in NYC.

### **2/4/09: London Cocktail Event with Dean John Coatsworth**

More than 50 alumni in London turned out to meet SIPA's Dean Coatsworth at a cocktail event at the **St. James Hotel and Club in London**.

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## 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 have forgotten them, you can access them [here](#).) Below are some recent postings. Post your note today and stay connected with over 15,000 alumni in 155 countries.

#### **[Kathryn Hopps](#) (MIA, 1980)**

Ms. Hopps has been appointed Executive Director of the Hope Fund, a Virginia-based nonprofit. The Hope Fund solicits scholarships to American colleges for low-income, academically gifted Palestinian refugees living in the West Bank, Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria and provides additional support to selected students during their four years of undergraduate education. Kathryn lives in Silver Spring, Maryland with her husband and two children.

#### **[Thomas Glaisyer](#) (MIA, 2006)**

Mr. Glaisyer is pleased to announce the birth of a baby boy, Samuel Isaac Glaisyer, who was born on November 23, 2008 in Boston, MA weighing 9 lb., 2 oz.

## **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).

### **SIPA Receives \$3 Million gift from Brazilian Entrepreneur**

Jorge Paulo Lemann, a Brazilian entrepreneur, has donated \$3 million to Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) to facilitate student exchange and study between Columbia University and Brazil. The fund will be used to provide fellowships or grants to any students enrolled in a dual-degree program with SIPA and Fundacao Getulio Vargas or other Brazilian institutions. Additionally the fund will assist SIPA students engaged in Brazil-related SIPA internships and professional workshops.

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

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

1. Select 'School of International and Public Affairs' from the drop-down menu.
2. Select 'Annual Fund' for the purpose of your gift.

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