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Dear SIPA Alumni,

The early part of the summer has been dominated by a number of dramatic political events, from Beirut to Teheran to Washington, D.C. To hear some world perspectives, tune into what your fellow SIPA alumni and faculty are saying about the recent elections in Iran or about President Obama's address in Cairo. (details below.) Wherever you are, SIPA's faculty and its network of alumni working as policymakers, researchers, journalists, and diplomats are impacting, chronicling and analyzing history as it's being made.

Building on a long history of serving as a forum for political leaders, SIPA's new [Global Fellows Program](#) will bring to campus each year a distinguished group of global policymakers. (See below). We are excited about these new developments and look forward to the exchange of thoughts and ideas.

Your continued involvement in SIPA is essential to strengthening our alumni network. Through social networking tools (visit us on Facebook, Alumni Connections, RSS, and [the Morningside Post](#)), volunteering, mentoring through ACAP, participating in local CU/SIPA events and through your own political engagement, you are actively contributing to healthy political dialogue and cultivating tomorrow's leaders.

Best wishes,
SIPA Alumni Relations

News at SIPA

SIPA Launches "Global Fellows Program"


SIPA has launched a new [Global Fellows Program](#), which will bring to campus each year a distinguished group of global leaders. The first cohort of SIPA Global Fellows will include former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, former Chancellor of Austria Alfred Gusenbauer, and Tung Chee Hwa, former and first Chief Executive of Hong Kong. [More](#)

Election Day in Iran

SIPA Professor and Iran expert Gary Sick is blogging about the Iranian elections and the disputed re-election of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. For more information, visit Professor Sick's blog [here](#).

SIPA Alumnus Michael Oren (MIA '78) Appointed Israeli Ambassador to the U.S.

Michael Oren (MIA '78) has been appointed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to become Israel's next ambassador to the United States. [More](#)

Zaina Arafat (MIA '09) was a guest on National Public Radio, reacting to President Barack Obama's address in Cairo, Egypt, entitled "A New Beginning." [More](#) 

Have You Joined SIPA's Facebook Page Yet?

Alumni are invited to become a fan of SIPA's Facebook page. Our page offers news and information from the School; links to videos, podcasts, and publications; and updates on students, alumni, faculty and staff. See: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/New-York-NY/Columbia-SIPA/76561782869?ref=mf>

SIPA NEWS Spring Issue 2009 Is Hot Off the Press!

The spring 2009 issue takes a close look at humanitarian issues. To view the PDF of the print magazine, click [here](#).

Highlights of Upcoming Events and Programs

7/4/09 London: CUCL Fourth of July Independence Celebration

Come join other American university alumni clubs for a family-friendly picnic to celebrate American Independence Day at Marylebone Green in [Regent's Park](#). For more information, click [here](#).

Alumni Career Programs & Events

6/25-26 NYC: [Constructive Candor in the Workplace](#)

As Vince Lombardi said, "Leaders aren't born. They are made." To help build a roster of leaders for the future, SIPA's Center for International Conflict Resolution (CICR) and Consensus, a negotiation and conflict resolution consulting firm, are offering a series of executive workshops. Participants will hone their leadership and negotiation skills through intensive two-day sessions. The next workshop, "Constructive Candor in the Workplace," is scheduled for June 25-26. It will teach participants how to constructively broach conversations that normally generate anxiety and cause them to avoid dealing with a disturbing situation. [More](#)

6/29/09 NYC: SIPA Alumni Information Session on Employment Opportunities at the U.S. State Department with Robert William Dry, Diplomat-in-Residence, U.S. Department of State. The event will be from 6:30 to 8:00pm at 403 IAB (SIPA 4th Floor, 420 West 118 Street, New York, NY). The format is a discussion, followed by a Question and Answer Session

RSVP: Please click on link below with key word "State Department Recruiting" at: <http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/ALUM/register/>

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/>.

- **Americas Society/Council of the Americas**, Media Relations (New York City)
- **US-China Business Council**, Business Advisory Services Manager (Shanghai)
- **UNDP**, Consultant, Research Assistant (Kabul)

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

Recent Alumni Events

5/7/09 Boston: SIPA Alumni Networking Drinks

Alumni met in Boston for Happy Hour Drinks at the [Cambridge Common Restaurant](#).

5/18/09 NYC: Brent Scowcroft Delivered 2009 Graduation Address

Former National Security Advisor and SIPA Advisory Board member General Brent Scowcroft delivered SIPA's 2009 graduation address on May 18. For more information on the Graduation ceremony, including pictures and a detailed program of awards, click [here](#).

5/21/09 NYC: SIPA Alumni Networking Drinks

More than 200 alumni, including 2009 recent graduates, reconnected at the Boat Basin to kick off the summer.

5/27/09 NYC: Finding, Creating, and Negotiating a New Job in Tough Times with SIPA Professor of Negotiation and Conflict Management [Seth Freeman](#). For those of you who missed the talk, you can view it [here](#).

6/15/09 South Florida; Does Obama Have a Latin America Policy?

The Columbia University Club of South Florida welcomed SIPA Dean [John H.Coatsworth](#), as he discussed the importance of Latin America to the Obama administration's "new" foreign policy. The event took place at [Grimpa](#).

6/18/09 NYC: Are the Obama Administration's Policies Helping or Hurting the Financial Crisis?

A discussion was held with SIPA Alumnus Peter Marber (MIA '87), Moderated by Andrew C. Huszar (JD, MBA '01).

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 15,000 alumni in 155 countries.

[Paulo Kluber](#) (International & Public Affairs)

Paulo Kluber (International & Public Affairs, 2008) writes, "Since graduating from SIPA, fellow Columbia graduates and I have been growing RisPo Consulting, an advisory firm that monitors and analyzes political risk in emerging markets worldwide. RisPo advises multinational companies and other entities with international exposure on the political and economic risks where they do business. Building on expertise in Latin America, we also advise on matters concerning Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The company literally began with a brainstorming session in the SIPA 6th floor lounge, and already has several clients. Greetings from NYC, and all the best to my friends around the world."

[Katharine Gratwick](#), (International & Public Affairs)

Since graduation, SIPA alum Katharine Nawaal Gratwick (MIA 2002) has founded Monasib Clothing, (www.monasibclothing.com). Monasib was launched at the Cape Town promenade on May 10 (Mother's Day), 2009. Monasib seeks to offer modest, active wear to women around the world. Presently all clothing is designed and stitched in Cape Town, South Africa.

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.

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