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Greetings Alumni!

We are pleased to bring you the March edition of *SIPA Alumni eNews*, a monthly newsletter designed to highlight upcoming University events of interest to SIPA alumni and to update you on new developments at the School.

We hope you will stay in touch and look forward to seeing you soon!

Best wishes,

Margaret Reynolds
SIPA Director of Alumni Relations

News at SIPA

SIPA Partners with the National University of Singapore for Executive Education

SIPA has partnered with the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore to offer a month-long Senior Management Program (SMP) on Leadership and Governance for senior executives in the government, non-profit and private sectors. [William Eimicke](#), and [Arvid Lukauskas](#) will represent SIPA by teaching in the program. SIPA alumni are encouraged to apply! For more information on the program and the application process, please send an email to Stavros Yiannouka at syiannouka@nus.edu.sg.



Professor Lincoln Mitchell is Awarded Grant from Joint Warfare Analysis Center

Lincoln Mitchell, Arnold A. Saltzman Assistant Professor in the Practice of International Politics, has been awarded a \$300,000 grant from the Joint Warfare Analysis Center to study "Public Aspirations and Anti-Americanism in the Muslim World." [Click here](#) to learn more about Professor Mitchell's research and teaching.

Class Gift at SIPA

The Class of 2007 is busy--preparing for graduation, taking finals, and searching for that dream job—all while fundraising for SIPA's third annual class gift. The Class of '07 hopes to make this campaign the most successful effort yet, with donations to be allocated towards refurbishments of the 6th floor student lounge. We look forward to keeping you posted about this exciting student initiative!

Upcoming Events and Regional Activities -March

3/7: The EMPA Forum is hosting its Third Annual EMPA Forum Homecoming at the Columbia Club of **New York** from 6:30-9 p.m. For more information, please contact sipaalum@columbia.edu.

3/8: "Current Issues and Initiatives of Columbia University and the Role of the University and the World Today," featuring President Lee C. Bollinger at the Columbia Club of **New York** from 6-8 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information.

3/8: “The Changing Dynamics in the Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq,” featuring Michael Gunter, Tennessee Tech University presented by Middle East Institute at the International Affairs Building, Room 1118; 12:30-2 p.m. [Click here](#) for more details.

3/16: The Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) and the Columbia University Club of **Washington, D.C.** (CUDC) invite you to attend “The Idea of Freedom in America, from 1776 to 2006,” with Eric Foner, DeWitt Clinton Professor of History at Columbia University. Event will be held at the National Press Club from 6-9:30 p.m. [Click here](#) to register.

3/20: The Columbia University Club of **Philadelphia** is hosting a reception with President Lee C. Bollinger and Jean Magnano Bollinger at the Philadelphia Museum of Art from 6-9 p.m. [Click here](#) for more details.



3/22: The Columbia University Club of **London** presents Café Science “Is there Intelligent Life in the Universe – or at least on Rose Street?” featuring speaker David J. Helfand, Chair of the Astronomy Department and co-director of the Astrophysics Laboratory, from 7-9 p.m. at The Lamb and Flag. [Click here](#) for more details.

3/31: The Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) and the Latino Alumni Association of Columbia University invite you to the 8th Annual El Regreso Award Dinner in celebration of the achievements of Latino alumni from 6-11 p.m. at Low Memorial Library Rotunda. [Click here](#) for more details.

Events to come in April and beyond...

4/12: Earth Institute Seminars on Sustainable Development present, “Water – A 21st Century Challenge for Sustainable Development.” This event will be held at Alfred Lerner Hall, Satow Room, 5th Fl. from 4-6pm

4/16: 12th Annual David N. Dinkins Leadership & Public Policy Forum on “**Wealth and Poverty**,” featuring keynote speaker David Jones, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Community Service Society of New York. 1-5:30 p.m. followed by a reception in the International Affairs Building.

4/23: Save the Date for a SIPA Alumni Reception in **Boston**. Time and location TBD.

Highlights from Recent Events



Gitelson Policy Forum with Al Stepan a Great Success!

The Gitelson Policy Forum Breakfast on February 21, 2007 featured guest speaker Alfred Stepan, Wallace Sayre Professor of Government and Dean of SIPA (1983–91). In his discussion entitled “Islam and Democracy,” Professor Stepan examined the high performance of non-Arab Muslim countries in democratization efforts around the world.

[Click here](#) to view the video of Professor Stepan’s discussion on SIPA’s growing online [multimedia events archive](#).

Gore, Sachs Address Way Forward on Climate Change at Columbia

On February 20, 2007, Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, and former U.S. Vice President Al Gore spoke to a packed house in Columbia’s Low Library Rotunda to address the next steps needed to mitigate the global climate crisis.



Gore called upon younger generations to speak up and demand change from the people in power, as his generation did during the civil rights movement. “We have become overly focused on short-term priorities, losing sight of the far-reaching consequences of our choices and actions,” he said. “We’re facing a planetary emergency,” he added.

The 6th Annual M. Moran Weston II Distinguished Lecture in Public Policy

On February 21, 2007, SIPA hosted the 6th Annual M. Moran Weston II Distinguished Lecture in Public Policy. This year's honored speaker, Edward Skyler, Deputy Mayor for Administration, City of New York, addressed "Emergency Planning and Public Private Partnerships in New York City."

Alumni News

Share your news!

Our student editors are working on the upcoming May edition of *SIPA News*. Please share your life news with fellow alumni in the upcoming edition by submitting a class note (80 words or less) to sipaalum@columbia.edu by March 7th.

Sign up for email forwarding

Have you signed up for email forwarding yet? Email forwarding is a service for Columbia alumni which allows you to keep your @columbia.edu email address by forwarding email sent to that address into whichever inbox you choose, no matter what Internet service provider you use. [Click here](#) to sign up.

Membership to the arts through Columbia University

The Arts Initiative at Columbia University has created the Columbia Alumni Arts League (CAAL), an alumni arts membership that provides all Columbia University alumni the opportunity to take advantage of New York City's vast cultural resources through discounts and special events at premier cultural institutions including the New York City Ballet, The Metropolitan Opera, and The Public Theater among others. [Click here](#) to learn more about upcoming CAAL events and how to become a member.



Help SIPA's Admissions Office

Each year one of the most frequent questions from prospective students is, "Is it possible to get a person who graduated from your program to answer some questions I have?" The Office of Admissions realizes that it is impossible to put every prospect in touch with an alumnus; however, we do want to do the best job we can of giving applicants an idea of what successful SIPA graduates have to say. [Click here](#) to help us by answering one or more of the top 10 questions perspective students want to ask alumni.

Giving to SIPA

There are many ways to demonstrate your support for SIPA and the education it provides. Through contributions to SIPA's annual fund, support for student fellowships, or participation in SIPA's annual benefit dinner, you can help to foster the link between academic excellence and the practice of public policy that makes SIPA unique.

Save the Date!

SIPA's Seventh Annual Global Leadership Dinner will take place on **Tuesday, June 5th, 2007**, at the Pierre Hotel in NYC. For more information, please call 212-627-1000 or email SIPA@resevt.com.

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

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