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Dear SIPA Alumni,

Fall is in full swing in New York City. Over 200 Alumni attended the Dean's Welcome Reception on October 14th. Alumni Relations continues to host numerous events, including the upcoming *SIPA Policy Forum* on **November 6th**. (See details below).

Stay connected with alumni in your area. We look forward to reconnecting.

Best wishes,
Daniela Coleman
SIPA Director of Alumni Relations

News at SIPA

SIPA Alumnus and Pulitzer Prize Winner Releases New Book

Steve Fainaru, the 2008 Pulitzer Prize winner for International Reporting and the 2008 SIPA commencement speaker, has an upcoming book, *Big Boy Rules: America's Mercenaries Fighting in Iraq*. It traces the culture of private security contractors operating in Iraq in support of the State Department and U.S. military. For more information, please visit:

http://www.perseusbooksgroup.com/dacapo/book_detail.jsp?isbn=0306817438

Vote for Phymean Noun and Children in Cambodia!

Ms. Phymean Noun, Executive Director of [People Improvement Organization](#) in Cambodia (PIO) and participant in SIPA's Southeast Asia Fellows Program (2005) has been nominated as a top ten finalist *CNN Hero*. The Hero of the Year will receive \$100,000 and be announced during **CNN HEROES: AN ALL-STAR TRIBUTE** Thanksgiving night. (9PM ET). The much needed money will go to Ms. Noun's orphanage in Cambodia. Let's show her our support! To vote, please visit:

<http://heroes.cnn.com/default.asp>

Crisis in Financial Markets—Impacts on Emerging Markets and Future Consequences

On October 18, SIPA and the Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD) presented a panel discussion: "The Crisis in Financial Markets: Impacts on Emerging Markets and Future Consequences." Panelists included Joseph Stiglitz, Richard Robb, and Christian Deseglise (MIA 1990). It was moderated by José Antonio Ocampo. To view the video of the event, please visit:

http://sipa.columbia.edu/news_events/multimedia/videos/sipa_global_financial_crisis.html

Professor Ocampo Receives Colombian Award for Contributions to the Field of Development Economics

On September 18, [José Antonio Ocampo](#), the new director of the Economic and Political Development concentration at SIPA, was honored in Barranquilla, Colombia by FENADECO, the National Association of Students of Economics. For more information, please visit: http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/news_events/archive.html

The Food Crisis. Hunger Turns to Anger: A Priority of the United Nations?

On October 1, the United Nations Studies Program presented a panel discussion with Jeffrey Sachs, John Holmes, Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, and Ajaykumar Manubhai Vashee on the food crisis. It was moderated by Elisabeth Lindenmayer, the Acting Director of the UN Studies Program at SIPA. To view the video of the event, please visit:

http://sipa.columbia.edu/news_events/multimedia/videos/sipa_foodcrisis_791.html

India—The Emerging Giant

On September 29, SIPA presented a lecture on "**India: The Emerging Giant**" by Arvind Panagariya, Jagdish Bhagwati, and Tunku Varadarajan. It was moderated by Professor Sreenath Sreenivasan. To view the video of the event, please visit:

http://sipa.columbia.edu/news_events/multimedia/videos/sipa_india_emerging.html

Upcoming Events and Programs

11/6: SIPA Policy Forum, sponsored by Dr. Susan A. Gitelson, New York City

Join fellow alumni to hear SIPA Professor [Shang-Jin Wei](#), on "**China's sex ratio imbalance and its implication for the domestic and global economies**" on **Thursday, November 6th** from **6:30pm-8:30pm** at the [International Peace Institute](#) with reception to follow. Cost is \$25 for advance payment for SIPA alumni/guests; **\$30** at the door. To register, please visit:

www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/COUI/events/event_order.cgi?tmpl=events&event=2213626

11/7: Keynote Cocktail & Global Public Policy Network Alumni Reception, Paris, France

Join fellow CU alumni at the third annual GPPN Student Conference 2008: **Governance in a Globalizing World** on **Friday, November 7th** from **5:30pm-8:00pm** at the **Foyer of 13 Rue de l'Université** in Paris. For more information, including to RSVP, please visit:

<http://alumniclubs.columbia.edu/france/docindex.php>

11/7: The Growth Report: Strategies for Sustained Growth and Inclusive Development

PEPM will host a discussion with members of the Commission on Growth and Development on **Friday, November 7th** at **Teatro**, the **Italian Academy of Columbia University** from **2:00pm-4:00pm**. For more information, please contact David Caughlin at dc2170@columbia.edu or visit:

http://sipa.columbia.edu/academics/degree_programs/pepm/news_events.html

11/16: CAA Health and Wellness Series - Autism with Dr. Ezra Susser

Come join the **Columbia Alumni Association** for high tea and a discussion on autism with renowned guest, Dr. Ezra Susser, at [The Carlyle](#) in NYC on **Tuesday, November 16th** from **1:00pm-4:00pm**. For more information, including registration, please visit:

http://alumni.columbia.edu/newsletter/ecards/caa_health_wellness_111608.html

11/19: NYC Networking Drinks: The Blue Owl Cocktail Room

Join fellow SIPA alumni for networking drinks at the [Blue Owl Cocktail Room](#) (196 Second Avenue & 12th Street) on **Wednesday, November 19th** from **6:30pm-8:30pm**. Free drink tickets will come on a first come, first served basis. Please RSVP with keyword "Happy Hour" in the Event Title line at:

<http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/ALUM/register/>

11/24: International Finance & Policy Concentration (IFP) Gala Reception

Alumni are invited to attend a Gala Cocktail Reception at the *Consulat Général de France* (934 Fifth Avenue, between 74th & 75th Street) on **Monday, November 24, from 6:00pm-8:15pm** in New York City. Please RSVP (mandatory) to IFP Program Assistants Sarah Tomolonius at srt2117@columbia.edu or Paul Ko at pk2260@columbia.edu.

11/26: Columbia Alumni Club of France Thanksgiving Dinner

The Columbia Alumni Club of France is holding its annual Thanksgiving Dinner on **Wednesday, November 26th**. Details are forthcoming. For more information, please visit: <http://alumniclubs.columbia.edu/france/eventdetail.php?id=8500000000000381>

11/27: Columbia Alumni Club of Moscow Thanksgiving Celebration

Celebrate Thanksgiving with a Spanish twist at **Navarros** with alumni from **Columbia, Cornell and Harvard** on **Thursday, November 27th at 7pm**. Great food and fantastic conversation! Family and friends are welcome. For more details, please check: <https://alumniclubs.columbia.edu/moscow/newsevents.php>.

Alumni Career Programs & Events

ALUMNI CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS (NYC)**11/18: Get Connected: Using Online Social Networks for Career Success**

Join fellow CU Alumni on **Tuesday, November 18th** from **6:30pm-9:00pm** at **The Columbia Club in NYC** for an exciting evening over appetizers and refreshments and a panel discussion on using online social networks (e.g., LinkedIn, Facebook, etc.) to enhance your career. Registration fee is \$35. For more information, please visit: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=26362>

Recent Alumni Events

10/14: Welcome Reception for Dean John H. Coatsworth

Over 200 SIPA Alumni spanning 54 class years celebrated the welcome reception for Dean John H. Coatsworth at the **Americas Society Mansion** in New York City.

10/28: Book lecture *Golden Bones* with former UN Ambassador Sichan Siv

Alumni gathered at Teachers College at Columbia University to hear a book lecture from Sichan Siv's (MIA 1981) new autobiography, *Golden Bones*.

10/30: Columbia Club of Moscow Happy Hour

Alumni gathered for a welcome back happy hour in Moscow at 36/2 Old Arbat.

Alumni Notes

Have you logged onto [Alumni Connection](#) yet to update your [class note](#)? What are you waiting for! All you will 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 over 15,000 alumni in 155 countries!

Linda L. Geralch (International & Public Affairs, 1993) Linda L. Gerlach, MIA '93, has launched a new fragrance, *LOVE, The Key To Life*. Ms. Gerlach started her career at a major commodities trading house and then moved on to Wall Street. In 1990, she founded the international executive search firm, Gerlach Executive Search, focusing on the fixed income markets. From an early age, Ms. Gerlach has had a keen interest in the arts. In addition to her degrees from SIPA and Thunderbird, she has studied at New York's Art Students League, the School of Visual Arts, the Fashion Institute of Technology, The National Academy of Design School of Fine Arts, and the International Center of Photography. Ms. Gerlach plans to donate 10% of all SIPA alumni purchases to the annual fund at SIPA. For more information, please visit her website www.lovethekeytolife.com. (Please mention SIPA when purchasing).

Benjamin Weil (International & Public Affairs, 1992) Benjamin Weil, MIA '92 has recently published his first novel, *Lillian Loewe*. The book, inspired by diaries kept by his grandmother in 1913-14, chronicles a young girl's journey from her native Baltimore to pre-war Berlin, where she is sent to live with relatives and to be "finished" before returning to an arranged marriage. During her year abroad, Lillian is swept into a world of forbidden love, encounters with anti-Semitism, and political forces beyond her control. *Lillian Loewe* is available from online bookstores such as www.barnesandnoble.com and www.amazon.com. Benjamin continues to work as a freelance writer for international public health organizations on issues such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and sexual and reproductive health.

Giving to SIPA

Through contributions to SIPA's annual fund, donations 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. For information on how you can contribute to SIPA's mission, please visit: http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/about_sipa/giving_to_sipa.html

On Friday, October 31, students and donors to endowed fellowships at SIPA gathered at the annual SIPA Fellowship Luncheon. This year, the luncheon was generously hosted by SIPA Advisory Board member, Peter Marber, at HSBC bank. With over 90 participants, the SIPA Fellowship luncheon allows us to thank donors who generously support fellowships. It is also a wonderful opportunity for the donors to meet their student recipients.

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

Visit: <https://wwwb.ais.columbia.edu/udar/UDARGiftForm.jsp>

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