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Alumni eNews – October 2008

Dear SIPA Alumni,

The beginning of the fall academic season is packed with great events for our alumni to attend. If you happen to be in the NYC area on **October 14th**, don't miss the Alumni Welcome Reception for Dean John H. Coatsworth.

For an update on the School, please read the Dean's State of the School Letter below.

Be sure to check out local events in your area by visiting the CAA website at: <http://alumni.columbia.edu/attend/eventscalendar.aspx>

Best wishes,
Daniela Coleman
SIPA Director of Alumni Relations

News at SIPA

Dean John H. Coatsworth Comments on SIPA in the State of the School Letter

To read the full text of the letter, please see:

http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/about_sipa/letter_from_dean.html

David Nissen Named Senior Fellow at U.S. Association for Energy Economics

[David Nissen](#), Professor of Professional Practice at SIPA, was nominated as a Senior Fellow of the U.S. Association for Energy Economics. The prestigious Fellow Award is given to individuals who have exemplified distinguished service in the field of energy economics and/or the USAEE. For more information, please visit:

http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/news_events/archive.html#Nissen

Professor Karin Landgren Appointed Deputy Special Representative for Nepal

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed adjunct SIPA professor [Karin Landgren](#) as Deputy Special Representative to Nepal. Ms. Landgren brings many years of political, managerial and international law experience to the UN Mission in Nepal. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/EGUA-7JKQY6?OpenDocument>

Dean Coatsworth Speaks on the Venezuelan-Russian Arms Agreement

Dean John H. Coatsworth recently gave an interview about the recent military loan agreement between Venezuela and Russia and its broader implications for international relations in Latin America. To hear the interview, click:

http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/news_events/multimedia/audio/j_coatsworth_9-29-08.mp3

SIPA Launches Channel on iTunes

SIPA is pleased to announce the launch of the SIPA channel on *iTunes U*. This channel contains video and audio of major events at SIPA and will soon include short interviews with faculty about issues currently in the news. To subscribe, open the iTunes software on your computer and search for **Columbia SIPA**. Once you locate the channel, click on the SIPA icon, then click on the free subscribe button.

Upcoming Events and Programs

10/7: CBS Asian Alumni Club Entrepreneurship Panel, 6pm

SIPA alumni are invited to join the **Asian Alumni Club of New York** (in conjunction with **State Farm Insurance**) for an Entrepreneurship Alumni Panel Discussion on “**What I Wish I Knew Before I Started My Own Business.**” This event will take place at **The Harvard Club** in New York City. For more details, please see: <http://www6.gsb.columbia.edu/cfm/web/alumni/clubs/home.cfm?c=45>

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

There will be an Alumni welcome reception for Dean John H. Coatsworth on **October 14th** from **6:30-8:30pm** at the **Americas Society Mansion**. For registration and more information, please see: http://alumni.columbia.edu/newsletter/ecards/sipa_welcome_coatsworth_101408.html

10/28: EMPA Open House at IAB room 1512

Do you have any friends interested in obtaining an MPA while working full time?
For full details see www.sipa-empa.com or request a brochure at Email: empa@columbia.edu

11/6: SIPA Policy Forum, sponsored by Dr. Susan A. Gitelson, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Please join us to hear **Professor Shang-Jin Wei**, a Professor of Chinese Business and Economy at Columbia Business School, give an evening lecture on ‘**China’s ratio imbalance and its implication for the domestic and global economies.**’ This policy forum will be hosted at the **International Peace Institute**. More information will be forthcoming.

Alumni Career Programs & Events

ALUMNI CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS (NYC)

10/22: Writing a 3-page Business Plan that Sizzles, 1-2pm (ET)

Tele-seminar (access by phone)

Join Karyn Greenstreet, Small Business Coach and owner of [Passion for Business](http://PassionforBusiness.com), on **October 22**, to help you learn a new way to synchronize your thoughts and goals into a 3-page business plan. This will catapult you into the greatest future you and your business can have. For more details, please visit:

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=23164>

10/28: Job Search Techniques for Alumni: How to Make Yourself Stand Out in the Crowd

Participate in this helpful workshop on **Tuesday, October 28th** from **6:30-9:30 pm** at Columbia University’s **Center for Career Education Conference Room**. Participants will learn how to jump-start their job searches with dynamics resumes and powerful cover letters that will increase their marketability. Various methods of looking for positions, including utilizing effective networking techniques, will also be discussed. Cost is \$25, including sandwiches and materials. For more details, please visit:

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=24200>

Recent Alumni Events

9/10: NYC SIPA Happy Hour

An impressive 200+ SIPA Alumni gathered on a beautiful evening at *The Boat Basin* in NYC. Special thanks to Dan McSweeney, Alison Leavitt, Fiona Mahoney, and Neil Booth for helping make the event a success.

9/17: DC Happy Hour



Over 70 SIPA Alumni gathered at *Café Asia* for happy hour drinks. Thanks to Sarah Rimmington, Tony Cino, Neal Parry, Jonathan Jacoby and Sidney Nakhado for their volunteer support.

9/18: CIA National Clandestine Service & Directorate of Intelligence Information Session

SIPA Alumni were invited to attend the CIA NCS information session in Roslyn, VA.

9/23: Dean of Columbia Journalism School Speaks about US Elections

Nicholas Lemann, Dean of Columbia Journalism School, and a panel of guests discussed **Media Perspectives: America's Presidential & European Journalism** at the Institute of Contemporary Arts in London.

9/25: Dean of Columbia Journalism School Headed to Paris to Talk on US Elections

Dean Lemann traveled to Paris to host an evening talk on **America's Presidential Elections & European Journalism** with Jean Lesieur '74JN, Executive Producer for magazines and talk shows, for TV Station *France 24*.

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!

Aude Delescluse (International & Public Affairs, 2003)

Aude Delescluse (International & Public Affairs, 2003), after graduating from SIPA and leaving NYC, went to Lebanon to work with the French Development Agency (AFD) as a project officer. A year later, she returned to Paris to take on a consultancy position with Environmental Resources Management (ERM). She was then hired with AFD as a Country Manager for Morocco and then for Turkey. Aude is now taking a leave of absence for about a year and a half from AFD to work in a slum as volunteer near Salvador de Bahia, Brazil with Heart's Home, an international catholic NGO <http://www.heartshomeusa.org>.

Eron Bloomgarden (International & Public Affairs, 2004)

Eron Bloomgarden (International & Public Affairs, 2004) has recently been appointed the President of the Environmental Markets Group, at Equator Environmental, LLC. Mr. Bloomgarden, who previously served as EcoSecurities' US Country Director and managed the firm's US operations, joins Equator to lead and manage all aspects of its environmental markets business. He will focus on carbon opportunities related to Equator's US and International carbon investments, the development of opportunities related to Latin American timber business, as well as expansion of Equator's activities to include additional carbon project types.

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

SIPA's fund-raising efforts in 2007-08 were the most successful in the School's history. Over 1,764 donors contributed to a total of \$12,274,213 million to support SIPA's core programs during the year. As always, the involvement and support of SIPA's alumni, students, and friends have been critical to the success of all of these endeavors.

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

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