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Alumni eNews – September 2008

Dear SIPA Alumni,

We hope that you have enjoyed your summer and look forward to catching up.

With the start of the academic year, the campus is buzzing with new students. To get our alumni back into the swing of things, SIPA Alumni Relations has organized numerous events. For those living in NYC and DC, we hope that you can join us for a happy hour. For those alumni living in other cities and around the world, please check your local [CU listing](#).

Best wishes,
Daniela Coleman
SIPA Director of Alumni Relations

News at SIPA

Columbia Alumni Center to open in 2009

The Columbia Alumni Center, to open in 2009, will provide Columbia with its first dedicated welcoming space for alumni located on the Morningside campus. The Center will be a gathering place where alumni visiting campus can find hospitality and assistance. Stayed tuned for more news.

Departure of Associate Dean Sara Mason

Sara Mason has accepted the newly created position of Director of Academic Administration for the Film Division of the School of the Arts, effective August 25. Associate Dean Mason has been at SIPA for over ten years. Although she will be dearly missed by her SIPA colleagues, and above all by her students, we wish her continued success in her new endeavor.

SIPA Faculty Updates for Fall 2008

[Professor José Antonio Ocampo](#) will direct the EPD program through the transition of the new curriculum. Professor Timothy Mitchell of NYU has accepted Columbia's offer of a joint appointment in SIPA and the Department of Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures. We are pleased to announce that [John Mutter](#), who is jointly appointed at DIPA and the Department of Earth and Environmental Science, will be the Director of Graduate Studies for the Ph.D. Program in Sustainable Development.

Public Intellectuals: Columbia Faculty Bring Insight to the News

The voices and ideas of Columbia faculty members can be seen and heard in the local, national and international media. Five SIPA faculty members are highlighted in this newsletter. For a snapshot look of what other faculty have been up to, see: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/news/oncampus/oped.html>

Prof. Dorian Warren Edits New Volume on ‘Race and American Political Development’

SIPA Assistant Professor Dorian Warren has edited a new volume titled *Race and American Political Development*, along with co-editors Joe Lowndes and Julie Novkov. This volume, the first to collect essays on the role of race in American political history and development, resituates race in American politics as an issue for sustained and broadened critical scholarly research and action. For details, please visit:

http://www.amazon.com/American-Political-Development-Joseph-Lowndes/dp/041596153X/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1218115850&sr=1-2

Lincoln Mitchell on CNN’s Lou Dobbs Program

Columbia’s Arnold A. Saltzman Assistant Professor, Lincoln Mitchell, discussed the current Georgia-Russia conflict on CNN’s Lou Dobbs program. To view the discussion, please visit:

<http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/bestoftv/2008/08/11/ldt.intv.russia.roundtable.cnn>

Prof. Warren comments on Sen. Obama's selection of Joseph Biden as his running mate

To hear the interview, click here:

http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/news_events/multimedia/audio/Dorian_Warren_8-25-08.mp3

Professor Panagrariya’s new book on the Indian Economy reviewed by The Economist

Arvind Panagariya, Jagdish Bhagwati Professor of Indian Political Economy and Economics’, new book *India: The Emerging Giant*, has been reviewed by *The Economist*. For more details, see:

http://www.economist.com/books/displaystory.cfm?story_id=11613958

SIPA 6th floor Alice Stetten Lounge gets a facelift!

Due to the generous contributions to the SIPA Class of 2007 (totaling over \$13,000), the Alice Stetten Lounge has a new look. Former SIPASA Representatives Alex Fischer and Tawal Panyacosit, working with SIPA IT Executive Director Harpreet Mahajan, were able to secure funding for new furniture, and a 20” lava screen TV (just in time for new incoming students to watch the Tennis US Open!) Contributions from the offices of Dean Coatsworth and IT Executive Director Mahajan have also installed new Apple computers.

Upcoming Events and Programs

9/10: NYC SIPA Happy Hour

Come join fellow SIPA alumni for happy hour drinks at **The Boat Basin Café** on **Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 pm**. Food and drink tickets (**on a first come, first serve basis**) will be given complimentary to alumni. Please RSVP with keyword “Happy Hour in New York” in the Event Title line at:

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

9/17: DC Happy Hour

Join fellow SIPA alumni for happy hour drinks at **Café Asia** on **Wednesday, September 17 from 6:30-8:30 pm**. Food and drink tickets (**on a first come first serve basis**) will be given complimentary to alumni. Please RSVP with keyword "Happy Hour in DC" in the Event Title line at:

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

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

(Only US Citizens, Dual US Citizens, and US Permanent Residents are eligible to attend.)

SIPA Alumni are invited from 6 pm-8 pm at 1700 North Moore Street, Rosslyn, VA (near Rosslyn Metro) Registration is mandatory. **RSVP**: Please RSVP with keyword "NCS & DI" in the Event Title line at:

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

(Please note that seating is limited to 60 people. The first 60 people to register will be notified via email.)

9/23: Dean of Columbia Journalism School in London to speak about US elections

Come for an evening with Nicholas Lemann, Dean of the Columbia Journalism School, and a panel of guests to discuss *Media Perspectives: America's Presidential Election & European Journalism*. For more information, see:

<http://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&id=24163&con=embedded&br=uar>

9/25: Dean of Columbia Journalism School Heads to Paris to talk on US elections

Dean Lemann travels to Paris to hosts an evening talk on America's Presidential Elections & European Journalism with Jean Lesieur '74JN, Executive Producer for magazines and talk shows, France 24. For more information, see:

<http://alumniclubs.columbia.edu/france/eventdetail.php?id=8500000000000379>

Alumni Career Programs & Events
ALUMNI CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS
(NYC)

9/9: Explore Your Purpose and Find Work You Love, 12:00-1:00 pm (ET)

Tele-conference (access by phone) Join [Maggie Mistal](#), Career Consultant and Career Coach on SIRIUS Satellite Radio, for an hour tele-conference workshop to define your personal career mission statement and customized career development on **Tuesday, September 9th**.

For more details, please visit:

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=23161>

9/10: New York City Idealist.org Graduate Degree Fair for the Public Good

Join fellow alumni for this fair at Columbia University's **Alfred Lerner Hall** on **Wednesday, September 10** from **5:00-8:00 pm**.

You will have the opportunity to meet with admissions staff from over 100 public interest and social change graduate programs.

For registration and more details, please visit: <http://snipurl.com/ny08gf>

9/18: Assess Yourself: Utilizing Career Tools to Facilitate Career Change

Participate in this helpful workshop on **Thursday, September 18** from **6:00-9:30 pm** at Columbia University's Center for Career Education, to assess your values, skills, interests, talents, and personality traits through helpful discussions, exercises, and career tools. Price is \$50 – includes refreshments and materials.

For more details, please visit:

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=24199>

9/26: Fall Career Fair

The Fall Career Fair will be held on **Friday, September 26** from **11:00am-4:00pm** at **Alfred Lerner Hall**.

The fair is open to Columbia University undergraduate, graduate students, and alumni.

Employers are welcome who offer internships, full-time opportunities or both!

For more details, please visit:

<https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/get.php?vt=detail&br=default&id=23297>

Highlights from Recent Alumni Events

7/17: SIPA Alumnus Col. Holachek (MIA '93) hosts CU Alumni Reception in Prague

Thanks to SIPA Alumnus Jeff Holachek for hosting a cocktail reception for SIPA Alumni in his home. CU Alumni from across the School met and mingled for an evening of conversation and fun times.

7/27: Alumni Summer Picnic in Moscow

The Thunderbird Club of Moscow and Columbia Alumni Club of Moscow held an alumni summer potluck picnic at the US Dacha in Moscow.

8/6: CUCL Summer Pub Night & Farewell to Interns

The Columbia University Club of London bid farewell to the undergraduate students who were enrolled in the Columbia Experience Overseas summer program at the pub, *The Founders Arms*, along the Thames.

8/16: White House Tour in our Nation's Capital

Alumni in the Washington, DC area gathered to enjoy a self-guided tour of the White House. A special thanks to Tony Cino and Sarah Rimmington for their organizing efforts!

9/4: Columbia SIPA Carbon Markets Group Event Talk in the City of London

Abyd Karmali, Merrill Lynch's global head of carbon emissions and president of the Carbon Markets and Investors Association, discussed carbon emission's economic and political impact at the Merrill Lynch Financial Center in London.

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!

Andrew Hofer (International & Public Affairs, MIA '88)

Andrew Hofer has recently been named Chairman to the National Board of Directors of *Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic* (RFB&D). Hofer states that "RFB &D provides an amazingly effective and cost-efficient service that helps Americans with visual impairments and learning disabilities gain equal access and opportunity for education and lifelong learning." Hofer was elected to RFB&D's National Board in January 2004 and became board chairman in July. He is a Managing Director and Head of Fixed Income Research at BBH&Co.

Dilip S.Samarasinghe (International & Public Affairs, MIA '88)

Dilip S.Samarasinghe is Director (Media & Publicity) at the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, the department of the Government of Sri Lanka responsible for promoting Foreign Direct Investment. In this capacity, Dilip has served as Sri Lanka delegate at international conferences such as the "Sri Lanka Economic Forum" in 2006 and 2007, the "SAARC Summit" in 2008, the "Partnership Summit" in India in 2007 and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development's Expert Meeting on the "Globalization of R & D and Developing Countries" held in 2005. He is also a visiting lecturer in International Affairs at the Bandaranaike Center for International Studies, the premier think tank in Colombo, where he teaches a course on current affairs and on modern conflicts

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Walter Judge (International & Public Affairs, MIA '85)

Walter Judge, a 1985 graduate of Columbia University and 1990 graduate of Boston College Law School, has been recognized as a "Leading Business Lawyer" in the prestigious Chambers USA 2008 directory. Selections were based on extensive research, including peer and client evaluations. Mr. Judge joined Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC (DRM) in 1992. He focuses his practice in business and commercial litigation; intellectual property, internet and technology law, and related insurance coverage disputes; and products liability disputes. As an adjunct professor at Vermont Law School, Judge teaches the trade secrets section in an introduction to intellectual property law course. He also serves as an advisory member of the Tri-State Defense Lawyers Association, an affiliate organization of the Defense Research Institute. Judge recently joined the International Association of Defense Counsel, whose membership includes approximately 2500 invitation-only, peer-reviewed member attorneys with advanced skills and practice representing corporations and insurers in defense law.

In Memoriam

Arthur R. Dornheim (International & Public Affairs, MIA '48)

Arthur R. Dornheim, 87, a Foreign Service officer who retired in 1977 and spent 11 years as an executive with the Japan- America Society of Washington, died June 23 at Suburban Hospital of pneumonia. Mr. Dornheim joined the State Department in 1949 and became a Foreign Service economics officer. His assignments included Hong Kong; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and Taipei, Taiwan. Arthur Rieper Dornheim, a Bethesda resident, was born in Manhattan, N.Y., and grew up in Bronxville, N.Y. He was a 1942 graduate of Yale University. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Charleen Egan Dornheim of Bethesda; a son, Daniel Dornheim of Los Angeles; and a sister.

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