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Mark your calendars! SIPA will be hosting two high profile events in April that you won't want to miss: **SIPA's Eleventh Annual Global Leadership Awards Dinner** on Thursday, April 14, and our annual **Alumni Day**, on Saturday, April 16. Be sure to register for these exciting events this spring.

Honorees for the Global Leadership Awards Dinner include [Mitchell D. Silber '05](#), Director of Intelligence Analysis, New York Police Department; [Paul A. Volcker](#), Former Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and [WITNESS](#), the Global Human Rights Organization. (Registrants for this event are offered complimentary admission to Alumni Day.) Alumni Day, held two days later, will focus on topics including President Obama's future as a one-term president, China and Markets, Afghanistan and the "end game," and flashpoints on Iran, Tunisia, and Egypt. The day will conclude with a lunch with our keynote speaker, [Susie Gharib](#), anchor of PBS' *Nightly Business Report*. (*Details on both these events are below.*)

In addition to our spring lineup of events, SIPA Alumni Affairs is working closely with our Office of Career Services to provide you access to a wide range of career webinars and employment information sessions. Be sure to check out the *career section* of this newsletter for more information.

We look forward to seeing you,

SIPA Office of Alumni Affairs

News at SIPA

Columbia Alumni Association Launches New Website

CAA's new website includes searchable by School and club [event calendars](#), a [social media directory](#), and [career resources](#) made easy. Visit the website at alumni.columbia.edu.

SIPA Professor Writes on "Why the Rich are Getting Richer" in *Foreign Affairs*

In the January/February 2011 *Foreign Affairs* issue, [Robert Lieberman](#) discusses the government's role in the widening inequality in the United States. [More](#).

United Nations Studies Program Newsletter Highlights New Initiatives

The United Nations Studies Program's recent newsletter highlighted new initiatives including "A Day at the UN: A View from Inside," which involves alumni and other UN professionals hosting students between now and the end of March and a series of SIPA alumni interviews. [More](#).

SIPA Professor Named Chairman at Humanitarian Dialogue Centre

[Jean-Marie Guéhenno](#), Arnold A. Saltzman Professor of Professional Practice at SIPA and director of the [Center for International Conflict Resolution](#), is the new chairman at the [Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue](#). [More](#).

SIPA Faculty Member Lucius Riccio Involved in New UPS Logistics Initiative

SIPA faculty member [Lucius Riccio](#) is taking part in an initiative at UPS called “The New Logistics.” In the campaign, United Parcel Service (UPS) touts its use of logistics to help small businesses succeed and expand their global reach. [More](#).

Highlights of Upcoming Events and Programs

2/17/11 NYC: Economic and Political Development, Human Rights, Urban and Social Policy Alumni & Student Reception

SIPA alumni working in the economic and political development, human rights, or urban and social policy fields, are invited to attend the upcoming Alumni/Student Networking Reception, hosted by the Office of Career Services (OCS), on Thursday, February 17, 2011 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the [Scandinavian House](#), located at 58 Park Avenue (near East 38th Street). To RSVP for the reception, and/or confirm your availability, please register [here](#). Once you submit your information, it will be accessible to SIPA students who have registered for the NYC Career Series.

2/18/11 DC: Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Informational Seminar

SIPA alumni are invited to attend this seminar at the IDB’s headquarters in Washington, D.C. on February 18, from 1:00pm-6:00pm. The seminar is intended to give participants an introduction to the mission and work of the Bank with some specific areas and programs highlighted. Although there will be a session on employment and internship opportunities at the IDB, the event is not a job fair. The event is free, but participants must register [here](#) by February 15.

2/22/11 San Francisco: Bulls, Bears, and Watchdogs: The Media’s Role in The Financial Crisis

Join veteran journalist and SIPA faculty member [Anya Schiffrin](#) in a talk on February 22 from 6:00pm-7:00pm, where she will discuss the role of the business press leading up to the crisis and how the press may have contributed to the crash itself. Advance registration [here](#) is recommended for guaranteed seating. However, pre-registration is not required and walk-ins on the day of this program are welcome. Check-in will begin at 5:30pm.

2/23/11 DC: SIPA PEPM Alumni Happy Hour in D.C.

Please join us at [Tonic at Quigley’s Pharmacy](#) (2036 G St. NW, Washington, DC 20052) from 6:00-7:00pm for a PEPM Alumni Happy Hour. PEPM 2010-2011 students who are finishing their internships in D.C. will also be joining us. [First Drink and Appetizers are on PEPM!](#)

RSVP & Questions: Contact Samantha Bremekamp, PEPM Coordinator, at sb3282@columbia.edu.

2/24/11 NYC: Central Intelligence Agency Information Session*

Interested in learning more about the CIA’s National Clandestine Service (NCS)? The NCS is the front-line source of clandestine information on critical international developments from terrorism and weapons of mass destruction to military and political issues. Come to an information session on February 24, from 6:30pm-8:30 pm, at SIPA (IAB), 4th floor, Room 410, 420 West 118th Street, NYC.

RSVP: Please click [here](#) to RSVP with keyword “CIA Recruiting.”

*Alumni, who are US Citizens, Dual US Citizens and US Permanent Residents only, are eligible to apply.

3/1/11 NYC: A Rolling Stone Conversation at Columbia Journalism School

SIPA alumni are invited to attend this lecture with Eric Bates (Columbia Journalism School ’84) and Matt Taibbi, reporter for *Rolling Stone* and political correspondent on “Real Time with Bill Maher” on Tuesday, March 1’ at 7:00pm at Columbia Journalism School, Third Floor Lecture Hall, 2950 Broadway. The event is free, but participants must register [here](#).

3/2/11 NYC: A Conversation with [Michelle Bachelet](#) to Celebrate International Women's Day

Please save the date for the SIPA United Nations Studies Program's International Women's Day Celebration on Wednesday, March 2 from 6:00pm-8:00pm in Room 1501 IAB. Professor [Elisabeth Lindenmayer](#), Director of the United Nations Studies Program will moderate a conversation with [Michelle Bachelet](#), former President of Chile, Under Secretary-General and Executive Director of [UN Women](#).

4/14/11 NYC: Eleventh Annual Global Leadership Awards Dinner

Please save the date for [SIPA's Eleventh Annual Global Leadership Awards Dinner](#) on Thursday, April 14 from 6:30pm onwards at the [Mandarin Oriental](#), New York City. Honorees include [Mitchell D. Silber '05](#), Director of Intelligence Analysis, New York Police Department; [Paul A. Volcker](#), Former Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and [WITNESS](#), the Global Human Rights Organization. For more information on table and ticket prices, please contact: Marianne Carey Hayes, Event Associates, Telephone: ++1 212 245 6570 ext. 16 or Email: columbiasipa@eventassociatesinc.com.

4/16/11 NYC: The Third Annual SIPA Alumni Day

The annual [SIPA Alumni Day](#) will be held on the Columbia Campus on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Topics for discussion include whether President Obama will be a one-term president, US and China trade, Afghanistan and the "end game," and flashpoints on Iran, Tunisia, and Egypt. The day will conclude with a lunch with our keynote speaker, [Susie Gharib](#), anchor of PBS' *Nightly Business Report*. The cost to attend the event is \$55 (\$40 for graduates in nonprofit/public sectors). Admission is complimentary for alumni who purchase tickets for the Eleventh Annual Global Leadership Awards Dinner on April 14. Please click [here](#) for registration and further information.

Alumni Career Programs & Events

SIPAlink

SIPA's Office of Career Services (OCS) encourages you to use **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/>.

- Assistant Director, Global Clearinghouse for Development Finance – New York (SIPAlink Job ID: 29447)
- Operations Manager for IPA-Kenya, Innovations for Poverty Action – Busia, Kenya (SIPAlink Job ID: 33826)
- Junior Structurer/Analyst, Rabobank International – London (SIPAlink Job ID: 33997)

Please see [SIPAlink](#) for more detailed descriptions, application instructions, and industry updates. Also, visit the site if you are interested in attending employer information sessions and other career events open to alumni.

SIPA's Office of Career Services and Columbia University's Center of Career Education Webinar Series

SIPA's Office of Career Services will launch a Professional Development Webinar Series for our alumni audience. We will regularly host webinars featuring professionals with expertise on various career topics, ranging from the accessing the hidden job market, to marketing/pitching yourself, to salary negotiation and many topics in between. Our first webinar is highlighted below and registration information will follow in subsequent communications. We hope that you will join us. In addition, the Center for Career Education offers webinars that you can take advantage of. Please refer below for a list of upcoming webinars.

- **Work on Purpose: Create a Career that Matters**
On Friday, **February 25, from 12:00pm-1:00pm (ET)** join Lara Galinsky, Senior Vice President of Echoing Green and co-author of *Be Bold: Create a Career with Impact* (2007) and *Work on Purpose* (forthcoming in 2011), as she shares what she's learned from successful change makers about what it

takes to craft a meaningful career. In this seminar, you'll learn to identify your skills, innate gifts, and what moves you deeply. You'll leave with a powerful framework and material to guide you to work with purpose, toward a purpose. Please register [here](#).

- **Accessing The Hidden Job Market Webinar/Save the Date**

More than 80 percent of jobs are filled outside of job postings and recruiters. These “hidden” jobs go to the people who get in front of decision-makers early in the hiring process before the job gets widely distributed and much more competitive. On **February 28, 2011**, join Caroline Ceniza-Levine, a former recruiter who has hired thousands of people for leading firms in banking, consulting, media, nonprofit, pharma/ biotech, and technology. Learn strategies to find the decision-makers, engage them with your unique background, and then stay front-of-mind to the real end of the hiring process. For more information please visit [SIPAlink](#).

SIPA alumni are invited to participate in the following events and programs of the Center for Career Education.

- **IvyLife-Columbia Networking Events**

IvyLife-Columbia is a LinkedIn group, which is also part of the parent group, IvyLife. Both groups hold various networking events in NYC as well as around the world. For more information, visit the group on LinkedIn or <http://www.ivylife-columbia.net>. If you have questions, please contact: William@caa.columbia.edu.

- **30-Day New Year/ New Career Challenge for Women Over 40**

This free four-week virtual coaching series will be held Wednesdays from 9:00pm-9:45pm (ET). The workshops will be held by phone or webcast with Caroline Ceniza-Levine, (www.sixfigurestart.com.) Topics covered will include: creating a multidimensional personal brand, building a network that supports you, align time, money and energy with your goals, and time for questions and answers, including job search strategies specific to career change. Please register [here](#).

Recent Alumni Events

1/13-14/11 Washington, D.C.: SIPA's 35th Annual Washington, D.C. Career Conference

Over 130 alumni participated in SIPA's 35th Annual Washington, D.C. Career Conference, participating in panels, a networking reception, and informational interviews.

2/2/11 San Francisco, California: Alumni Networking Drinks at the [The Blue Light Cafe](#)

Alumni gathered for networking drinks at the Blue Light Cafe.

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 17,000 alumni in 153 countries.

Matthew Leatherman (SIPA'09) writes, “Matthew Leatherman published “Leaner and Meaner: How to Cut the Pentagon's Budget While Improving Its Performance” in the January-February issue of *Foreign Affairs*. Co-authored with Gordon Adams (PhD, Columbia), the essay prioritizes U.S. national security missions and identifies how these choices would help control defense spending as part of Washington's increased focus on fiscal discipline. Adams and Leatherman also excerpted this strategic and budget plan on the *International Herald Tribune's* op-ed page.”

Mohini Datt (SIPA'10) has accepted a position in the World Bank as a Trade Policy Analyst, in the International Trade Department on Poverty Reduction and Economic Management.

Giving to SIPA

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

Through contributions to SIPA's annual fund, donations for student fellowships, or participation in SIPA's annual Global Leadership Awards Dinner, you can help strengthen the link between academic excellence and the practice of public policy that makes SIPA unique. For information on how to further SIPA's mission, please visit: http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/about_sipa/giving_to_sipa.html

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