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## Alumni eNews – March 2011

SIPA's Alumni Day is just four weeks away! The half-day event on **Saturday, April 16, 2011**, will be held at the Faculty House at Columbia University. Topics for discussion include whether President Obama will be a one-term president, U.S. and China trade, Afghanistan and the "end game," and flashpoints on the Middle East. The day will conclude with a lunch with our keynote speaker, alumna [Susie Gharib](#), anchor of PBS' *Nightly Business Report*. We hope that you can come back to NYC in what will no doubt be a fascinating event. For a full program, including registration, visit our [website](#).

For those of you living or travelling to the Washington, D.C. area, President Bollinger will host a Columbia Leaders Forum on April 2, to discuss what's next for the global press, health care policy, and Columbia. For a full list of the program, be sure to visit the [CAA website](#).

With spring around the corner, we hope that you can take advantage of these great events or of other alumni events in your [area](#). In the meantime, we would like to hear from you. You can let us know what you have been up to, by sending a class note to Email: [sipaalum@columbia.edu](mailto:sipaalum@columbia.edu). (If we get the note before March 25, we can include it in the spring issue of *SIPA News*.)

**SIPA's Office of Alumni Affairs**

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## News at SIPA

### To All SIPA Alumni in Japan

We are deeply saddened to hear of the devastating earthquake and tsunami that have recently touched Japan. We can only imagine how many of you are personally touched by this tragedy. SIPA has a community of over 450 alumni in Japan -- we hope you are in touch with each other and with us during this time.

### Egypt Uprising: SIPA Expertise in the Spotlight

The breathtaking changes in Egypt came with a huge array of political, governmental, social, and economic implications—and SIPA faculty were covering them all. In addition to numerous [media appearances](#), Professors Jean-Pierre Filiu and Rashid Khalidi participated in a panel discussion on February 10, hosted by Columbia University's Committee for Global Thought. Professor Gary Sick also analyzes the uprising in an article for *World Policy Review* entitled "[Freeze-Drive Politics](#)."

### **International Women's Day: SIPA Welcomes [Michelle Bachelet](#)**

To mark International Women's Day, SIPA's United Nations Studies Program hosted Michelle Bachelet on March 2. Bachelet is executive director of [UN Women](#) and former president of Chile.

### **Faculty Proposal to Eradicate Polio**

Bill Gates, co-founder of Microsoft, has announced that the eradication of polio is the top priority for his foundation, and that he will increase funding to bolster the effort. Scott Barrett, SIPA professor and interim vice-dean, published an article this month in which he examines the decision to stop vaccinating against polio as a tool to wipe it out. Professor Barrett's article "Stop! The Polio Vaccination Cessation Game" was published by [The World Bank Economic Review](#).

### **Chief TARP Strategist Addresses SIPA Students**

David Miller, chief investment officer for the U.S. Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), addressed SIPA students on February 25 as part of the Investcorp Lectures in International Finance and Business. In his remarks, Miller said the U.S. Treasury's investments in banks, automakers and the American International Group Inc. face ongoing risk even as they may come close to breaking even. Read more from [Bloomberg News](#).

### **Columbia Alumni Association Launches New Website**

CAA's new website includes searchable tools by school and club [event calendars](#), a [social media directory](#) and [career resources](#) made easy. You can also find domestic alumni clubs through a zip code search [here](#). Visit the website at [alumni.columbia.edu](#).

### **Teachers College TESOL Certificate Program Is Now Accepting Applications for Summer 2011**

Challenging readings, classroom observations, and supervised team teaching in Teachers College's Community English Program provide participants with practical English as a Second Language (ESL) and English as a Foreign Language (EFL) teaching techniques. After successfully completing the program requirements, participants earn a Teachers College Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. Click [here](#) to learn more.

## **Highlights of Upcoming Events and Programs**

### **3/17/11 NYC: Reagan/Gorbachev: Did They End the Cold War Forever?**

In this program of the [Columbia Alumni Arts League](#), experts discuss how and why Reagan and Gorbachev came together more than 20 years ago, and how they changed the world. As President Obama moves forward with "resetting" relations after a long period of decline, we look at lessons learned from the remarkable achievements of Reagan and Gorbachev and how they can inform our future. Expert panelists include: Richard Reeves, Stephen Cohen, [Jack F. Matlock, Jr.](#), with Lesley Stahl, correspondent for "60 Minutes" on CBS as the moderator. You can find more information and registration information [here](#).

### **3/18/11 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Alumni Reception with SIPA [Dean John H. Coatsworth](#) and Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation [Dean Mark Wigley](#)**

The Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) invites you to a discussion about the budding relationship between Columbia University and the City of Rio de Janeiro with John H. Coatsworth, Dean of SIPA and Mark Wigley, Dean of the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. The reception will run from 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m. at the Studio-X Rio (Praca Tiradentes, 48 – Centro Rio de Janeiro, Brazil). Please register [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Kara L. McGillicuddy at [klm2141@columbia.edu](mailto:klm2141@columbia.edu). After the event you are invited to join us for an after party at [Rio Scenarium](#) as we warmly welcome students from SIPA who are traveling in Rio during their spring break. We have reserved seating so if you would like to attend, please contact Molly Multedo SIPA'92 at [mollymultedo@msn.com](mailto:mollymultedo@msn.com).

**3/25/11-3/26/11 NYC: *Roaring Giant: Africa's Economic Ascent*, Columbia University's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual African Economic Forum**

We invite you to join us for Columbia's largest African focused event, the 2011 African Economic Forum. This year's theme, *Roaring Giant: Africa's Economic Ascent*, will highlight the strong GDP growth experienced by many African countries during the current global recession. The event will seek to explore some of the challenges and opportunities arising from this growth through stimulating discussion, insights, and strategies for a prosperous Africa. For more detailed information please click [here](#).

**3/26/11 NYC: Latino Alumni Association of Columbia University Twelfth Annual El Regreso**

Join the Latino Alumni Association of Columbia University (LAACU) and the Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) for our Twelfth Annual El Regreso—a celebration of the diversity and achievements of Latino alumni on Saturday, March 26 from 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m. in the Low Memorial Library Rotunda. Registration of \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door which includes dinner and drinks. Click [here](#) for registration.

**3/28/11 NYC: CUPID 2011 Alumni Event**

The CUPID (Columbia University Partnership for International Development) Executive Board is pleased to invite alumni to the CUPID 2011 Alumni Event. The event will take place at Moore Brothers Wine Company (33 East 20th Street, 2nd floor, New York, NY 10003) from 6:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. There will be free wine tasting, snacks, and a relaxed, informal atmosphere for alumni to meet with current Columbia graduate students and like-minded professionals with various global backgrounds. Limited space is available. Please RSVP to Nafessa Kassim at [nfk2102@columbia.edu](mailto:nfk2102@columbia.edu) with subjectline: RSVP CUPID Alumni Social.

**3/31/11 NYC: SIPA Networking Drinks at Colors Restaurant**

The next SIPA Alumni Happy Hour will be on Thursday, March 31, 2011 from 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m. at Colors Restaurant (417 Lafayette Street) in New York City. Drinks tickets will be given on a first come, first serve basis. There will be a cash bar and complimentary food on hand. Newly admitted SIPA students are invited to attend. Register with key word 'NYC Networking Drinks' [here](#).

**3/31/11 Paris, France: Alumni Reception with Kenneth Prewitt**

The Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) and the Columbia University Club of France cordially invite you to an alumni reception with Kenneth Prewitt, Carnegie Professor of Public Affairs and Vice President for Global Centers at Reid Hall from 7:30p.m. to 9:00p.m. on Thursday, March 31. Professor Prewitt will share his thoughts on "Imagining Columbia as a Global University." For details, click [here](#).

**4/1/11 NYC: Columbia University Energy Symposium 2011**

The SIPA Energy Association and the Columbia Business School Energy Club invite you to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia University Energy Symposium, entitled *Shaping the Future of Energy Through Finance, Policy, and Science*. The Symposium will be held at Low Library on the Columbia Campus from 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m., and will feature panels on the Evolution of the Grid, Financing the Future of Energy, and Shifting Patterns in Oil and Gas Markets, in addition to an Emerging Energy Technology Showcase. Visit the Symposium [website](#) for registration and additional information.

**4/2/11 DC: Columbia Leaders Forum**

Join [President Lee C. Bollinger](#), distinguished faculty, alumni, and current students to discuss what's next for the global press, health care policy, and Columbia on Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 9:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. The Forum will take place at The Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center (1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20004). General admission (\$50 or \$25 for recent alumni (2001-2010) includes continental breakfast, lunch, and networking receptions. For more information and to register please click [here](#) (Advance registration encouraged, please [RSVP](#) by March 25).

**4/6/11 NYC: SIPA Energy Association to Host Alumni Reception**

The SIPA Energy Association (SEA) will host a networking happy hour on April 6, 2011 from 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m., location TBA. Contact Donald Curry at Email: [djc2159@columbia.edu](mailto:djc2159@columbia.edu) for details.

#### **4/7/11 Houston: CAA and SIPA Alumni Reception in Houston from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.**

The Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) and SIPA invite you to a cocktail and networking reception at The Grove, hosted by the Columbia University Club of South Texas. Joining us will be students from the SIPA Energy Association, in Houston for employer outreach visits. For details, click [here](#).

#### **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 6:30p.m. 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. NBC News' Chief White House Correspondent [Chuck Todd](#) will serve as master of ceremonies. 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](mailto: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, U.S. 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, alumna [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.

#### **5/2/11 – 5/6/11 NYC: Executive Course on International Financial Issues in Emerging Markets**

SIPA and the Research and Learning Departments of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) are offering the second edition of the Executive Course on International Financial Issues in Emerging Markets, comprising both analytical and quantitative tools for policymakers from emerging market governments as well as international financial institutions, based on state-of-the-art emerging-market knowledge. The program will take place at Columbia University, New York, on May 2-6, 2011 and will be led by a world renowned faculty. IADB will offer tuition waivers to up to 15 policymakers from Latin America and the Caribbean. A brochure of the course is available [here](#). Program details regarding application and deadlines are available [here](#).

#### **5/19/11 – 5/22/11 Barcelona, Spain: Columbia in Barcelona: Architecture, Art, History, Tapas**

Join Columbia alumni and faculty for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. For full details and updates about this Columbia signature event, contact Ilene Markay-Hallack, Executive Director for University Events and Programs, at [im2@columbia.edu](mailto:im2@columbia.edu) or 1-212-851-7841. Registration fee of \$900 USD includes guided tours and transportation for the four days, entrance to all attractions, receptions, and meals.

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## **Alumni Career Programs & Events**

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### **SIPAlink**

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

- Country Director, Innovations for Poverty Action – Freetown, Sierra Leone (SIPAlink Job ID: 34356)
- Associate, Asia Division, Human Rights Watch – London (SIPAlink Job ID: 34321)
- IRIS Adoption Manager, Global Impact Investing Network – New York (SIPAlink Job ID: 34314 )

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 Alumni Career Development Webinar Program**

SIPA's Office of Career Services has launched a Professional Development Webinar Series for our alumni audience. On February 28, our inaugural program commenced with Executive Career Coach Caroline Ceniza-Levine's presentation "Accessing the Hidden Job Market." Over 80 alumni registered for the program, which was recorded and will be available to watch next month by visiting the Alumni Career Services webpage. OCS will regularly host webinars featuring professionals with expertise on various career topics. Stay tuned for more information about upcoming webinars for our alumni.

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

- **Getting Into a Top MBA/EMBA Program: How and Why?**

Wednesday, March 16, 7:00p.m.to 8:00p.m. (ET)

This webinar is designed to provide meaningful and up-to-date information about today's business school admission process, including a candid discussion of why it is important to pursue not only a graduate degree in business, but also one from a top program. The speakers will also discuss a variety of topics pertaining to the application process, such as finding your business school match, preparing for the GMAT, what is most important in the application, and the interview, to name a few points. There will also be time for participants to ask questions. Click [here](#) to register and for more information.

- **What's Your Next Journey? Career Change Webinar Workshop for Alumni**

Four Consecutive Wednesdays, March 16, March 23, March 30, and April 6, 12:00p.m. to 1:00p.m. (ET)  
Do you feel it may be time for a career change but are not sure what you would do? In this workshop, participants assess their values, skills, interests, talents, and personality traits through helpful discussions, exercises, and career tools, including the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, and consider how results apply to the working world. Alumni will leave with a clearer sense of their career options and an action plan with next steps to take. The fee for this workshop is \$30, which covers three career assessment tools and reports. Click [here](#) to register and for more information.

### **CIA Careers for Business Professionals as National Clandestine Service/Operations Officers**

The CIA is currently recruiting for the **National Clandestine Service (NCS)**. The NCS is an elite corps that strengthens national security through the collection of human intelligence (HUMINT).

General Requirements include: U.S. Citizenship, Dual U.S. citizenship, or U.S. Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status; strong interest in international affairs; willingness to serve worldwide and to live/work overseas the majority of your career; strong interpersonal/communications skills and the ability to write clearly and concisely; demonstrated ability to work both independently and as part of a team; impeccable integrity; no illegal drug use within the past 12 months; international work/travel experience and foreign language skills, highly desirable.

Individuals must be physically located in the U.S. to respond to this posting. If you are outside of the U.S., please wait to respond until after you have returned to the States. If interested, please submit your resume for review to: [recruiting.columbia@gmail.com](mailto:recruiting.columbia@gmail.com)

If your background appears to be a good fit based on current requirements, you will be contacted within 45 days after the receipt of your resume.

## Recent Alumni Events

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

SIPA alumni gathered for networking drinks with current students at the Scandinavian House.

### **2/23/11 Washington DC: SIPA PEPM Alumni Happy Hour**

SIPA PEPM alumni and PEPM 2010-2011 students gathered for a networking happy hour in Washington, D.C.

## 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 George Worthington** (MIA 1978) an international marketing consultant, was recently appointed as President of the Columbia Club Chapter of Houston.

**Manav Sachdeva** (MIA 2004) recently published a book of poetry — on spirituality, love, ecstasy, called “The Sufi’s Garland.” Since November 2007, Manav has been working with various UN Entities (UNICEF, UNFPA, UN Democracy Fund, UNDP, Save the Children Sweden etc.) in New York, Malaysia, Lebanon, Kyrgyzstan, Canada on preventing violence against women and children, and broadly on conflict issues. In all his travels and work, he has been growing in languages learning Farsi (Persian) in Afghanistan, French in Kosovo at Alliance Francaise, and Russian in Kyrgyzstan. Manav met his wife, Nigora Sachdeva (currently in her second year at SIPA) while both were volunteering with the UN in Kosovo.

## 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](http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/about_sipa/giving_to_sipa.html)

SIPA’s Annual Fund is the School’s chief vehicle to engage the broad base of our alumni in supporting SIPA. It is a critical piece of the School’s fund-raising strategy, which also involves solicitations of significant gifts from large donors. One hundred percent of the gifts raised by SIPA’s Annual Fund support the education of SIPA students.

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