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Dear SIPA Alumni,

As we march into 2010, SIPA Alumni Relations hopes that you and your family had a great New Year's.

Despite the approaching cold months in NYC, SIPA Alumni Relations has been busy programming a packed 2010 for our alumni around the world.

On January 14th, 2010, more than 150 SIPA alumni will join SIPA students for an alumni/student career reception at the elegant Four Seasons in the heart of Georgetown in Washington, D.C. A similar career reception will be held with students and alumni on February 18th in NYC at the cultural and artistic center, the Gabarron Foundation. (Details [here](#)).

In addition, mark your calendars for our Second Annual SIPA Alumni Day Weekend to be held from April 29th to May 1st, in NYC. Details will be forthcoming.

SIPA Alumni Relations will continue to focus its energy on helping our alumni during these difficult economic times. Please be aware of all the career resources that you have open to you. (For a complete list, click [here](#))

Wishing you a prosperous and healthy 2010,

SIPA Alumni Relations

News at SIPA

Barbara Nunberg Joins SIPA to Teach Public Management and Governance Issues

[Barbara Nunberg](#) joins SIPA as Professor of Professional Practice, teaching public management and governance issues in development. Professor Nunberg previously served as head of the World Bank's program on public sector reform and governance for the East Asia and Pacific Region. During her career at the World Bank, she was engaged in research, policy development, and operational projects and programs on governance and public management in developing countries. [More](#).

The Story of Forty-One Days of Mediation in Kenya

Post-election violence in Kenya in December 2007 resulted in the deaths of more than a thousand people and left 300,000 people displaced. In January 2008, a panel chaired by former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan led the 41-day peace process, culminating in the Agreement on the Principles of Partnership of the Coalition Government. A paper by Elisabeth Lindenmayer, director of SIPA's UN Studies Program, and Josie

Lianna Kaye, assistant director of the Center for International Conflict Resolution, details the events which led up to this agreement. [More](#).

Students Question George Soros on Open Society

SIPA students participated in a global video-conference featuring businessman and philanthropist George Soros. The lecture was hosted by Central European University from Budapest, Hungary. Mr. Soros addressed the concept of open society, and SIPA students in New York City posed questions via video-conference. [More](#).

The Road to Copenhagen

Beginning December 7th, representatives from nearly 200 nations convened in Copenhagen, Denmark to consider measures to address climate change. In advance of this United Nations summit, SIPA offered a variety of resources, including lectures and discussions available on video, and faculty and student research and publications. [More](#).

SIPA Professor's Paper on "Social Times of Network Spaces" Wins Award

SIPA Professor [David Stark](#)'s paper "[Social Times of Network Spaces](#)" won the 2009 W. Richard Scott Best Paper Award from the Organizations, Occupations, and Work Section of the American Sociological Association. The paper, co-authored with Balazs Vedres, was published in the *American Journal of Sociology*.

Professor Ocampo Publishes *Growth and Policy in Developing Countries*

Professor José Antonio Ocampo published [Growth and Policy in Developing Countries: A Structuralist Approach](#), with co-authors Codrina Rada and Lance Taylor. The book assumes a structuralist perspective in its investigation of why some developing countries have failed to grow at 2 percent or more since 1960.

Professor Lieberman Co-authors *The Unsustainable American State*

Robert Lieberman co-authored a chapter in [The Unsustainable American State](#), entitled "American State Building: The Theoretical Challenge." With co-author Desmond King, Professor Lieberman "aims to draw a supplier, multidimensional picture of the American state's origins, structure and consequences."

Highlights of Upcoming Events and Programs

1/21/10 London: Inter-Ivy Pub Night at 7pm,

Columbia alumni in London are invited to participate in an inter-ivy pub night hosted by the University of Pennsylvania Alumni Association. The event will be held at [The Cadogen Arms](#). Be sure not to miss out on the fun! [More](#).

1/23/10 Park City, Utah: CAA at Sundance Film Festival

Please join fellow alumni, filmmakers, and friends for a complimentary reception on **January 23rd** from **4-6pm** during the 2010 Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. Be sure to register in advance. [More](#).

1/26/10 NYC: Book Signing and Discussion with Claire Shipman '86 CC, '94 SIPA

Join Claire Shipman '86 CC, '94 SIPA as she discusses topics from her book *Womenomics: Write Your Own Rules for Success*, followed by a book signing. The event will be held from 7:00pm - 8:30pm at The Italian Academy (1161 Amsterdam Ave, between West 116th and 118th Streets). Registration is mandatory. [More](#)

1/29/10 NYC: Environment, Natural Resources and Eco-tourism: Tools for Peace Building and Sustainable Development in the Balkans

The Center for International Conflict Resolution (CICR) in partnership with the Italian Ministry for Environment Land and Sea co-host a one-day symposium, exploring issues related to sustainable development, environmental policymaking and peace building in the Balkans. The event will be held on January 29th at Columbia University. [More](#).

1/31/10 London: An Evening with President Lee C. Bollinger

Alumni are invited to spend an evening with Columbia University President Lee Bollinger on **Sunday, January 31st, from 5pm-7pm** at the [British Museum](#). Tickets will be sold for \$20 per person. Be sure to register in advance. [More](#).

2/6/10 London: Lunar New Year Banquet

Come celebrate the Asian New Year 4708, the Year of the Tiger! Join alumni and friends for the CUCL-MIT Club of Great Britain Second Annual Lunar New Year Banquet on **Saturday, February 6th at 7pm** at Guan Yuan. Be sure to register for this event by January 22nd at 12 noon. If you have any questions, please contact Yiting by email at ys238@columbia.edu or +44 (0)7891 703 823. [More](#).

2/18/10 NYC: Alumni/Student Networking Reception- 6:00 to 8:00pm

An Alumni/Student Networking Reception is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2010 at the [Gabarron Foundation](#) (149 East 38th Street). Alumni are also invited to host informational interviews with SIPA students from Monday, February 15, 2010 to Friday, February 19, 2010. For details and to RSVP click [here](#).

Alumni Career Programs & Events

SIPAlink

Have you used SIPA's Office of Career Services' (OCS) **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/>.

- Program Officers – Climate Policy, Power Sector, & Transportation, The ClimateWorks Foundation (San Francisco)
- Senior Research Specialist, Deloitte (New York)
- Deputy Country Director, The Clinton Foundation (South Africa)
- Human Resources Advisor, The Asia Foundation (Kabul)

Please see **SIPAlink** for more detailed descriptions and application instructions.

Columbia Alumni Center

New Hours: We are happy to announce that the Alumni Center will be open on **Saturdays from 10am-4pm**. Please stop by! [More](#).

Franklin Fellows Program

The Franklin Fellows Program is a unique and innovative executive development vehicle through which the government taps citizens' knowledge and enables approved organizations to promote public service by their professionals. Sponsored and self-nominated, Franklin Fellows work within the government on global issues of vital importance to the United States. For more information on the program and how you can apply, click [here](#).

1/19/10 NYC: Do What You Are: How to Harness the Power of Personality Type to Find the Most Satisfying Career

As part of the Alumni Career Development Series, there will be a webinar featuring **Paul D. Tieger**, author of five Personality Type books including the 800,000 copy best selling career guide, *Do What You Are*. In this webinar, one will get a good sense of his or her own "Type," identify his or her unique career satisfiers, and learn

how to harness these significant insights to choose a career, which will not only bring a person greater satisfaction, but can ensure one's long term success as well. The event will be at **1pm** (ET). [More](#).

1/21/10 NYC: Columbia Referral Network (CRN) Meeting

A Columbia Alumni networking meeting is held on the **third Thursday of every month from 8-9am** at the [Columbia Alumni Center](#). To register, please join the Columbia Referral Network group on LinkedIn. For more questions, please contact William@caa.columbia.edu.

Recent Alumni Events

12/02/09 New York: Happy Hour Networking Event

100 SIPA alumni enjoyed our latest Happy Hour at [Colors Restaurant](#) in New York City. Be sure to attend our next social event to be held this spring.

12/08/09 NYC: Debating Obama's AfPak Policy

The 2009-2010 editorial board of the *Journal of International Affairs* invited guests to a panel discussion and catered reception to celebrate the launch of their fall issue, *Pakistan & Afghanistan: Domestic Pressures and Regional Threats*. The panel featured regional experts discussing various aspects of the Obama Administration's AfPak strategy.

12/09/09 DC: Festive Season Networking Drinks

SIPA alums in the D.C. area, kicked off the holiday season by joining us for our December Happy Hour at [Local 16](#) on U Street. Be sure not to miss our next happy hour to be held this spring.

12/18/09 Paris: Holiday Happy Heure

On **December 18th at 8pm**, SIPA alumni in Paris came out to enjoy a little holiday cheer at the Lizard Lounge! All those in attendance enjoyed in the merriment. Be sure not to miss the next SIPA alumni event in Paris!

1/14/10 D.C.: Annual D.C. Career Conference – Alumni/Student Networking Reception

Over 150 alumni joined SIPA students for an Alumni/Student Networking Reception at the [Four Seasons Hotel](#) in Georgetown. Over 50 alumni met students for informational interviews on Friday, January 15. Alumni Relations would like to extend a special thank you to all alumni who donated their time.

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 16,000 alumni in 155 countries.

Diego Andres Molano Aponte (MPA '00) was appointed High Commissioner and Director of the Presidential Agency for Social Action and International Cooperation (ACCION SOCIAL) in Colombia. Molano Aponte was previously the Coordinator of MIDAS, a USAID program. Molano Aponte is a recipient of SIPA's Harvey Picker Prize for Public Service.

Rochelle Nwadibia (MIA '82) combines her interest in international affairs with her profession in law at her own law practice RAFNLAW in California, specializing in immigration law. "I get a chance to step inside the world where my clients live and help improve their lives," Nwadibia says. After finishing her MIA from SIPA in 1982, Rochelle went on to obtain her J.D. from Washington University in 1984. Rochelle has won two major cases in asylum law, one of which, Mohammed v. Gonzales, is "the leading federal appellate case" on female genital mutilation as grounds for asylum. Her second major refugee case was Ndom v. Ashcroft, where Rochelle successfully petitioned for asylum for a Senegalese man fleeing political persecution.

Giving to SIPA

Through contributions to SIPA's Annual Fund, donations for student fellowships, or participation in SIPA's annual global leadership awards 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:

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