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### Greetings Alumni!

We are pleased to bring you the June edition of *SIPA Alumni eNews*, an online newsletter designed to highlight upcoming events and new developments at SIPA.

We hope you will **stay in touch** and look forward to seeing you soon! In the meantime, have a wonderful summer.

Best wishes,

SIPA's Office of Alumni Relations

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## News at SIPA

### **Professor John Coatsworth to serve as interim dean of SIPA effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Professor John Coatsworth, currently of Harvard University and a visiting professor at Columbia, will serve as interim dean of the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Professor Coatsworth is one of the nation's leading historians on the political economy and international relations of Latin America. Moreover, having served as a visiting professor at Columbia this past year, he is now preparing for his first year with Columbia as a full Professor of History and International and Public Affairs.

Coatsworth was a Monroe Gutman Professor of Latin American Affairs in the Department of History at Harvard University. He is the author or editor of seven books and many scholarly articles on Latin American economic and international history. His most recent books include the two-volume *Cambridge Economic History of Latin America*, edited with Victor Bulmer-Thomas and Roberto Cortes Conde (Cambridge University Press, 2006); *Culturas Encontradas: Cuba y los Estados Unidos* edited with Rafael Hernández and published in 2001 jointly by Harvard and the Centro Juan Marinello de Investigación y Desarrollo de la Cultura Cubana in Havana, and *Latin America and the World Economy Since 1800*, edited with Alan M. Taylor (Harvard University Press, 1998). His book on *Central America and the United States: The Clients and the Colossos* appeared in 1994.

He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and numerous professional associations.

## **William Eimicke to serve as Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Policy in the New York City Fire Department**

[William B. Eimicke](#), the Director of the Picker Center for Executive Education at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, will take public service leave in the coming academic year to serve as Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Policy in the New York City Fire Department. During the year, he will report directly to Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta and will focus on the implementation of the department's strategic plan, the performance management system, and developing university education partnerships to promote executive and management skill building. Dr. Eimicke is the founding director of the Picker Center for Executive Education of Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs.

### **Columbia's Alumni Association goes to Paris!**

**9/28-30:** Faculty, alumni and guests will gather in Paris to explore original ideas and meet remarkable people defining Columbia's impact around the world. Come be part of this unique opportunity to meet great thinkers for a weekend of discussion and celebration in the French capital. To kick off the weekend, please note that a private reception will be held on Friday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for SIPA alumni at the Institut du Monde Arabe (See: <http://www.imarabe.org>.) For more information, including registration please see: <http://alumni.columbia.edu/paris2007/register.html>

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## **Upcoming Events and Regional Activities - June**

### **June SIPA Alumni Happy Hour in NYC!**

**6/20:** Come celebrate the beginning of summer and meet the new Director of Alumni Relations, Daniela Coleman, at 6:30pm at **Providence** (311 West 57<sup>th</sup> St., Tel: 212 307 0062 : Website: [www.lebarbat.com](http://www.lebarbat.com))

(Please note that drinks are free for the SIPA alumni graduates of 2007!)

Moreover, we are currently looking for volunteers to join our Happy Hour Committee in New York. For more information on how you can volunteer, please contact the Alumni Relations office at: [sipaalum@columbia.edu](mailto:sipaalum@columbia.edu).

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## **Highlights from Recent Events**

**5/14:** SIPA's commencement activities took place at the Riverside Church at 2pm on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. This year's commencement speech was given by Dr. Shirin Ebadi, Nobel Peace Prize-winning Iranian activist and lawyer. Dr. Ebadi was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003 for her significant and pioneering efforts in democracy and human rights, especially for the rights of women and children. The first Iranian and the first Muslim woman to receive the prize, she is well-known in Iran and around the world for the legal defense of victims of attacks on freedom of speech and other political freedoms. In total, over 694 students graduated this year from SIPA from over 90 countries. Live feeds of the ceremony will be available on the SIPA Alumni website shortly.

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## **Alumni News**

### ***Journal of International Affairs at Borders and Barnes and Nobles***

*The Journal of International Affairs*, the oldest academic journal on the subject of international relations in the country, is now available nationwide at Borders and Barnes and Nobles Bookstores! On the shelves now, the current Spring 2007 issue is focused wholly on Iran and includes pieces by Nikki Keddie, Afshin Molavi, Karim Sadjapour and Iranian Ambassador to the United Nations Mohammad Javad Zarif. Additionally, the issue features edited transcripts of an interview with Ian Bremmer, and a live debate between Scott Sagan and Kenneth Waltz. For more information and to subscribe, see the *Journal's* recently redesigned website at <http://jia.sipa.columbia.edu> or email the *Journal* at [jia@columbia.edu](mailto:jia@columbia.edu).

## SIPA Alum Wins 2007 Columbia University Alumni Medal



Ralph O. Hellmold, IF '63, MIA'64, Chairman of Hellmold & Co., LLC, won the 2007 Columbia University Alumni Medal for distinguished service to SIPA and Columbia University. Hellmold has served on SIPA's Board of Advisors since 1990, as both co-chair of the Development Committee and chair of SIPA's Annual Fund, mentored students and demonstrated generosity to SIPA in numerous ways. [Click here](#) to read more.

## SIPA Hires New Director of Alumni Relations

Welcome to our new Director of Alumni Relations, Daniela Coleman. A dual EU/US national, Daniela spent the last five years living and working in Brussels, Belgium. She was employed as a Senior Policy Officer at the American Chamber of Commerce to the EU in Brussels. Previously she worked as a broadcast journalist in New York City. She holds a master's degree in European Policy and Administration from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia in foreign affairs and Italian language and literature. She is fluent in French and Italian and currently studying Spanish.

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## Giving to SIPA

There are many ways to demonstrate your support for SIPA and the education it provides. Through contributions to SIPA's annual fund, donations for student fellowships, or participation in SIPA's annual benefit dinner, you can create a lasting foundation by making a donation today! For more information about making a gift to SIPA, 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 Global Leadership Awards Dinner

SIPA's Seventh Annual Global Leadership Dinner will take place this Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Pierre Hotel in New York City. The dinner promises to be SIPA's most successful yet, raising close to 1 million dollars to support student fellowships and the Center on International Organization. If you would like to make a contribution on this important occasion, you may do so at: <http://sipa.columbia.edu/gala>

## Annual Fund:

There's still time to contribute to SIPA's Annual Fund. Make your gift by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and help SIPA increase its participation rate from last year. Every gift, no matter the size, conveys your support of SIPA and its efforts to provide the best education in public policy.

To make an on-line donation, visit: <https://wwwb.ais.columbia.edu/udar/UDARGiftForm.jsp>

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