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## **Alumni eNews – May 2007**

### **Greetings Alumni!**

We are pleased to bring you the May 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!

Best wishes,

SIPA's Office of Alumni Relations

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## **News at SIPA**

### **The Seventh Annual Global Leadership Awards Dinner**

**6/5:** SIPA's Seventh Annual Global Leadership Dinner will take place on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Pierre Hotel in New York. Now a SIPA tradition, the Global Leadership Awards dinner will bring together a group of exceptional individuals, including honorees Ambassador Don Blinken, Pat Cloherty, and A. Michael Hoffman, along with SIPA's alumni and friends, to celebrate SIPA's unique community and raise needed funds for student fellowship support at SIPA. If you would like to participate in the evening's festivities, you may do so by purchasing tables, individual tickets or making a donation on behalf of SIPA at: <http://sipa.columbia.edu/gala>

### **Women's Humanitarian Network Founded**

A group of SIPA students have founded a network to share knowledge and support through one-to-one mentorship and an annual gathering, including a panel discussion of issues relating to women and humanitarian work. For more information see <http://sipa.columbia.edu/academics/concentrations/hrp/TOR.pdf>

## Upcoming Events and Regional Activities –May

**5/14:** SIPA's Commencement takes place this year at Riverside Church at 2 p.m. with speaker Shirin Ebadi with a reception to follow immediately on Ansell Plaza. For more information, contact JoAnn Crawford at [jac12@columbia.edu](mailto:jac12@columbia.edu)

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## Highlights from Recent Events

### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual David Dinkins Leadership & Public Policy Forum: Wealth & Poverty In Global Cities**

On April 16, 2007, Former Mayor David Dinkins and his special guests held the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual David Dinkins Leadership & Public Policy Forum entitled, "Wealth & Poverty in Global Cities." To view the opening remarks [Click here](#). To listen to the first panel, "Creating Economic Opportunity for Low Income New Yorkers," [click here](#). The second panel, "Poverty Solutions in Global Cities," can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

### **Universities and Labor Standards in the Global Economy**

On April 11, 2007, Sharyn O'Halloran moderated a panel composed of Aurret van Heerden, President and CEO of the Fair Labor Association, Scott Nova, Executive Director of the Worker Rights Consortium, Jagdish Bhagwati, University Professor and Mark Barenberg, Professor of Law. The panelists debated the most effective ways for universities and other interested parties to promote fair labor practices around the world. The presentations are available online by [clicking here](#).

### **Four American Universities in the Middle East with 320 Years of Experience, Teaching, and Learning in the Arab World**

On March 30, 2007, Dean Lisa Anderson led a panel discussion including President Joseph Jabbara, Lebanese American University; Chancellor Winfred Thompson, American University of Sharjah, and President John Waterbury, American University of Beirut about centers of American education in the Arab world. The room was filled to capacity and the discussion was lively. [Click here](#) to listen to the panel.

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## Alumni News

### **SIPA Alumna Wins Prestigious Award**

Mei Fong, a 2001 MIA graduate, was jointly awarded the Pulitzer Prize with her colleagues for international reporting for their "Sharply edged reports on the diverse impact of China's booming capitalism on conditions ranging from inequality to pollution." [Click here](#) to read Mei Fong's December 23<sup>rd</sup> story, "So Much Work, So Little Time."

### **EPD Concentration Alumni News**

If you would like to learn more about the projects SIPA EPD Concentration students, faculty, and alumni are working on, please take a look at the bi-annual Spring 2007 EPD concentration newsletter available online at: [http://sipa.columbia.edu/academics/concentrations/epd/newsletter/spring\\_2007.pdf](http://sipa.columbia.edu/academics/concentrations/epd/newsletter/spring_2007.pdf)

### **Office of Alumni Relations**

Congratulations to Margaret Reynolds! Margaret Reynolds, Director of Alumni Relations at SIPA steps down this May to accept a new position as a Major Gifts Officer at Rutgers University. While at SIPA, Margaret played an integral role in planning more than half-dozen alumni panels and receptions globally for SIPA's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. She enhanced alumni networking opportunities, and expanded communication between SIPA and its alumni with the creation of the alumni electronic newsletter.

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## **Giving to SIPA**

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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 help to foster the link between academic excellence and the practice of public policy that makes SIPA unique. 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)

### **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.

Create a lasting contribution by making a donation today!

Visit: <https://wwwb.ais.columbia.edu/udar/UDARGiftForm.jsp>

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