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Greetings Alumni!

The fall semester is well underway. Some important upcoming opportunities for alumni to gather and meet include the alumni reception at the Annual **DC Career Conference for Students (January 17th and 18th 2008)**, and the **Celebration of the MPA Program's 30th Anniversary (February 16th 2008)**.

If you have not already done so, log into the new version of our on-line alumni networking system, Global Connect. You can update your professional/personal information and make use of the local discussion boards to keep in touch with fellow alumni in your area. If you want to stay abreast of major events at the School, you can do so by subscribing to the new SIPA RSS newsfeed on the SIPA homepage (Click [Here](#)).

Best wishes,

Daniela Coleman
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News at SIPA

Columbia Alumnus Gambari leads UN Mission to Myanmar

Professor Ibrahim Agboola Gambari, UN Ambassador of Nigeria and Columbia alumnus, recently returned from a visit to Rangoon as the UN's Special Mission to Myanmar. As a representative of the Good Offices Mandate of the Secretary General, his mission was designed to assess the situation in the wake of recent demonstrations, and try to promote dialogue in an attempt to reconcile the present crisis. Mr. Gambari attended SIPA in 1969, and received his MA in 1970 and his Ph.D. in 1974 in Political Science/International Relations from Columbia. For information, please see:

http://sipa.columbia.edu/news_events/announcements/gambari_2007.html

Elisabeth Lindenmayer Appointed Acting Director of the UN Studies Program at SIPA

Elisabeth Lindenmayer has been appointed the Acting Director of the SIPA UN Studies Program during Professor Edward Luck's public service leave. Professor Lindenmayer joined the UN Secretariat in 1977 and in 1992 joined the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations. In 1997 she was selected to serve as Executive Assistant to Secretary General Kofi Annan, and became one of his closest advisors. Upon leaving the UN, Professor Lindenmayer was awarded the Legion d'Honneur by French President Jacques Chirac. In 2007 she was honored by the U.S. Red Cross for her work in humanitarian affairs. For more information, visit: <http://sipa.columbia.edu/academics/directory/el2253-fac.html>

SIPA Hosts the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Mike Leavitt

On September 26, 2007, SIPA hosted a special lecture by Mike Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services. Secretary Leavitt delivered a speech on the state of our nation's health care system. His lecture and the question and answer session that followed touched on topics ranging widely from state-based initiatives to broadening insurance coverage and the current debate on renewal of the State Children's Health Insurance Program. To view multimedia coverage of the event visit:
http://www.dkv.columbia.edu/video/sipa/sipa_healthcare.html

Former President of Brazil Fernando Henrique Cardoso Speaks at SIPA

Former President of Brazil, Fernando Henrique Cardoso, was the keynote speaker at the SIPA Latin American Student Association's annual academic conference held on October 12, 2007. Mr. Cardoso was President of Brazil for two terms, from 1995 to 2003. Mr. Cardoso addressed the conference's main theme of Reshaping Latin America: A Call to the Next Generation of Leaders, highlighting problems facing the region and effective solutions. To view Mr. Cardoso's full speech please visit:
http://www.dkv.columbia.edu/video/sipa/sipa_lasa_brazil.html

SIPA Alumnus Lectures at SIPA on the Future of Mexican Democracy

On October 22, 2007, Luis Carlos Ugalde was a featured lecturer at SIPA's Institute of Latin American Studies. As the current president of the Federal Electoral Institute in Mexico, Mr. Ugalde spoke on the most recent presidential elections in Mexico and the future of democracy in Mexico. Mr. Ugalde received his MPA from SIPA in 1992. To view his full biography in both English and Spanish visit:
<http://www.ife.org.mx/portal/site/ife/menuitem.83b6009bd78153e4d912e5e9100000f7/?vgnextoid=784e95950a715010VgnVCM1000002c01000aRCRD>

Upcoming Events and Activities

SIPA to Celebrate MPA 30th – Save the Date

A 30th Anniversary celebration of the creation of the MPA degree program will be held on Saturday, **February 16th, 2008**, at Columbia University. The day-long event for SIPA alumni will feature faculty and alumni panel discussions. More detailed information on the event will be sent to alumni in November. For information, please see:
http://sipa.columbia.edu/news_events/special_events/mpa30/save.html

Save the Date: SIPA's Annual Washington, DC Career Conference, January 17th and 18th 2008

On January 17th and 18th SIPA's Office of Career Services will be hosting a Washington, DC based Career Conference for current students. Alumni can make themselves available for pre-arranged informational interviews with the students. Our alumni are our most valuable asset and their willingness to give advice to current students is much appreciated. Alumni are also invited to attend an evening networking reception at the Four Seasons on January 17th. Alumni will be notified of this event in early November. If you have any questions, please email us at: sipadconference@yahoo.com.

Highlights from Recent Events

10/8: The Israel Lobby and US Foreign Policy

SIPA presented a book discussion with authors John J. Mearsheimer, from the University of Chicago and Stephen M. Walt from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government on their new publication *The Israel Lobby and U. S. Foreign Policy*. To view the event please visit:
http://www.dkv.columbia.edu/video/sipa/walt_664.html

10/9: SIPA Policy Forum Sponsored by Dr. Susan Aurelia Gitelson, Columbia Club, NYC

Richard Robb, Professor of Professional Practice in International Finance at SIPA, spoke on "Understanding the Credit Crisis" at a breakfast lecture at the Columbia Club of NY. Over 40 alumni attended this timely lecture, which was followed by an engaging question and answer session.

10/16: SIPA ISP Alumni Network Hosts Dinner with James D. Schmitt

The SIPA ISP Alumni Network hosted an informal, "off the record" dinner conversation with James D. Schmitt, Senior Vice President of Strategic Development at the Armor Group. Mr. Schmitt discussed "The 'Other Army': Military Contractors and the Industry of Private Security." The talk was moderated by James Cockayne, an Associate with the International Peace Academy. Many thanks to the ISP Alumni Network Steering Committee for organizing the event: Francesco Mancini (SIPA 2003), Rick Fernandez (SIPA 2002), Alexandra Lloyd (SIPA 2004), Sharon Roling (SIPA 2004). For more information about the ISP Alumni Network please e-mail Sharon Roling at: ser2005@columbia.edu.

10/18: SIPA Alumni Happy Hour in New York City

On October 18, 2007, New York City SIPA alumni attended a Happy Hour event at Providence Bar. Over 100 alumni gathered to reconnect, network and enjoy an evening among friends. Many thanks to the NYC Happy Hour Team, including Fiona Mahoney, Neil Booth, Alison Leavitt, and Amy O'Keefe. The next NYC Happy Hour is **December 6th**. Venue to be determined.

10/18: Lecture: The Threat of Bio-terrorism: Private Sector Coordination with Governments

Dr. Mark Chandler, Chairman and CEO of Biophysical, spoke on "The Threat of Bio-terrorism: Private Sector Coordination with Governments." This event was hosted by the The Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, the East-West Institute, and the Center for International Business Education and Research. For more information visit: [SIWP](#)

10/23: SIPA Celebrates UN Day

SIPA commemorated UN Day by hosting a panel discussion entitled, "Child Soldiers: The Silent Cost of War. What Has the United Nations Done for Them?" The well attended event featured Ishmael Beah, former child soldier in Sierra Leone and author of *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*. Other panelists included the Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF and the Under-Secretary General for Legal Affairs. To watch the panel please visit: <http://sipa.columbia.edu/multimedia>

10/25: SIPA Alumni "Happy Heure" in Paris

On October 25, 2007, SIPA alumni gathered for a night of merriment in Paris. The happy hour event was also attended by fellow alumni from the Columbia Business School. In November the Alumni Club will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner. For more information, please e-mail: france@alumniclubs.columbia.edu



SIPA Alumni in Paris Gather for Happy Hour:

Francesco Pagano (MIA 02), Guillaume DelVallee (MIA 02), Sara Minard (MIA 03), Julien Regnault (MIA 01)

Alumni News

Alumni Resources: Alumni Have Lifelong Access to the Office of Career Services

The mission of the Office of Career Services (OCS) is to provide students and alumni with the necessary tools to successfully manage their professional development throughout their careers. This is accomplished through career counseling, a professional development course, career events, recruitment and employer outreach programs, and the Alumni Career Advisory Program (ACAP). Alumni are encouraged to partner with OCS and dedicate time to independent research and networking to build bridges with the professional world. To see the list of services available please visit:

http://sipa.columbia.edu/resources_services/career_services/current_students/career_resources/fact_sheets.html

Are you registered with SIPA MonsterTrak?

SIPA's Office of Career Services (OCS) offers a number of resources for alumni. Alumni are encouraged to register via the OCS website to access SIPA customized MonsterTRAK software to have access to information about career development programs, full-time/part-time jobs, internship listings, and more!!! For details, please visit:

http://sipa.columbia.edu/resources_services/career_services/alumni/find_job.html

Some recent jobs are highlighted below. Register to find out more:

- Creative Associates International, Inc.: Chief of Party. Washington, DC.
- Eurasia Group: Business Development Associate. New York, NY.
- Global Fund for Women: Finance Officer. San Francisco, CA.
- Human Rights Watch: Director of European Operations. London, England.
- Oxfam America: Senior Development Officer. Boston, MA.

SIPA Class Notes are now on-line!

Have you logged onto [Alumni Connection](#) yet to update your [class note](#)? What are you waiting for! All you will 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 over 14,000 alumni in 153 countries!

Danielle Garbe (International & Public Affairs, 2001)

Danielle Garbe recently completed her one-year assignment as Special Assistant to Secretary Condoleezza Rice at the US Department of State. Danielle is now one of two Turkey Desk Officers based out of Washington, DC. She specializes in the political aspects of the bilateral relationship between Turkey and the United States, including counterterrorism. (Click here to access [more](#).)

Kedin Kilgore (International & Public Affairs, 1995)

Kedin Kilgore recently accepted a position at JP Morgan Chase located in New York as Head of Environmental Markets. Kedin was recently employed at RNK Capital LLC as Head Trader-Environmental Markets. (Click here to access [more](#).)

Giving to SIPA

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 information on how you can contribute to SIPA's mission, please visit: http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/about_sipa/giving_to_sipa.html

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