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## **Alumni eNews – September 2007**

### **Greetings Alumni!**

Dear Alumni,

We hope that your summer has been enjoyable and fun! We here at Alumni Relations have been busy working on a number of projects and events for the coming year, most notably, an updated new print directory and on-line directory. (See below for more details)

As we kick off the academic year here at SIPA, we also have a number of alumni activities planned in the next few weeks. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes,  
SIPA's Office of Alumni Relations

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## **News at SIPA**

### **SIPA Alumni Print Directory enters in-bound phoning phase**

Scheduled for publication early next year, the new 2008 SIPA Alumni Directory promises to be a definitive, comprehensive reference, bound into a classic, library quality edition. Working in partnership with Harris Connect, Inc., the leading alumni directory publisher, the new directory will be a complete and up-to-date reference of more than 14,000 SIPA alumni worldwide. The directory will be sorted into four easy-to-use sections, and to make networking easy with other alumni, it will include residence and business information, as well as e-mail addresses.

Over the summer, alumni have been contacted by Harris Connect via mail and Email to update their professional and contact information. If you wish to update your information and have not had a chance to do so, and, please take five minutes out of your day to contact Harris Connect to update your file. (Eastern Standard Time: In US Toll Free: **1 800 877 6554**: International Callers: **1 757 965 8092**).

### **SIPA to launch a new Global Connection Alumni On-line Directory**

In conjunction with the production of a print directory, SIPA has also partnered with Harris Connect to provide alumni a new improved on-line directory. Scheduled for launch in early autumn, our new enhanced Global Connection Alumni Directory will be an interactive online database customized for SIPA and synchronized to the University-wide online directory. It will consist of more than 14,000 SIPA graduates living in 153 countries around the world. Searching this database, alumni will be able to access information about fellow alumni who have opted to share their information. The updated database will also have new added features, such as posting your photograph and submitting a class note. Alumni will be able to update their current directory listing, (including contact information and professional

information) and also search for and contact colleagues around the world. Please watch for our launch announcement on the new Global Connection on-line database soon!

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## Upcoming Events and Regional Activities – September

### **9/25 Reception to welcome Acting SIPA Dean, John H. Coatsworth – Columbia Club of NYC**

A welcome reception will be held at the Columbia Club of New York on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6-9 pm to welcome new Acting Dean John H. Coatsworth. For registration and event details, please see: [http://sipa.columbia.edu/resources\\_services/alumni\\_relations/alumevents.html](http://sipa.columbia.edu/resources_services/alumni_relations/alumevents.html)  
(Please note that the registration deadline is Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>).

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

**9/28-30:** If you have not registered for CAA in Paris, there is still time. A private reception for SIPA alumni will be held on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at the Institut du Monde Arabe (See: <http://www.imarabe.org>). The Columbia Alumni Association weekend events on Saturday and Sunday will gather leading scholars, alumni, and faculty from around the world in Paris. For more information, including registration, please see: <http://alumni.columbia.edu/paris2007/register.html>

Happy Hours in New York, Washington, D.C., and Paris will take place through the fall. Venues and dates are to be determined. Please check the SIPA Alumni Relations Website for details.

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## Highlights from Recent Events

### **7/20 SIPA Reunion in Iraq**

Thanks to the organizing efforts of Captain Dan McSweeney (MIA 2007), graduates from Columbia University, including SIPA alumni, met for lunch at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad to share their experiences in Bagdad. For more details on SIPA Alumni in Bagdad, please see: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/news/07/08/baghdad.html>

### **7/23 Book signing for former Associate Director of Harriman Institute**

A lecture and book signing was held at the Columbia Club in NYC for Dr. Alexander J. Motyl, former Associate Director of the Harriman Institute, for his new book, *Who Killed Andrei Warhol?*

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## Alumni News

### **SIPA Alumnus Ambassador Sichan Siv (MIA 1981) joins the 'Romney for President' campaign**

SIPA Alumnus Ambassador Sichan Siv has joined the Romney campaign as the Chair of its Asian Pacific American coalition. He will provide Governor Romney with important policy counsel in international relations, Asian issues and U.N. reform. Ambassador Siv has had a distinguished career in public service, recently serving as Ambassador to the U.N. Economic and Social Council (2001) and representing U.S. interests in the U.N. General Assembly and Security Council (2001 -2006). After escaping Khmer Rouge labor camps in Cambodia in 1976, he resettled as a refugee in America, eventually earning his MIA from SIPA. More Info: (<http://67.78.125.186/SichanSiv/index1.htm>)

### **SIPA Alumna named as one of 25 New Faces of Independent Film**

SIPA Alumna Sophie Barthes (MIA 2003) was one of five Columbia Students named by *Filmmaker Magazine* as the 25 New Faces of Independent Film. This year Barthes attended both the Sundance Screenwriters and Directors Lab with her screenplay *Cold Souls*.

For more info please see <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/news/07/08/filmmakers.html>

### **SIPA hires new Acting Director of Development**

SIPA welcomes a new Director of Development, Roshma Azeem. With numerous years of fund-raising experience, Roshma spent five years in that role at Columbia University for the Law School, and the Arts and Sciences. A graduate of SIPA's EMPA program in 2004, she also has a master's degree in Museum Studies from the State University of New York. When not fund-raising, Roshma can be found toiling over her new-found love and frustration—her garden.

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

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