



Online Events

Thursday, June 8
The Networking Hour:
General Mixer

NYC Events

Sunday, June 11
CAA Family STEM Day

Regional & International Events

Thursday, June 1
Washington, DC
Landing Jobs Before They
Are Advertised

Wednesday, June 7
London, UK
CAA London: Happy Hour

Wednesday, June 14
San Francisco, CA
CAA NorCal: Columbia
University Annual Film Night

Thursday, June 15
Boston, MA
CAA Boston: Summer
Solstice Soiree

Thursday, June 15
Los Angeles, CA
2017 Columbia University
Film Festival

Saturday, June 17
Hong Kong, China
CAA Hong Kong: Ivy Ball

Stay Connected



On Campus

GSAS Convocation Ceremonies Celebrate 2017 Graduates

Thousands of family members, friends, faculty, and staff gathered to celebrate the achievements of 570 graduating MA candidates and 340 graduating PhD candidates on May 14. View photos, videos, and speeches from the ceremonies:

- [GSAS Convocation 2017: A Photo Essay](#)
- [Full photo albums of MA Convocation and PhD Convocation](#)
- [MA Candidate's Remarks by Ediz Ozelkan](#)
- [PhD Candidate's Remarks by Liya Yu](#)
- [Closing Remarks by Dean Carlos J. Alonso](#)

Students Showcase Research at Master's SynThesis Competition

Grassroots feminism in China. Nineteenth-century royal portraiture. The direction of time in electromagnetic radiation. MA students presented on these varied subjects—and many others—at the second annual GSAS Master's SynThesis Competition, held on May 4. At the event, fifteen master's candidates met the challenge of sharing their thesis research in no more than five minutes and four slides, without the use of notes. [Read more.](#)

Announcing the New GSAS Website



In late April, GSAS launched a new website, featuring an updated look and an increased focus on student and alumni storytelling. [View it now.](#)

Student Spotlight: Mary Kouyoumdjian, DMA Candidate in Music Composition

"My parents and brother are refugees of the Lebanese Civil War, and my grandparents were refugees of the Armenian genocide, so topics of war, genocide, and displaced peoples have played a large role in my music from the very beginning."

Alumni in the News

- **Vijay Ramesh** ('16GSAS, Conservation Biology) is the lead author of a [new study](#) indicating that more plant and animal species may be at risk of extinction than previously thought.

Open to Alumni



- **Zosha Di Castri** ('14GSAS, Music Composition) was one of ten Columbia faculty members to receive [Junior Faculty Diversity Grants](#).
- **Rebecca Brachman** ('14GSAS, Neuroscience and Behavior), a neuroscientist developing a drug to prevent depression and PTSD, was [profiled by the Washington Post](#).
- Artists from the New York Philharmonic played works by two GSAS Music Composition alumni—**Eric Wubbels** ('10GSAS) and **Sam Pluta** ('12GSAS)—on May 22 at National Sawdust in Brooklyn.

Announcements

[Share Your Story on ColumbiaYOU](#)

GSAS alumni are invited to share their Columbia experiences on ColumbiaYOU, a new digital story-sharing platform that serves as a record of how Columbia has changed lives, created mentors, sparked ideas, launched careers, and more. [Share your story now.](#)

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