



Summer 2018

ALUMNI NEWS

Recipients of 2018 GSAS Alumni Awards Announced



Daniel Kurtzer ('76PhD, Political Science) and Madeleine Grynstejn ('85MA, Art History) will be honored with the Dean's Award for Distinguished Achievement. Christine Ann Denny ('12PhD, Biological Sciences) and Elan Kriegel ('10MA, Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences) will receive the Outstanding Recent Alumni Award.

Louis A. Parks ('95MA, Ancient Studies) Named Columbia Medalist



Mr. Parks, who has had a distinguished career on Wall Street and served in several GSAS Alumni Association leadership roles, received the award during Columbia Alumni Leaders Weekend in April. Columbia Alumni Medalists are recognized for building Columbia's community—whether regionally, online, in specific schools, or in cross-campus initiatives.

ALUMNI & STUDENT PROFILES

Kellee S. Tsai ('99PhD, Political Science)



Division Head and Chair Professor of Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology

"Understanding China's political economy offers endless empirical and analytic puzzles. I knew that I would never tire of exploring it—or be satisfied that I know enough, even nearly two decades out of graduate school."

Tyler Anbinder ('90PhD, History)



Professor of History, George Washington University

"I love that immigration history is a never-ending saga that repeats itself again and again. The cast changes, but the story remains virtually unchanged."

Astronomy PhD Student Explains Outer Space on YouTube



Doctoral candidate Sarah Pearson speaks with the Graduate School about her popular YouTube series *Space with Sarah*, her astrophysics research, and how the two complement one another.

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CAMPUS NEWS

GSAS Convocation 2018: A Photo Essay



At GSAS Convocation on May 13, thousands of loved ones, faculty, and staff gathered on the Morningside Campus to celebrate 350 graduating doctoral students and 600 graduating master's students. Experience the day through fifteen photos.

GSAS Announces Devon T. Wade Mentorship and Service Award



To honor the life, work, and legacy of Devon T. Wade, a doctoral student in Sociology who was killed in a tragic act of violence, the Graduate School has instituted a new prize in his name, Dean Carlos J. Alonso announced at the GSAS Convocation ceremony for doctoral graduates.

GSAS Master's SynThesis Competition Celebrates MA Students' Culminating Work



At the 2018 GSAS Master's SynThesis Competition, thirteen MA candidates showcased their expertise in a diverse array of subjects, including Asian immigrant labor in New York, the applications of machine learning to financial markets, print propaganda campaigns in Hungary, and secularism and identity in contemporary India.

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