

Fall 2019

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Erin Hussein, and I am your new Associate Director for Alumni Relations in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

I joined GSAS in September, along with the incoming students and the debut of the [GSAS Writing Studio](#) — a new space dedicated to supporting Arts and Sciences doctoral students in the process of writing the dissertation. Please come have a look the next time you are on campus; I would love to give you a tour.

This week, we will enjoy the annual Tree Lighting on College Walk, followed by the Inaugural GSAS Winter Celebration. Alumni farther south may want to join the Columbia festivities at Art Basel Miami Beach. And, speaking of alumni far from Morningside Heights, you may be interested to read about your fellow alumnus (and Giving Day donor) from southeastern Australia, [Richard Blandy '69PhD](#), Economics.

I look forward to meeting you.

Warm regards,
Erin Hussein CC'92, LAW'95
Associate Director for Alumni Relations
GSAS

GSAS ALUMNI EVENT

First Annual GSAS Winter Celebration



Please join the Recent Alumni and Students Committee of the GSAS Alumni Association Board on Thursday, December 5, at 6:45 p.m. for the annual Tree Lighting on College Walk. A GSAS Winter Celebration will follow immediately in the Graduate Student Center, 301 Philosophy Hall. Children are welcome. Please [RSVP here](#).

CAA ALUMNI EVENT

Miami Beach: Art Basel



Columbia is celebrating its 12th year of participation at Miami Art and Design Week.

We hope all GSAS alumni at the event will make time for the annual [Art Basel Alumni Reception](#) on Saturday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. at PULSE Art Fair. This event is hosted by the Columbia Alumni Association, CAA Arts Access, and the Columbia Alumni Club of Southern Florida.

Visit the [Columbia Alumni Association's events calendar](#) to find alumni events near you.

GSAS NEWS

GSAS Alumni Awards

On June 19, 2019, Dean Carlos J. Alonso welcomed alumni back to Morningside Heights for the [2019 Alumni Awards](#), which celebrate the superior achievements of GSAS master's and doctoral graduates. George D. Yancopoulos ('86PhD, Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics) and John A. Glusman ('80MA, English and Comparative Literature) received the Dean's Award for Distinguished Achievement. Matthew Salganik ('07PhD, Sociology) and Amanda Seales ('05MA, American Studies) were honored with the Outstanding Recent Alumni Award.

GSAS Writing Studio

On September 12, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences [celebrated the official opening](#) of the [GSAS Writing Studio](#), a new space dedicated to supporting GSAS doctoral students writing their dissertations. Invited students and faculty joined the President of the GSAS Alumni Association Board and those who made the Studio possible — from alumni donors to architects and contractors, University librarians and facilities staff, student consultants, and the inaugural Director of the Studio, Kate Daloz.

ALUMNI NEWS

- **Columbia Alumni Leaders Weekend (CALW).** GSAS alumni leaders were among the 1,000 registrants (over 170 students!) from across Columbia who came back to campus for Leaders Weekend in October. Our own Rebecca Glasman ('02PhD, Philosophy) moderated a breakout session titled "Women on Corporate and Non-Profit Boards." [Join us](#) for CALW in fall 2020.
- **Columbia Giving Day.** On October 23, Columbia alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents, and friends came together on Giving Day to change lives that change the world, [breaking past records](#). GSAS raised \$84,422 from 201 donors in just 24 hours—[thank you](#) ! One of the first gifts made to GSAS, at 3:56 a.m. EST, was from Richard Blandy ('69PhD, Economics) — the GSAS alum farthest from campus. Read more about Dr. Blandy [here](#).
- **Meet Chelsea Szendi Schieder** ('14PhD, East Asian Languages and Cultures), Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo.
- **E. Scott Adler** ('96PhD, Political Science) was appointed [Dean of the Graduate School and Vice Provost for Graduate Affairs](#) at University of Colorado Boulder.
- **Crystal Mun-hye Baik** ('10MA, Oral History) published [Reencounters: On the Korean War and Diasporic Memory Critique](#).
- **Gerrard Bushell** ('04PhD, Political Science) was named [Executive Chair of The New Terminal One Development Project](#) at New York City's JFK International

Airport.

- **David Epstein** ('02CC, '04MA, Earth and Environmental Sciences, '04JRN) published [Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World](#), about different pathways to excellence.
- **Valeria Luiselli** ('15PhD, Latin American and Iberian Cultures) received a [MacArthur Fellowship](#).
- **Denise M. Murrell** ('14PhD, Art History and Archaeology) was named [Associate Curator for 19th and 20th century art](#) of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a newly created position.
- **Martha Saxton** ('89PhD, History) published [The Widow Washington: The Life of Mary Washington](#), an examination of the life of George Washington's mother, a long-neglected historical figure.
- **Haruo Shirane** ('83PhD, East Asian Languages and Cultures) was selected as the first recipient of the [National Institutes of the Humanities \(NIHU\) International Prize in Japanese Studies](#). Shirane is the Shincho Professor of Japanese Literature and chair of Columbia's Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures.

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