

Spring 2021

Dear GSAS Alumni,

Please join me in welcoming the more than 2,000 new Graduate School alumni who have graduated this spring and who will become part of the GSAS Alumni Association, which encompasses more than 47,000 alumni across 37 countries. Wherever you are, there is almost certainly [another GSAS alum](#) and a [Columbia Alumni Club](#) through whom you can make personal and professional connections.

I invite you to help us make the world a little smaller for our most recent graduates and your newest fellow alumni by registering as an alumni contact on [GSAS Connect](#) to keep us updated about any [change of address or employer](#), [a new or existing business](#), [a new book](#), [or more](#).

Warm regards,

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WELCOMING OUR NEWEST ALUMNI

GSAS Connect

In April 2020, GSAS launched [GSAS Compass](#), our graduate career and professional development office, and it could not have been better timed. Through targeted career development programming and one-on-one advising, the Compass staff has been working throughout this difficult period to support our MA and PhD students as they face an increasingly complex future.

This past winter, Compass launched [GSAS Connect](#), a new career management platform exclusively for GSAS students and alumni. We invite you to support our remarkable graduates by creating an alumni employer profile, which enables you to:

- **Receive updates and invitations to networking events and career expos** with GSAS Compass
- **Post a job, internship, or fellowship** if your organization or institution is interested in recruiting GSAS students or alumni from our 77 master's and doctoral programs
- **Register to host an employer information session or participate in a career fair** to showcase your organization to our pool of talented graduate students

[Click here to create your employer profile on GSAS Connect.](#)

In the coming weeks, all GSAS alumni will gain access to GSAS Connect and may search the job and internship database. Please expect more information via email about this second phase of the launch.

Celebrations of Graduation

This spring, all graduation ceremonies were held [virtually](#); GSAS families and friends were able to view the festivities and hear the speeches from all over the world.

Even New York City's iconic Empire State Building joined in the festivities, [glowing blue and white](#) on the night of University Commencement in honor of Columbia's 2021 graduates.

We invite you to view our [virtual PhD and MA Convocation ceremonies](#) to see the newest graduates from your department or program.

GSAS NEWS

American Women in Medicine: How It Started...How It's Going

Janice P. Nimura ('01MA, East Asian Studies), author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Doctors Blackwell: How Two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women—and Women to Medicine*, was joined by Dr. Stephanie Bernik '89CC, Dr. Keiko Hirose '89CC, and Dr. Zahrah Taufique '09CC, '15BUS '15VPS on May 4, 2021, for a virtual conversation about the journey of American women in medicine over the past 172 years. On the CAA website, you can [watch the recording](#) of this episode of GSAS Conversations, a collaboration with the Columbia Alumni Association and Columbia College Women. Recordings of earlier episodes are also available on the [GSAS YouTube channel](#).

GSAS around the World

Do you have a bar, café, hotel, or restaurant? A farm or vineyard? [Please help us](#) build a database of alumni-owned and -operated establishments to share with the entire GSAS community.

CONNECT WITH COLUMBIA

Connect with GSAS on [LinkedIn](#) and [update your contact information](#) with the University.

ALUMNI NEWS

- **Johanna Fernandez** ('04PhD, History) [won](#) the Frederick Turner Jackson Award from the [Organization of American Historians](#) for her book *The Young Lords: A Radical History*, the first time in the award's 62-year history that it has been given to a book touching on any aspect of Puerto Rican history.
- **Robert Leslie Fisher** ('76MPhil, Sociology) will publish [Educating Public Interest Professionals and the Student Loan Debt Crisis](#) in May 2021.

- Columbia Professor **Timothy Frye** ('97PhD, Political Science) published *Weak Strongman: The Limits of Power in Putin's Russia*.
- The Spring 2021 issue of *Ploughshares* features "Sad Women: A Look2 Essay on Anita Brookner" by **Ruth S. Hoberman** ('84PhD, English and Comparative Literature).
- **John Izzo** ('20MPhil, Classics) received the Millicent Mercer Johnsen Rome Prize from the *American Academy in Rome*.
- **Juliet Morrison** ('09PhD, Microbiology) was appointed to the Bard College Board of Trustees.
- **Tamika Nunley** ('08MA, African-American Studies) published *At the Threshold of Liberty: Women, Slavery, and Shifting Identities in Washington, DC*.
- **William F. Pore** ('83MA, East Asian Languages and Cultures) published *Voices on the Loss of National Independence in Korea and Vietnam, 1890-1920: Other States of Mind*.
- **Liza Zapol** ('11MA, Oral History) is a co-writer and -producer of *The Black Horse Tavern*, a one-hour live play held over Zoom **May 21 through 23**, benefiting the LEE Initiative, a national non-profit supporting restaurant workers during the pandemic. Columbia affiliates can use the code "COLUMBIA" for **\$10 off the ticket price**.

Do you have news to share? Write to us at gsasalumni@columbia.edu.

GSAS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

This June, the GSAS Alumni Association bids farewell to two board members who are retiring after serving two full terms: **Lindsay Leard-Coolidge** ('92PhD, Art History and Archaeology), who has served for three years as president of the Alumni Association, and **Devon Phillips** ('08MA, Statistics). We are grateful for their years of service to GSAS.

You can assist the [GSAS Alumni Association Board of Directors](#) in advancing the vision of GSAS Dean Carlos J. Alonso in [a number of ways](#), including joining one of four alumni committees: Awards, Professional Development, Recent Alumni and Students, and Stewardship and Engagement. Write to gsas-alumni@columbia.edu for more information.

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