



Dear GSAS Alumni,

I hope you consider attending upcoming events in Atlanta and New York, and enjoy reading about recent accomplishments of fellow GSAS alumni. Please feel free to send me your own updates at gsas-alumni@columbia.edu!

Sincerely,

Erin Hussein
Director of Alumni Relations
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ALUMNI OPPORTUNITIES

CAA Atlanta Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 3, 6:00 pm

YiFan Restaurant & Event Center

[6000 Medlock Bridge Parkway, Johns Creek, GA](#)

Join CAA Atlanta, the 2024 CAA Club of Excellence Awardee, for their holiday party, featuring [Joe Sutherland](#) ('20PhD, Political Science) as keynote speaker. [Register here](#).

Join Columbia Art Industry Professionals

Columbia Art Industry Professionals (CAIP), founded by **Viktoria Prigarina** ('07MA, Mathematics of Finance), is dedicated to fostering a dynamic network for Columbia alumni who are shaping the art industry. CAIP hosts in-person and virtual events for professionals engaged in the business dimensions of the art world, spanning auction houses, galleries, museums,

foundations, art fairs, and other visual arts organizations. Sign up for the [CAA Arts Access newsletter](#) here and join the [CAIP LinkedIn Group here](#) to stay informed about CAIP events.

Columbia University Club of New York

[The Columbia University Club of New York](#), located within the Penn Club at [30 West 44th Street, New York, NY](#), is a private social club for alumni of the twenty schools and divisions of Columbia University. CUCNY hosts [events](#) for members throughout the year. To learn more about membership and to apply, please visit the [CUCNY website](#).

ALUMNI NEWS

- Princeton University Press published *We Have Never Been Woke: On the Cultural Contradictions of a New Elite* by [Musa al-Gharbi](#) ('23PhD, Sociology), now an assistant professor at Stony Brook University. On the basis of the book, [The New York Times](#) recently [declared](#) al-Gharbi a "rising intellectual star."
- [Michael Berger](#) ('92PhD, Religion) joined the faculty of Yeshiva University as the new dean of the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration.
- Two GSAS alumni are among Columbia's newly tenured faculty. [Radley Horton](#) ('06PhD, Earth and Environmental Sciences), who joined the Columbia faculty in 2017, was appointed Professor of Climate at the Columbia Climate School. [Dominique Townsend](#) ('12PhD, East Asian Languages and Cultures) joined the Columbia faculty in 2024 and was named Jey Tsong Khapa Associate Professor of Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Studies at Columbia.
- [Vivian Lei](#) ('20PhD, East Asian Languages and Cultures) launched an app, [PowerYou AI](#), an AI-powered personal OS that aims to help users transform their aspirations into actionable steps
- Cambridge University Press published [Public Nuisance: The New Mass Tort Frontier](#), by [Linda S. Mullenix](#) ('77PhD, Political Science), Morris & Rita Atlas Chair in Advocacy at the University of Texas School of Law.
- CUNY Chancellor [Félix V. Matos Rodríguez](#) ('94PhD, History) and SUNY Chancellor John B. King ('08TC) were featured in [Episode 3 of How'd They Do it: Tech in the Cities!](#) They spoke about ways in which universities are leading efforts to use AI ethically, and how it can be used to better serve students.
- [Joshua Spodek](#) ('99PhD, Physics) engages leaders from a wide range of fields to discuss environmental issues on his podcast [This Sustainable Life](#), which was featured in [The New York Times](#).

Do you have news to share? Write to us at gsas-alumni@columbia.edu.

GSAS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

The GSAS Alumni Board welcomed four new Directors in 2024: [Oluwadamisi "Kay" Atanda](#) ('16MA, Human Rights Studies), [Neena Chakrabarti](#) ('14PhD, Chemistry), [Andrew Hsu](#) ('20PhD, Chemistry), and [Michael Klecheski](#) ('82MPhil, Political Science).

You can assist the [GSAS Alumni Association Board of Directors](#) in advancing the vision of GSAS Dean Carlos J. Alonso by joining one of four alumni board 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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