



Dear GSAS Alumni,

Each spring, alumni are welcome to join us for one of our signature events: Master's SynThesis. This is a public speaking competition where MA students present their research briefly and engagingly to peers, faculty, and a panel of judges, and win cash prizes. I invite you to join us virtually for this year's SynThesis on Thursday, April 25, 4:00–6:00 pm. More information [here](#).

GSAS Compass depends on partnerships with alumni to share job and internship opportunities, to meet with students one-on-one for informational interviews, to share career path stories with groups, or to give workshops on professional development topics. We welcome your participation. Please contact gsas-compass@columbia.edu if you are interested in any of these ways to help.

Sincerely,

Rachel Bernard, PhD
Director of Graduate Career and Professional Development
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

ALUMNI OPPORTUNITIES



GSAS Alumni Reception in Washington, DC

Gather with fellow GSAS alumni at the Dockmaster Building, perched over the Washington Channel with a spectacular 270-degree view of the Potomac Park

cherry trees. Hear from GSAS Dean Carlos J. Alonso about the present and future of the Graduate School and enjoy cocktails and conversation.

Thursday, April 4, 2024, 7:00–9:00 pm, at The Dockmaster Building at The Wharf, 101 District Square SW, Washington, DC. Your \$15 ticket will count toward the GSAS Annual Fund Spring Challenge, and each alumni attendee will receive a GSAS-branded bound journal. [Register here](#).

Volunteer for Convocation and Commencement

Be part of the pomp and circumstance as Columbia welcomes friends, guests, and family members to campus during the most celebratory time of the year. Volunteers are needed for PhD and MA Convocations on Sunday, May 12, and University Commencement on Wednesday, May 15.

[Register here to volunteer for PhD or MA Convocation.](#)

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ALUMNI NEWS

BOOKS

Victor Glass ('80PhD, Economics), Professor of Professional Practice at Rutgers Business School in Newark and New Brunswick, published [Humanizing the Digital Economy](#) in 2023.

Alexandra V. Méndez ('21PhD, Latin American and Iberian Cultures) published her debut novel [What the Jaguar Told Her](#) in 2022. Kirkus named it among the [“Best Middle-Grade Fiction of 2022.”](#) Méndez is currently a lecturer at Barnard.

Ali Naji Moughania ('22PhD, Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies) is the translator and author of the English annotations of [The Mahdi Paradigm](#), which was published in 2022.

AWARDS

Caleb Dance ('14PhD, Classics), associate professor of classics at Washington and Lee University, was awarded the prestigious [Margo Tytus Visiting Scholarship Program Fellowship](#) offered by the University of Cincinnati Classics Department. Dance plans to use the fellowship to [research](#) the work of the Roman poet Ovid.

Beverly Gage ('04PhD, History) won the 2023 Pulitzer Prize in biography for [G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century](#) (Random House, 2022). She was appointed to the [John Lewis Gaddis Professorship of History](#) at Yale in 2023.

Haley Zehrung ('22CC '23MA, Russian, Eurasian, and East European Regional Studies) received a [2023-2024 Fulbright US Student Grant](#) to teach and study in Uzbekistan.

PROFESSIONAL MILESTONES & PROJECTS

George Aumoithe ('18PhD, History) has been appointed [Assistant Professor of History and of African and African American Studies](#) at Harvard. His scholarly interests intersect at histories of US politics, civil rights law, public health administration, and comparative welfare state studies.

Victoria Rosner ('90CC '99PhD, English and Comparative Literature), former Dean of Academic Affairs at Columbia University School of General Studies, was appointed Dean of the Gallatin School at New York University in 2022.

Jeffrey Shaman ('03PhD, Earth and Environmental Sciences) became the Columbia Climate School's interim dean in 2023. Shaman is also a professor in

the Climate School and at Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health. See [more](#) about Shaman's past career and future plans for the Climate School.

ALUMNI IN THE MEDIA

Ajay Singh Chaudhary ('13PhD, Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies) is the Executive Director of the [Brooklyn Institute for Social Research](#). His work was highlighted in the *New York Times* 2023 article, "[Where Can You Go to Grad School without Going to Grad School?](#)"

Christina Ciocca Eller ('19PhD, Sociology) was featured earlier this year in the Harvard Gazette piece, "[Are Top-Ranked Colleges Really the Best? Depends. At What?](#)"

Susan Kinsey ('79PhD, French and Romance Philology) had an article published in the 2023 issue of the Corning Museum of Glass' [Journal of Glass Studies](#). The piece describes her research on "Moulé en Plein Crystal Tableware in Early Nineteenth-Century France."

Rae Wynn-Grant ('16PhD, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology) is a large carnivore ecologist in affiliation with UC Santa Barbara and the National Geographic Society. As an expert on bears, Wynn-Grant was featured on a 2023 episode of the NPR's [Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me](#). She hosts an award-winning PBS podcast series, [Going Wild](#) and in 2023 began co-hosting Mutual of Omaha's [Wild Kingdom Protecting the Wild](#) series.

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

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