



Columbia Alumni Association
2014 Board Member Directory

COLUMBIA *alumni*
ASSOCIATION



The Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) is established to strengthen the University's worldwide alumni community and its bonds of fellowship; to sustain the connection between such community and the University; to act as a means through which the alumni can contribute their collective knowledge and perspective to the life of the University; and to develop from the ranks of alumni effective and responsive leadership.



Armond Adams '06CC

Client Service Manager, Facebook

Email:
armond.adams@gmail.com

Phone:
(216) 337-8487

Social:
Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram

Armond is currently working a Client Service Manager at Facebook. In his role, he helps provide support to Advertisers as they promote their products to the millions of Facebook Users. Prior to his role at Facebook, Armond was an Account Manager for the Entertainment and Celebrity News site, Hollywood.com, for 2 years.

Armond started his career at NBC Universal in the Digital Sales Team as an Inventory Planner. Armond had various roles during his tenure at NBC Universal, where his last role was an Account Manager in the NBC Digital Sports team working on major initiatives such as the Olympics and Sunday Night Football. Armond received a Bachelor's Degree in American Studies from Columbia University. Armond is originally from Cleveland, Ohio and somehow despite the heartache, has remained a Cleveland Sports Fan.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

As most students of color, I had mixed experiences during my time at Columbia. However, Columbia provided such an amazing environment overall that I still get warm feelings inside each time I step on campus. That's why I remain involved as a volunteer. To not only reproduce those warm feelings again, but to help future and current students with similarities to myself have those warm feelings when they step foot on campus.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

I feel the CAA allows the opportunity to help create a better environment for both Students and Alumni. I want them to see the same great feelings and experiences I have being part of the Columbia community. Also, being part of the CAA allows that sense of community and family that I had while in school but at a greater scale interacting with alums across all years and schools.

Volunteer Skills:

Social Media and Marketing, Event Planning

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Associations and Clubs Committee, Vice Chair

Black Alumni Council, President Emeritus



Allison Turza Bajger

'07CC, '12GSAS, '13GSAS, '14GSAS

Senior Research Analyst, Millward Brown Digital

Email:

act2103@columbia.edu
allison.bajger@gmail.com

Phone:

(917) 232-1934

Social:

Facebook, LinkedIn

Allison Turza Bajger served on several young alumni committees prior to joining the Board in 2011. She is a member of the Strategic Planning Committee and the Vice President of the Columbia Alumni Leaders Training Committee and the Columbia Recent Alumni & Student Relations Committee.

Allison received her BA in Psychology with honors (Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa) from Columbia College. After graduation, she served as a Project Associate and Lobbyist at America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) in Washington, DC Allison also received an MA, MPhil, and PhD from Columbia's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS). Her doctoral research primarily investigated online consumer choice, addressing questions relating to persuasive digital communication.

Allison is a Senior Research Analyst at Millward Brown Digital in the Emerging Media Lab.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

I feel strongly connected to my alma mater and am compelled to give back to Columbia in several ways, one of which is through volunteer activities. My Columbia education provided me a solid intellectual and motivational framework which has allowed me to pursue a variety of professional opportunities. Also, the relationships that I developed during my undergraduate and graduate studies have been some of the most important in my life.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

The CAA has provided me with valuable opportunities to grow as an alumni leader. It has allowed me to connect with administrators and fellow alumni from a variety of schools and backgrounds. As a result, I feel even more engaged and am excited to engage others in the CU community.

Volunteer Skills:

Strategic planning, recent alumni affairs, data collection, and analysis.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Columbia Alumni Leaders Planning Committee, Vice Chair

CAA Recent Alumni & Student Relations Committee, Vice Chair

CAA Strategic Planning Committee



Maryam Banikarim

'89BC, '93BUS, '93SIPA

SVP & Chief Marketing Officer, Gannett

Email:

mbanikarim@gmail.com

Phone:

(212) 715-5488 Office

Social:

Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram

Maryam Banikarim is the SVP and Chief Marketing Officer of Gannett. Responsible for national sales, company-wide marketing, communications, and research, her most important role is to be a catalyst for change -- translating disruptive ideas into measureable results.

Widely known for her boundless curiosity, ability to build dynamic teams and forge partnerships, Maryam applies her entrepreneurial talents to drive change and effect growth. Her efforts have earned her a spot on a number of lists: *The New York Post's* "50 Most Powerful Women in NYC," *Fast Company's* "Fast Fifty" list of corporate trailblazers and trendsetters, *Fast Company's* "Top 10 Disrupters," *Crain's New York Business* and *Advertising Age's* "40 under 40," *Advertising Age's* "Women to Watch" and most recently *Fast Company's* "Most Creative People In Business 1000." Maryam's unorthodox career began at Young & Rubicam at the dawn of the dot-com era. From there she went on to Turner Broadcasting, MacMillan Publishing, and she was a lead team member for the launch of CitySearch. She then founded a designer handbag company and a thriving consulting business, which provided strategic expertise to a variety of clients including Deutsche Bank, Bacardi and Time-Warner. Her most recent roles were as Chief Marketing Officer of Univision Communications, Inc. and Senior Vice President for Integrated Sales Marketing at NBC Universal. Maryam earned both her MBA and Masters of International Affairs from Columbia University, and received her undergraduate degree from Barnard College, where she was a Harry S. Truman scholar. Maryam resides in NYC with her husband and two children.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

I spent many years at Columbia and I loved every minute of it. I made great friends, learned a lot and came into myself. I'm happy to share my love of all things Columbia with others.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

Having attended multiple schools at Columbia I have long been a believer in the power of the University – in addition to that of the individual school.

Volunteer Skills:

marketing, social media, strategy

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Alumni Outreach and Services Committee

Barnard Professional and Leadership Development Committee (PLDC)



Lanny A. Breuer '80CC, '85LAW

Vice-Chairman, Covington & Burling LLP

Email:
lbreuer@cov.com

Phone:
(202) 662-5674

Lanny Breuer is Covington and Burling's vice chair. Mr. Breuer served from 2009-2013 as Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. As one of the longest-serving Criminal Division chiefs in history, Mr. Breuer oversaw nearly 600 lawyers at the center of federal criminal prosecution, policy, and legislation in the United States. He was widely recognized as a national leader on a range of federal law enforcement priorities. Mr. Breuer served as Special Counsel to President William Jefferson Clinton, representing the White House in investigations by the Independent Counsel, Department of Justice, and Congress, and defending President Clinton in impeachment proceedings. Lanny served as a member of the Columbia College Alumni Association Board of Directors prior to his appointment to the Justice Department. He has been a speaker both on campus for College and Law students as well as the keynote speaker at CAA Washington DC in 2011. Breuer was recently named to the Law School's Board of Visitors.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

I have a lifelong commitment to Columbia.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

I credit the University with giving me much of the foundation to succeed.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Strategic Planning Committee
Columbia Law School Board of Governors



A'Lelia Bundles '76JRN

Author

Email:

abundles@verizon.net
abundles@gmail.com

Phone:

(202) 363-4191

Social:

Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter

A'Lelia Bundles '76JRN, CAA Vice Chair, University Trustee is chair and president of the board of the Foundation for the National Archives. She is at work on her fourth book, *Joy Goddess: A'Lelia Walker and the Harlem Renaissance*, a biography of her great-grandmother. Her biography *On Her Own Ground: The Life and Times of Madam C.J. Walker* was named a New York Times Notable Book. For 30 years Ms. Bundles was a network television news executive and producer. During that time she was director of talent development for ABC News in Washington, DC, and New York, deputy bureau chief of ABC News in Washington, DC, and a producer with ABC News and NBC News. At Columbia, she is co-chair of the CAA Strategic Planning Committee and chair of the Trustees' public affairs committee. She chaired a committee charged with revamping the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism's Alumni Association.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

Columbia University Board of Trustees, Vice Chair

CAA Board of Directors, Vice Chair

CAA Strategic Planning Committee, Co-Chair

CAA Nominating Committee

Justin Nathaniel Carter '14GS



Email:
jnc2133@columbia.edu

Phone:
(408) 529-3268

Social:
Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram

Justin Nathaniel Carter Undergraduate Student Representative, is studying at the School of General Studies, is a student senator, and serves on the Socially Responsible Investment Committee of the University.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

I appreciate the opportunities that Columbia has offered me. The Columbia community welcomed me with open arms and it only feels right that I give back in any way I can.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

The CAA is important to me because it aims to connect and consolidate all that "other stuff" that I did while at Columbia. They organize public outings and networking events where Columbians can get together and socialize. CAA is wholesome in that it represents the entire Columbia community and bonds all of us, in all the schools, together.

Volunteer Skills:

Event and/or morale planning and execution

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Recent Alumni & Student Relations Committee

University Senate

Trustee's Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Investing

Columbia University EMS



Margo Bettencourt Cointreau

'06GSAS

Partnership Coordinator

Email:

mab2166@columbia.edu

Phone:

Social:

Margo Cointreau has an MA from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in French Cultural Studies; her thesis focused on sustainable development in rural France. She also holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Florida, where she graduated cum laude. She has been a Board Member of the Columbia University Club of France since 2010.

Margo has worked in the public sector for over seven years, including for the City of New York and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Having begun her career in sustainable development, she now focuses on global issues related to economic, social, and sustainable development. She is the Partnership Coordinator for PARIS21. Established by the United Nations, the European Commission, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank, PARIS21's purpose is to promote the better use and production of statistics throughout the developing world.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

I always enjoyed meeting and talking with fellow students and the many other people that come to a University campus. Being active in the Alumni community allows me to maintain that interaction while also helping to make sure it is available to those just relocating to Paris.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

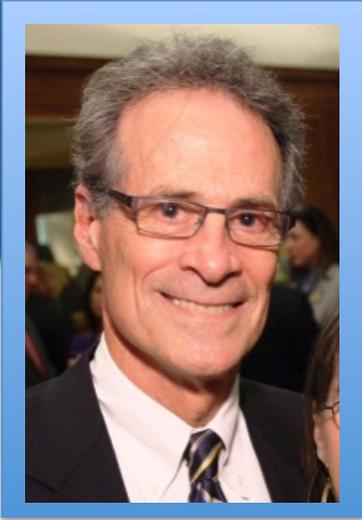
CAA allows me to stay connected to the University and the many people that make it thrive.

Volunteer Skills:

Margo has been organizing event sand doing advocacy work (lobbying, public speaking, volunteer training, etc.) since 2007, mainly on environmental issues.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

Columbia University Club of France, Vice President



Michael S. Cornfeld '73GSAS

*President and Chief Investment Officer,
Heritage Investors Management Corporation*

Email:

MCornfeld@heritageinvestors.com

Phone:

Social:

Michael S. Cornfeld is president and chief investment officer of Heritage Investors Management Corporation, an investment advisory firm. For over 35 years, he has managed equity and fixed income portfolios for individuals and retirement plans. A 1971 graduate of Cornell University, Mr. Cornfeld earned his MA from Columbia in 1973. He wrote his master's thesis on Libyan Oil Policy. To this day, his research activities include analyzing the impact of changing political and economic climates upon the operations of multinational corporations, both domestically and abroad. Mr. Cornfeld has served many organizations including having been the treasurer and on the Executive Committee of the Investment Advisers Association, an organization comprised of investment firms which collectively manage \$9 trillion in assets. Mr. Cornfeld's Columbia connections also include his daughter and his son-in-law, both of whom received an MBA degree from the Columbia Business School.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Events and Programs Committee



Helen K Edelberg, MD, MPH '02PH

*Therapeutic Area Head,
Global Pharmacovigilance & Epidemiology, BMS*

Email:
helenedelberg@yahoo.com

Phone:
(609) 647-9033

Social:
LinkedIn

Helen Edelberg is an internist and fellowship-trained geriatrician with 6 years of experience in academic medicine and more than 11 years of leadership experience in the biopharmaceutical industry. As a Group Director, Medical Safety Assessment, and Therapeutic Area Head in Global Pharmacovigilance & Epidemiology at Bristol-Myers Squibb, she is able to leverage her knowledge of internal medicine/geriatrics and public health. Helen trained in primary care internal medicine at the Beth Israel Hospital (Boston) and geriatric medicine/gerontology at Harvard Medical School, then completed the Harvard School of Public Health Clinical Effectiveness Program and received an MPH degree (Health Policy & Management) from the Executive Program at the Mailman School of Public Health (Columbia University, 2002). She has held academic clinical research, teaching, and management positions on the faculty of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School, and Mount Sinai School of Medicine (New York). A Fellow of the American College of Physicians (FACP) and the New York Academy of Medicine, Helen has been a member of the AFAR Board of Directors since 2005 and the Mailman Alumni Association Board since 2010 (for which she chairs the recently established Mentoring Committee).

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

Volunteer Skills:

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

Vice President, Mailman School of Public Health Alumni Association
Chair, Mailman School of Public Health Mentoring Committee



Alexis Gelber '74BC, '80JRN

Adjunct Professor, NYU

Email:

alexis.gelber@gmail.com

Phone:

(917) 328-6175

Social:

Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram

Alexis Gelber '74BC, '80JRN has been involved in alumni activities on both sides of the Columbia University campus. She was awarded the CAA Alumni Medal in 2012. At Columbia Journalism School she served as the chair of the Alumni Board from 2008 to 2011. Under her leadership the Alumni Board created and introduced the Innovator Award to recognize entrepreneurship in journalism and also produced a new alumni publication, Columbia Journalism School. She was also on the board of the Alumnae Association of Barnard College from 2002 to 2004, where she chaired the Publications Committee. She has moderated and spoken at many Barnard events.

A longtime top editor at *Newsweek*, Ms. Gelber supervised award-winning coverage of politics, social issues, and international news. She was the founding Books Editor of *The Daily Beast*. A former Fellow at Harvard's Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy, Gelber is currently an adjunct professor at the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute at NYU and creator and host of "Newsmakers: Perspectives in Global Media," a lecture series at NYU's Center for Global Affairs. She is married to Mark Whitaker, a media executive and author; they have two children, Rachel and Matthew.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

Columbia changed my life personally and professionally; this is a way for me to give back.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

The CAA is a vital organization that focuses on the best that Columbia University and its talented alumni have to offer.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Honors and Prizes Committee, 2014

Barnard Class of 1974 Reunion Planning Committee



Keith Goggin '91JRN

Partner, Integral Derivatives

Email:

keith.goggin@integralderivatives.com

Phone:

Social:

Keith Goggin joined Columbia Journalism School's Alumni Association Executive Committee in 1992 and has been an active volunteer at Columbia ever since. In 2003, he stepped down from the Executive Committee to co-chair the Journalism School's Alumni Annual Fund Campaign, the School's first peer-to-peer fundraising effort. He currently serves on the Journalism School's Board of Visitors and just stepped down as a representative of the School on the University Alumni Trustee Nominating Committee. In 2013, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Columbia University Club of New York. In addition to his board and committee work, Goggin endowed the Class of 1991 Scholarship Fund and, as a class agent, hosted his class dinner during the past four reunions. Following a brief career in journalism, Goggin forged a successful second career in trading and private investing and is currently a partner at Integral Derivatives, a New York Stock Exchange-based options specialist firm. He is married to Charlene Goggin, and they are the proud parents of Keira, Erin, and Miles.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

Volunteer Skills:

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

Journalism School Board of Visitors

Columbia University Club of New York, Board of Directors



Peter A. Grossman '79CC

Attorney, Ogden CAP Properties, LLC

Email:

PGrossman@ogdencap.com

Phone:

Social:

Peter A. Grossman is an attorney who represents the principals of Ogden CAP Properties, LLC and the Seymour Milstein Family. He has served in this capacity for the family since 2002. Prior to his representation of the Seymour Milstein Family, Peter spent ten years at the J.P. Morgan Chase Private Bank (and its predecessor institutions Chase Manhattan Bank and Chemical Bank), first as a vice-president and then as a managing director. Peter Grossman has also practiced law in two New York City firms, specializing in the area of trust and estates. After graduating law school, he served as special counsel to New York State Transportation Committee for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Peter Grossman graduated with a BA from Columbia College in 1979; a JD (with distinction) from Hofstra University School of Law in 1981 and a LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law in 1988.



Rachel K. Hitchcock '06SCE

Principal Gifts, OHSU Foundation

Email:

RH2085@columbia.edu
Rachel.hitchcock@gmail.com

Phone:

(917) 330-0539

Social:

LinkedIn

Rachel Hitchcock is in principal gifts at the Oregon Health & Science University Foundation in Portland, Oregon. Prior to that she was director of development there and previously has been the senior director of development at Portland State University. She began her Columbia career in the Athletics Development and Alumni Relations Office. She earned an MS in Strategic Communications from Columbia's School of Continuing Education in 2006.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

It is a privilege and pleasure to serve on the CAA Board and volunteer with the Columbia Alumni Club of Portland (OR). Earning my master's degree was a challenge well worthwhile, and I have been incredibly grateful for the network of Columbians I have connected with over the years. Roar Lions!

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

We are all Columbia alumni - regardless of the school from which we graduated. The CAA means that wherever my travels, work or life take me, I can always count on finding a friendly face.

Volunteer Skills:

Fundraising, event planning, strategic communications/marketing, publicity, athletics

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

- CAA Columbia Alumni Leaders Planning Committee
- CAA Nominating Committee
- Portland (OR) Columbia Alumni Club



Elaine Hochberg '82GS, '85BUS

Email:
orahruth@gmail.com

Phone:
(646) 510-0105

Social:

Elaine Hochberg has almost thirty years of commercial experience in the pharmaceutical industry. She has worked in both large global companies and mid-sized firms, has experience in a variety of therapeutic areas and has managed the marketing and sales sides of both prescription and consumer brand businesses. For the last seventeen years, Elaine has lead the US commercial activities of Forest Laboratories, Inc., a mid-cap, US based pharmaceutical company that is headquartered in New York City. In the role of Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer, she was responsible for developing the company's US business model that resulted in multiple product launches during her tenure. Most recently she was tapped to lead Forest's international expansion and strategic planning effort to support the company's desire to build a larger global footprint and development plan. Prior to joining Forest, Elaine held positions at Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories (now Pfizer) and at Sandoz Pharmaceuticals. She graduated with a BA in French, magna cum laude, from GS in 1982 and received her MBA in marketing from Columbia Graduate School of Business in 1985. Elaine lives in Manhattan with her husband with whom she has two adult children.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

To give back to the university that helped me achieve my professional and life goals, and to share what knowledge I have gained through my endeavors with new generations of Columbia students and alumni.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

The pan-university aspect of the CAA is very appealing to me especially as I am both a General Studies and a Business School graduate. My husband is also a Columbia University graduate with a masters and a doctorate from the Engineering School. So being part of an group that touches many of the schools seemed right for me.

Volunteer Skills:

Marketing, Strategic Planning, Communications, Women in Business

Columbia Volunteer Positions:



Lilian Hsu '82SEAS

Management Consultant

Email:
lh378@columbia.edu
hsulilianyl@gmail.com

Phone:
(212) 254-8955

Social:
LinkedIn

Lilian Hsu was first elected to the Board of Managers of the Columbia Engineering Alumni Association in 2010 and is currently Vice President, Alumni Relations. She is also a Board Member of the Columbia Alumni Association, serving as Vice Chair, Events and Programs Committee.

Lilian received her undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from Columbia University and attended the Executive Program in Operations Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management. She worked in process and product design, development and scale-up for Con Edison, Polaroid, and Unilever. Ms. Hsu is a management consultant providing strategic advice to clients.

A life long learner, Lilian enjoys meeting and sharing perspectives with alumni and students at Columbia University events. In her spare time she likes visiting museums, skiing, cooking, and staying healthy.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

I enjoy meeting and sharing perspectives with alumni and students at Columbia University events. It is one of the ways in which I give back to the University.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

The CAA is the organization for all Columbia alumni. There are opportunities to interact with and learn from Columbians of diverse background and interests.

Volunteer Skills:

Conceiving events that would engage alumni, strategic planning

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Events and Programs Committee, Vice Chair

CAA Nominating Committee

Columbia Engineering Alumni Association (CEAA), Vice President - Alumni Relations

Alumni Representative Committee (ARC Alumni interviews)



Kirsten Frivold Imohiosen '03SIPA

Vice President, Goldman Sachs

Email:

kimohiosen@hotmail.com
kimohiosen@gmail.com

Phone:

(917) 692-0487

Social:

Kirsten Frivold Imohiosen EMPA '03 is a vice president, managing state and local taxes for Goldman Sachs. Kirsten oversees and manages a team of 25 professionals that are responsible for all aspects of domestic state taxes for hundreds of legal entities. She joined Goldman Sachs from Ernst & Young, where she worked in the Personal Tax and Financial Planning group.

Kirsten is both an Executive Committee Member on SIPA's Alumni Council and a Board Member of the greater Columbia Alumni Association, chairing the Programs Committee, as well as the co-founder of the EMPA Forum, an alumni organization focused on social and policy-oriented events for current and former Columbia EMPA students. She also finds time to function as a leader and a board member of Neighborhood Trust Financial Partners, a non-profit organization that promotes the economic empowerment of low-income families in New York City.

Kirsten received her BA from SUNY-Albany, an MBA from Fordham, and an MPA from SIPA. She lives in Morningside Heights with her husband and children.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

I thoroughly enjoyed my graduate school experience at Columbia and felt it was a very important part of my education. I wanted to give back to the school in some way and also continue my own educational journey by staying connected to the school.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

The CAA provides a resource for all of the schools to come together as one united place, and acknowledge each other from a common ground.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Events and Programs Committee, Chair
CAA Governance Committee
CAA Nominating Committee
SIPA Alumni Council



Emily Ball Jabbour '06SW

Social Science Research Analyst

Email:
emilykball@gmail.com

Phone:
(781) 724-6258

Social:
Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram

Emily (Ball) Jabbour graduated from Columbia University's School of Social Work (CSSW) in 2006 with a MS in Social Work. At CSSW, Emily completed the Policy Track with a Law Minor and a focus on child and family policy. Emily also holds a BA in psychology from Boston College (2003). Upon graduation from CSSW, Emily entered the Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) program with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services in the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE). Emily continues to work for OPRE as Performance Coordinator for all performance management requirements for ACF.

Emily has been an active member of the CSSW alumni community since graduation, serving as an Alumni Board Member starting in 2007 while in Washington DC, and was elected President in 2010. Currently Emily serves as a member of the Columbia University Alumni Association representing CSSW and is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

I am a Columbia volunteer because I feel strongly that I would not be in my position today professionally without Columbia's support. I believe in the tenant of "paying it forward" and wish for others to benefit from the lessons I have learned in my life.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

The CAA is a microcosm of the professional world - it is the opportunity to work across disciplines to address common matters. With the resources that the Columbia community possesses, it is a truly incredible experience to bring together leaders in CAA to form a multi-disciplinary team that will keep Columbia University at the forefront. In particular, I feel that the social work perspective is a critical tool to bring together the many professions represented by the CAA members with a focus on consensus-building, empowerment, cultural competency, and social change.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Columbia Alumni Leaders Planning Committee
School of Social Work Alumni Board
School of Social Work Policy Caucus
School of Social Work Dean's Advisory Council



Stephen M. Kane '80CC, '83LAW

President & Managing Director, Rich May P.C.

Email:
skane@richmaylaw.com

Phone:
(617) 556-3827

Social:
Facebook, LinkedIn

Stephen M. Kane '80CC, '83LAW is president and managing director of Rich May, P.C., a Boston law firm. He is also chair of the firm's Corporate and Securities Practice Group and concentrates on corporate, commercial, securities, and financial matters. He is a graduate of Roxbury Latin School, Columbia College (BA) and Columbia University Law School (JD). His complex and diverse practice embraces all aspects of the organization and operation of corporations and other business ventures, securities law, mergers and acquisitions, contracts, intellectual property, employee relations and compensation, finance, lending and real estate. He represents corporations, investors and entrepreneurs in numerous industries including the health care, software, venture capital, construction, and video interactive technology industries. Mr. Kane has been named a "New England Super Lawyer" by Boston Magazine 2005-2013 and has been awarded the highest ranking by Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory (AV – Legal Ability Rating: Very High to Preeminent).

Mr. Kane is active in the community, he has served as president and on the Board of Directors of Newton North Little League, was a member of the Board of Directors of Newton Girls Basketball Association and coached several youth sports teams. Mr. Kane is also President of the Columbia Alumni Association of Boston and a member of the Columbia Alumni Association Board.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

I volunteer for Columbia to give back to the institution, so that others can have the excellent experiences and opportunities that Columbia University provided to me.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

CAA brings together all Columbia alumni from all schools and divisions, which is a diverse, accomplished, and interesting group.

Volunteer Skills:

All types of operations concerning a regional club.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Associations and Clubs Committee
CAA Columbia Alumni Leaders Planning Committee
Columbia Alumni Association of Boston, President
Alumni Representative Committee (ARC Alumni interviews)



Maria Karageorgou

'96GSAPP, '99GSAPP

Hellenic Olympic Properties, Real Estate

Email:

mkarageorgou@etasa.gr

Phone:

Social:

Maria Karageorgou is commercial department head at Hellenic Olympic Properties, a real estate company that manages the properties that were built for the 2004 Olympics in Athens. She earned a BA in art history from Georgetown in 1991 and a master's in architecture and MS in real estate and development from Columbia. She is president of the Columbia Alumni Association Club of Greece and international committee co-chair of the RED Alumni Council. She and her husband, George, have three children.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Alumni Outreach and Services Committee

Columbia University Club of Greece, President



Brian Krisberg '81CC, '84LAW

Partner, Sidley Austin LLP

Email:
bkrisberg@sidley.com

Phone:
(914) 522-1498

Social:
LinkedIn

Brian Krisberg is Vice Chair of CAA and a partner in the New York office of the law firm of Sidley Austin LLP, where he practices in the real estate group. He was previously a partner with the firms of Latham & Watkins and Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy. Mr. Krisberg received a BA in political science from Columbia College and a JD from Columbia Law School. He serves on the Columbia College Board of Visitors and is a former President of the Columbia College Alumni Association where he is also Chairman Emeritus. He serves on the Columbia College Fund Development Council and was also a member of his 30th College Reunion Planning Committee. Mr. Krisberg received the Alumni Medal in 1999 and the College's John Jay Award in 2010. He has been for many years a member of the selection committees for the College's Alexander Hamilton Medal and John Jay Awards.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

I am tremendously appreciative of the excellent education I received at Columbia College and Columbia Law School. It was an education that taught me how to think critically and analytically and to write well and exposed me to so many different academic fields and domains. It literally changed my life. I am also appreciative of the opportunity I was given at Columbia to interact with so many bright people and make many lifelong friendships and relationships. I want to do everything I can to ensure that future generations of Columbia students, alumni, and faculty have a similar experience.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

CAA is important because it brings together students, alumni, and faculty from Columbia's many undergraduate and graduate divisions in intellectual and social settings where the tremendous quality of a Columbia education can be recognized, celebrated, and ultimately enhanced. Historically alumni relations at Columbia has been de-centralized. CAA provides an opportunity for Columbia to offer its alumni a centralized University experience, in addition to, and which will complement, the individual school's offerings based upon their unique environments and curricula.

Volunteer Skills:

Leadership, Business development, strategic planning

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Board of Directors, Vice Chair
CAA Governance Committee, Vice Chair
CAA Strategic Planning Committee, Co-Chair
CAA Columbia Alumni Leaders Planning Committee

Columbia College Alumni Association
Columbia College Board of Visitors
Columbia Athletics



K. Daniel Libby '82SEAS, '84SEAS

Managing Director & Senior Portfolio Manager

Email:
KDL26@columbia.edu

Phone:
(203) 247-1545

Social:
Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter

K. Daniel Libby '82SEAS, '84SEAS, P: '18CC, Alumni Senator, has been actively involved with alumni activities since the mid-1980s in numerous capacities. He began with the Alumni Representative Committee interviewing high school applicants and continues to do so. He is the former President of the Columbia Engineering Alumni Association and has served on the Founding Committee of the Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) and on the CAA Board of Directors continuously ever since. He founded and chairs the Samuel Johnson Award Committee and currently serves as a University Alumni Senator. Mr. Libby has spent his career on Wall Street in roles progressing from research to trading and portfolio management. He began his career at Goldman Sachs & Co and has held senior positions at Nomura, IBM Pension and BlackRock Inc. For the past 10 years, Mr. Libby has successfully managed private investment funds in the hedge fund community. Mr. Libby is the proud father of a son entering Columbia College Class of '18 in the fall of 2014.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

Originally my interest was in expanding my involvement with the school to further my non-professional skills via a volunteer organization. However in the end I have accomplished much more than this as I have met many of my closest friends and associates through my alumni activities.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

CAA is important because this is the organization that has brought me in contact with alumni from across the university.

Volunteer Skills:

Strategic planning

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

University Senate

SEAS Alumni Board Member

Alumni Representative Committee (ARC Alumni interviews)

Samuel Johnson Award Committee, Chair



Sharon Liebowitz '91GSAPP

*Vice President, Global Real Estate,
JP Morgan Chase*

Email:
sjliebowitz@gmail.com

Phone:
(646) 418-6340

Social:
LinkedIn

Sharon Liebowitz '91GSAPP is a vice president of Global Real Estate at JPMorgan Chase, where she focuses on real estate strategy and planning for the NYC Metro area. Prior to real estate, she directed technology projects at JP Morgan Chase, and other firms including UBS, Deutsche Bank, and a web start-up, IPO.com. Ms. Liebowitz is a registered architect, earned an undergraduate degree in Art History from Harvard University, and is interested in the confluence of real estate, technology, and business. Ms. Liebowitz is the current President of the GSAPP Alumni Association and was instrumental in its planning and launch in 2009-10. She also serves on the Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) Board and participated in the CAA's Strategic Planning Committee, which has recently developed the "CAA 2017 Strategic Plan." Ms. Liebowitz is the current chair of the Planning Committee for the Columbia Alumni Leaders weekend in October, 2014, and had been the vice-chair for the 2013 weekend.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

Columbia has and continues to give me so much...I can only hope to contribute as much as a volunteer.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

The CAA is our alumni association - and our lifelong connection with the University and other alums.

Volunteer Skills:

Strategic planning, project management

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Columbia Alumni Leaders Planning Committee, Chair

CAA Nominating Committee

CAA Strategic Planning Committee

GSAPP Alumni



Renee Litvak, DDS '02DM, '04DM *Endodontist*

Email:
litvakendo@gmail.com

Phone:
(917) 359-9781

Social:
Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram

Renee Litvak, DDS is currently an Endodontist in private practice in Midtown Manhattan. Dr. Litvak earned a BA from the University of Pennsylvania in 1998. Dr. Litvak is a graduate of Columbia University's College of Dental Medicine, where she earned her Doctorate in Dental Surgery in 2002 and Postdoctoral Certificate in Endodontics in 2004. She has served on the Executive Alumni Board for the College of Dental Medicine at Columbia University for 10 years, where she most recently served as its president from June 2011 through June 2013. Dr. Litvak currently serves as an elected member of the Board of Visitors for the College of Dental Medicine as a member of its Fundraising Committee. Dr. Litvak is an elected member of both the New York Academy of Dentistry and the American College of Dentists. She is a Board Eligible candidate for the American Board of Endodontists, and a member of the AAE, ADA, NYSDA, NYCDS, and the AAWD.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

It is very important to give back to the institution that put me on a path to professional success. It also keeps me in touch with my youth!

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

It is very important to have a bird's eye view of what Columbia University is all about in order to help CDM fit into the vast puzzle. I have also met very interesting people and have learned a great deal about the other components of the university outside of CDM.

Volunteer Skills:

I would be interested in helping any perspective dentists interested in CDM.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Alumni Outreach and Services Committee

Mentoring

Alumni Council for CDM, Past President

Dean's Advisory Council for CDM



Donna H. MacPhee '89CC

*Vice President for Alumni Relations
President, Columbia Alumni Association*

Email:
dhm18@columbia.edu

Phone:
(212) 851-7487

Social:
Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter

Donna MacPhee is the Vice President for alumni relations and President of the Columbia Alumni Association (CAA). Donna earned her Bachelor's degree in Applied Mathematics and was one of the College's first female graduates. She went on to earn an MBA from NYU's Stern School of Business and then dedicated her career to companies related to professional athletics, including managing finances for various departments of the National Hockey League. Prior to returning to Columbia, she served as co-founder and managing director of Event Management Associates, providing event and meeting planning services for a broad range of not-for-profit and corporate clients. Donna was a member of the Columbia Women's Varsity tennis team as an undergraduate and has remained involved in Columbia athletics over the years as an alumna, serving on numerous committees and co-founding the Women's Leadership Council (WLC). In 2008, Donna was chosen as one of Columbia's 25 most influential athletic alumnae.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

It's what you do as part of community...give of your time, talent, and treasure.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

It connects alumni across all 16 schools enabling 300,000 plus alumni to engage as a community, making Columbia the best it can be.

Volunteer Skills:

strategic planning, volunteer management, marketing and community building

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

University Senate Alumni Relations Committee
Columbia University Club of New York
Women's Tennis Advisory Committee
College Class of 1989 Reunion Committee



Ira B. Malin '75CC

COO/Vice President, Travel Planners

Email:
ibm3@columbia.edu
imalin@tphousing.com

Phone:
(516) 3136-3073

Social:
LinkedIn

Ira Malin '75CC is co-chair of the Columbia College Fund and a member of the Executive Board of the Columbia College Alumni Association. From 2006 to 2010, Malin chaired the College's Class Agent Program. He led successful 30th and 35th class reunions as gift and program co-chair. Malin has served on numerous alumni committees, including the Alumni Welcome Center Task Force, is a member of the Fund Development Council, and interviews undergraduate applicants for the Alumni Representative Committee. Ira is a 2013 CAA Alumni Medalist. As an undergraduate, Malin majored in political science and history, was chair of freshman orientation, and received the Van Am and Charles Beard Prizes. He holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and is a co-founder and COO of hospitality and travel companies. He and his wife, Janet B. Serle, MD, live in New York City. They are proud parents of Allison '17CC and Beth '11CC, a King's Crown Award recipient.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

My Columbia education had a profound and lasting impact on my life. Helping to perpetuate and enhance that experience for future generations is both an honor and an opportunity to thank Columbia for all that she gave me.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

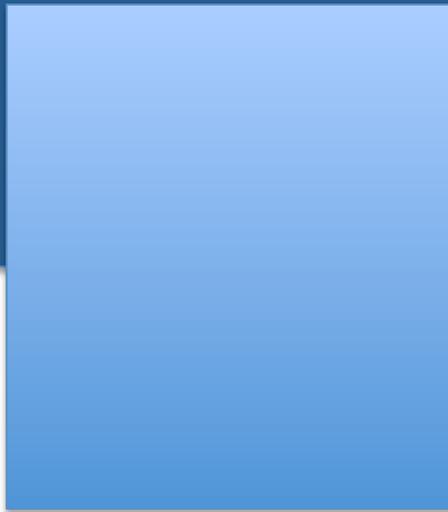
CAA presents a unique opportunity to make the University and its resources much more accessible to all Columbia's alumni, regardless of school affiliation, by enhancing connective pathways for alumni to interact with each other and the University.

Volunteer Skills:

Hospitality and travel industries, entrepreneurship, volunteerism.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Honors and Prizes Committee
Columbia College Alumni Association, Executive Board
Columbia College Annual Fund, Co-Chair
Fund Development Council
Alumni Representative Committee (ARC Alumni interviews)
College Class of 1975 40th Reunion Planning Committee



Desmond Rashad Palmer

'15GSAPP

Graduate Student, GSAPP

Email:

drp2122@columbia.edu

Phone:

Social:

Desmond Rashad Palmer '15GSAPP is the Graduate Student Representative.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Recent Alumni & Student Relations Committee

University Senate



Rita Pietropinto Kitt

'93CC, '96SOA

Drama Department Chair, Marymount School

Email:

Ritapkitt@gmail.com

Phone:

(917) 747-3825

Social:

Rita Pietropinto Kitt is chair of the drama department at Marymount School. She also teaches acting as an adjunct professor at Barnard College, has taught summer acting classes at Columbia, and has been in a number of Broadway, off-Broadway, and regional theater productions, including *London Assurance* at the Roundabout, which was nominated for a Tony Award. She played Kate in *The Taming of the Shrew* off-Broadway and performed in Philadelphia in a play about Sylvia Plath called *Psychic Life of Savages*. She has also appeared in soap operas, including *One Life to Live*, and has a recurring part in *As the World Turns*. Ms. Pietropinto Kitt received a BA in political science from Columbia College in 1993 and an MFA in theater arts from the School of the Arts in 1996. She serves on the board of the Columbia Alumni Association and is a member of the Columbia Alumni Association Events and Programs Committee and the Columbia College Alumni Committee. Her husband, Thomas R. Kitt, is a musical director and composer and a 1996 graduate of the College. Her father, Dr. Anthony P. Pietropinto, received an MD from Physicians and Surgeons in 1964. Her sister, Laura, received a BA from Columbia College in 2001.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

Columbia was an important part of my past, and it is a pleasure for it to still be a vital part of my present. I look forward to helping to share my talents and time to contribute to Columbia's future.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

CAA unites the talents and resources of the rich, vibrant Columbia community. It's a pleasure and an important responsibility to help contribute to the collaboration of all alumni working together to strengthen Columbia and its future.

Volunteer Skills:

Theater, Columbia College Arts Access

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Arts Access, Chair

CAA Events and Program Committee

Columbia College Women



Philippa Feldman Portnoy

'86BC, '90BUS

Email:

portnoypl@mac.com
portnoypl@aol.com

Phone:

(646) 220-2341

Social:

Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram

Philippa Feldman Portnoy '86BC, '90BUS is on the Columbia Alumni Association Board and is the Vice Chair of the CAA Arts Access Committee. As an undergraduate, she was the captain of the Women's tennis team and has remained active in Columbia Athletics through the Varsity C Club. She was the first female Varsity C Club president, the first female recipient of the Varsity C Alumni Award and was honored as one of Columbia's most influential athletic alumnae at the Athletic Consortium Silver Anniversary. She is a co-founder of the Women's Leadership Council for Athletics. She remains active at Barnard as a founding member of the Athena Center for Leadership Studies and has served on the Barnard Scholarship Dinner Committee. Philippa ran the Latin American Aviation Finance Group at Citigroup before leaving in 2000 to have a family. Philippa and her husband Larry live in New York City. They have 12-year old triplet boys who love Roar-ee and enthusiastically follow Columbia Athletics.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

Alumni involvement is essential to enhancing the experiences of Columbia University's students and creating a lifelong community for its alumni. From a personal perspective, I enjoy reconnecting with old friends and meeting new friends at alumni events. I feel that I have made an impact in many of my alumni activities and it's very rewarding.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

The CAA is important to me because it connects alumni across all the schools in the University. The CAA provides me with a widespread network of people from varied backgrounds and geographic locations. I also truly enjoy the CAA events from a social and educational perspective.

Volunteer Skills:

Fundraising, building volunteer networks, engaging alumni

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Arts Access, Vice Chair
Women's Tennis Advisory Committee
Women's Leadership Council for Athletics



Donald O. Quest, MD '70P&S

*Professor of Neurological Surgery at the CU Medical Center;
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, College of Physicians and Surgeons*

Email:
doq1@cumc.columbia.edu

Phone:
212-305-5582

Social:

Donald O. Quest is a son of the Midwest, born in St. Louis, attended the University of Illinois on a Navy Scholarship, and served in combat as a Naval Aviator aboard the USS Kittyhawk in the Vietnam conflict, prior to matriculating at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1966. He spent two years as an intern and resident at Massachusetts General Hospital before returning to the Neurological Institute of New York at the then Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, before joining the faculty at Physicians and Surgeons where he has risen to professor of neurological surgery, served as vice-chairman and acting chairman of the department of neurological surgery, and has added the responsibilities of assistant dean of Students to his duties. He has been an active member of the Physicians and Surgeons Alumni Association for many years and has served as its president. "In large measure P&S and Columbia have made me what I am. I have been able to fulfill my dream of becoming a doctor, serve my patients, and help lead my department and the medical school in becoming the best that it can be. I am most impressed, even amazed, at the breadth and depth of excellence that makes up the essence of Columbia and am grateful and proud to be a part of it."

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

Entire career at Columbia in the Department of Neurological Surgery and the last 10 years as an Advisory Dean at P&S.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

Columbia has made me who I am -given me the opportunity to become a physician and provided me with the education to become a leader in my specialty.

Volunteer Skills:

I have served on the Board of Education in my community, am now on a corporate Board of Directors and a non-profit Hospital Board of Trustees. I have been the President of 3 of the national neurosurgical, the certifying board for the specialty and the accreditation committee for training programs

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

Physicians and Surgeons Alumni Association



Clyde E. "Skip" Rankin III, Esq.

'74SIPA, '75LAW

Partner, Baker & McKenzie LLP

Email:

clyde.rankin@bakermckenzie.com

Phone:

(212) 626-4740

Social:

[LinkedIn](#)

Skip is a partner in the law firm of Baker & McKenzie LLP in New York. He is engaged in an international corporate practice advising clients on corporate and commercial matters, mergers and acquisitions, privatizations, licensing and distribution agreements, joint venture agreements and project finance, particularly with respect to renewable energy projects. He has been active in the CAA as a member of the CAA Board, the CAA Nominations Committee and the CAA Honors and Prizes Committee. He also serves on the School of Law's Board of Visitors and International Advisory Council and has been an active volunteer for his Law School class, helping to plan reunion events and raise money for the class gift.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

I wish to give back in some small way to a great University that was instrumental in my training for my professional career.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

It is challenging and exciting to be involved with an organization that is doing so much in such a short period of time to unite the large and diverse body of alumni of Columbia University, and to contribute to the foundation that is being established by the CAA for greater participation and involvement by alumni.

Volunteer Skills:

Governance, strategic planning

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Honors and Prizes Committee

CAA Nominating Committee

CAA Strategic Planning Committee

Law School Board of Visitors

Law School International Advisory Council



Ana B. Rodriguez, Ph.D.

'86SEAS, '88SEAS
Consultant

Email:
anabrodri@me.com

Phone:
(203) 241-6055

Social:
LinkedIn, Twitter

Ana B. Rodriguez '86SEAS, '88SEAS has extensive consulting experience for global semiconductor, computer, and telecommunications clients in the areas of new product introduction, supply chain management, technology implementation, and business processes. As a thought leader in collaborative product development at Cadence Design Systems, Rodriguez managed and led the development of methodology and service offerings, and defined the solutions and value propositions for key partner initiatives. Prior to joining Cadence, Rodriguez spent over eight years at PricewaterhouseCoopers, where she was a managing associate in the high technology practice. Rodriguez earned her BS (1986) and MS (1988) in materials science from Columbia. She also holds a PhD from the University of Texas-Austin. Ana has been a member of the SEAS Board of Visitors, Society of Columbia Graduates and SEAS Development Council, where she is also Co-Chair. Ana and her husband, Ed Barth '88SEAS '89SEAS, have given the Rodriguez Junior Faculty Award at SEAS since 2007.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

My initial engagement as a Columbia alumna was one of philanthropic support as a way to "give back" to Columbia for the substantial financial aid and support I received throughout my undergraduate and graduate education. My volunteer engagement has grown as I have come to realize the extraordinary community of alumni that support the ongoing commitment of the University to excellence in teaching and research.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

As a university-wide and global alumni group, the CAA IS Columbia. By providing the opportunities for alumni of all schools to reconnect, network, and stay engaged with the University, the CAA provides the structure for alumni to be involved at a level appropriate for the individual. The CAA is the best way to strengthen the connections between alumni and between alumni and Columbia.

Volunteer Skills:

Strategic planning, volunteer development and engagement

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Strategic Planning Committee
SEAS Board of Visitors
Engineering Development Council, Co-Chair
Society of Columbia Graduates



Kurt W. Roeloffs Jr. '84CC

Email:
kurt.roeloffs@gmail.com

Phone:
(917) 214-1999

Social:
LinkedIn

Kurt W. Roeloffs, Jr. recently stepped down from the role of Chief Investment Officer of RREEF, Deutsche Bank's \$65 Billion alternative investment management division in order to found Protean Company, a venture capital firm focused on the application of transformative and sustainable technologies in the built environment. Earlier in his career at Deutsche Bank, he was the Chief Executive Officer of RREEF Asia Pacific, Regional Head of RREEF Opportunistic Investments and a Managing Director of Bankers Trust's real estate investment banking group. Mr. Roeloffs has been a lecturer at many graduate business school's including Columbia, Penn, NYU and Harvard. He is a member of Congress for the New Urbanism and the Urban Land Institute.

Mr. Roeloffs is Chair of Africa Dream Academy Foundation which established and supports a model school educating 300 students in Liberia West Africa; Trustee of Auburn Theological Seminary which seeks and trains moral leaders across religious communities; Trustee of Japan ICU Foundation which supports peace, interfaith and gender studies at International Christian University of Japan.

Mr. Roeloffs received a BA from Columbia College in 1984 and an MBA from the Wharton School in 1988. He lives in Manhattan with his wife Shyanne and four children.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

The education I received at Columbia University, especially the core curriculum, was seminal to my success in life. I cannot imagine not supporting Columbia's ability to do that for present and future students.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

CAA has the opportunity to connect alumni across all of the university's schools with one another, thus making them citizens of the university as a whole.

Volunteer Skills:

Entrepreneurship, team building, strategic planning and project management.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

University Senate

Alumni Representative Committee (ARC Alumni interviews)



Martha C. Romney '81NRS

*Assistant Professor, Thomas Jefferson University
School of Population Health*

Email:

Martha.Romney@jefferson.edu

Phone:

(267) 252-4443

Social:

Marty Romney is an Assistant Professor at the Thomas Jefferson University School of Population Health where she teaches in the Masters of Public Health and Doctoral programs as well as conducting public and health services research. Ms. Romney's research interests include health disparities, cultural and linguistic competency, bioethics, worksite wellness and value-based insurance design, and medical-legal partnerships. Ms. Romney's work focuses on translating research to practice and policy and the intersections of law, policy, and ethics. Ms. Romney completed a Fellowship with the EDICT (Eliminating Disparities in Clinical Trials) Initiative based at the Baylor College of Medicine. Prior to coming to Jefferson, Ms. Romney was a director of legal and regulatory support groups and involved in policy and regulatory initiatives at GlaxoSmithKline. Ms. Romney also has legal and clinical nursing specialist experience. Ms. Romney was educated at the Duke University and Columbia University Schools of Nursing, the Antioch School of Law, and received her Master's of Public Health from Drexel University. She is currently enrolled in the Widener University School of Law's Doctor of Juridical Science in Health Law program.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

I have a lifetime of gratitude for the opportunity and privilege of attending the Columbia University School of Nursing and the significant impact my professors, classmates, courses, and experiences have had on my life. Any way I can give back to Columbia University generally and to the School of Nursing extends my experience as a lifetime member of the Columbia community.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

CAA is the vehicle for connecting Columbia alumni with the University, each other, and the world. CAA creates opportunities for alumni to learn, to reunite, and expand personal and professional networks locally, regionally, nationally, and globally, to share cultural, athletic, social, travel, educational, philanthropic, and community service activities and events. CAA complements the individual School/Program Alumni Programs and enhances the alumni experience.

Volunteer Skills:

Strategic planning, Program development, implementation & evaluation, Policy development & evaluation, Benchmarking

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Events and Program Committee
CAA Nominating Committee
CAA Strategic Planning Committee,

Philadelphia Club Executive Board
Columbia University School of Nursing (CUSON)
Alumni Association, President



Matthew Roskot '04CC

*Manager, Project Finance and Analysis
NextEra Energy Resources*

Email:
mroskot@gmail.com

Phone:
(631) 875-9967

Social:
Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter

Matthew Roskot '04CC is a Manager of Project Finance and Analysis at NextEra Energy Resources where he is currently focused on growing NextEra's distributed generation portfolio. Prior to his role at NextEra, Mr. Roskot was a Vice President at NorthWinds Advisors, an investment banking firm focused exclusively on the renewable energy sector. Previously, Mr. Roskot spent more than five years within the Fixed Income Groups of Bear Stearns and J.P. Morgan in New York and also worked for the New York Energy Policy Institute where he focused on renewable energy policy. Mr. Roskot received a BA degree in Economics-Philosophy from Columbia College and received an MS degree in Energy and Environmental Management from Stony Brook University.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

I feel a strong attachment to Columbia and believe it has had a primary role in shaping who I am today. I feel indebted to the school and see my volunteerism as a way of giving back and helping Columbia continue to excel.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

I believe the CAA has substantially improved overall alumni relations since its creation. The existence of a body that oversees all alumni, rather than being focused solely on individual schools, has helped strengthen bonds to Columbia and grow alumni engagement. Continuing to advance this mission will only increase the attachment alumni have to the University and Columbia's ranks among its peer institutions.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Alumni Outreach and Services, Vice Chair
Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Investing
Alumni Representative Committee (ARC Alumni interviews)



Todd Rubsamen '99BUS

Vice President, Deutsche Bank

Email:

TRubsamen99@Columbia.gsb.edu
Toddrubsamen@yahoo.com

Phone:

(212) 250-1151
(646) 342-8899

Social:

Facebook

Todd is a Vice President and Client Advisor at Deutsche Bank. Todd provides access to Deutsche Bank's institutional resources to Asset Managers, Hedge Funds, and Family Offices in addition to providing financial advice to Foundations, Endowments, Pension Plans, Plan Sponsors, and High Net Worth Individuals. Todd spent two years at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney after spending 8 years at Lehman Brother's. Prior to being recruited by Lehman Brothers, Todd worked for U.S. Senator Pete V. Domenici, when Senator Domenici worked with President Bill Clinton to successfully balance the Federal Budget for the first time in 30 years. Todd graduated from Columbia Business School with a Degree in Finance in 1999. In 2000 Todd joined the Columbia Business School Alumni Club and served as a member of the Transition Committee, Chairman of the Membership Committee from 2001-2003, School Liaison in 2004-2005, Director from 2002-2009 and President from 2005-2009. Todd is currently on the Board of the Columbia University Alumni Association and a member of the CAA Strategic Planning Committee, a steering committee for the Columbia University Trustee Alumni Subcommittee.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

The Columbia Business School and Columbia University alumni networks are tremendously powerful yet somewhat neglected and disenfranchised groups. Reversing this neglect and removing communication and organizational impediments to alumni empowerment has been a 15 year pursuit that has led me to the CAA board. This is a tremendously rewarding endeavor because success generates a virtuous feedback loop: 1) It empowers and provides a better and more prosperous life and future for alums 2) Alums that have been empowered and become prosperous as a result become more engaged and passionate about the University and its network 3) A more engaged and passionate alumni network strengthens the University through greater involvement and donations 4) A strengthened University and more engaged alumni network offer further empowerment to the alumni network and the loop starts over again.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

The CAA is important to me because it is the only Alumni entity that has the respect, support, and broad reach to engage the alumni community University wide, beyond an individual school level, in order to build an evolving system that can generate the positive alumni empowerment loop explained above. The strategic planning process was the first acknowledgement and effort, by both the alumni and the University to address our deficiencies in this area. The resulting plan is the framework for the empowerment system mentioned above. This plan is set but execution of the plan is just beginning and success is typically driven more by execution than planning. There is still much work to be done before we can claim success!

Volunteer Skills:

Expertise in sales and marketing plans (From Banking Career), Expertise in Alumni engagement and management at all levels (from CBSAC/NY), Strategic Planning (CBSAC/NY and CAA Strategic Planning Committee), Knowledge of University and Alumni history (from study), Knowledge and experience in volunteer and campaign management (from politics)

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Strategic Planning Committee

Columbia Business School Alumni Club of NY, President Emeritus



Phyllis Fang Savage '93JRN

Email:
phyllis_fang@yahoo.com

Phone:
91 9886751398

Social:
Facebook, LinkedIn

Phyllis Fang Savage is a native of Taiwan but has been living in Bangalore, India since 2007. She started the alumni chapter in Bangalore in 2009 and since then, has served as the chapter head. She joined the board of the Alumni Association of India three years ago. She recently participated in the Columbia Alumni Leaders Conference in Hong Kong for alumni leaders from Asia and Australia. Her four young children keep her busy most of the day and when she can she freelances for Forbes Magazine. Prior to moving to India, she lived in Hong Kong and was a correspondent with Reuters Television and CNBC Asia. Before becoming a journalist, she worked as a media banker with National Westminster Bank, USA. She did her undergraduate at Bryn Mawr College.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

After graduating from the Journalism school, I embarked in some of the most satisfying work experiences one can ever expect and for that I will forever be grateful for all the things I learned at Columbia. It prepared me for my future job and gave me confidence to do the things that made me grow. As I moved to a new country, India, I wanted to connect with other alumni and so decided to start up the Bangalore Club. The alumni in the city have become some of my closest friends and are like my family abroad. I want to set an example to other alums that it's a wonderful feeling to be able to give back to your alma mater.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

CAA is a great organization with lots of great people to work with. Everyone has common goals and you can't beat that when you want to volunteer your time.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

- CAA Associations and Clubs Committee
- CAA India Board Member
- CAA Bangalore Chapter Head
- Alumni Representative Committee (ARC Alumni interviews)



Roxann S. Smithers, Esq.

'99CC, '02LAW

*Founder and Managing Member,
Smithers Thornton & Ume-Nwagbo, LLC*

Email:

rss48@columbia.edu

Phone:

(404) 696-3468 Home

(718) 930-7952 Cell

Social:

Facebook, LinkedIn

Roxann Smithers is a Founder and Managing Member of Smithers Thornton & Ume-Nwagbo, LLC, a full service firm for start-up, small, and mid-size companies. Her practice includes commercial litigation, premise liability, construction, contract review/negotiation, and general counsel services, in state and federal jurisdictions across the country.

A native of Akron, Ohio, Ms. Smithers earned her BA and JD from Columbia University. She is President of the Columbia Club of Atlanta and on the Board of Directors of the Columbia Alumni Association and Columbia College Alumni Association. Roxann is the Chairperson for Children's Burial Assistance, Inc., a Trustee of Providence Missionary Baptist Church and on the Board of Governors of the City Club of Buckhead. A Super Lawyers Magazine 2012 and 2014 Georgia Rising Star, she was a contributing columnist for the Equal Construction Record.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

I believe the value of my Columbia education exceeds my time on campus. I find the value in my day-to-day application of the lessons I learned. I find the value in the relationships I have fostered as a student and beyond. I find the value in the Columbia community we have created in Atlanta.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

CAA is vital to the future of the global Columbia Community. Alumni should feel connected to Columbia no matter where they are in the world or wherever they are in their lives.

Volunteer Skills:

Club leadership, strategic planning, volunteer management.

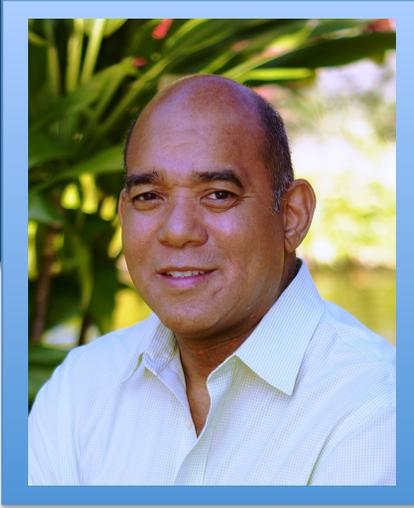
Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Associations and Clubs Committee, Chair

Columbia Club of Atlanta, President

Alumni Representative Committee (ARC Alumni interviews)

Columbia College Alumni Association



Mozelle W. Thompson

'76CC, '80SIPA, '81LAW

CEO, Thompson Strategic Consulting

Email:

mozellethompson@aol.com

Phone:

(202) 412 8221

Social:

Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, Path

Mozelle W. Thompson is CEO of Thompson Strategic Consulting where he provides innovative legal, policy, and business advice to such companies as Facebook, where he was among the company's earliest advisors, as well as Samsung, Disney, Path, Loyal3, and Atigeo. He has had distinguished public and private sector careers, and his groundbreaking work has made him an international leader and trusted adviser to presidents, heads of state, governments, and corporations.

Thompson served as a Commissioner on the Federal Trade Commission and Deputy Assistant Secretary at the US Treasury. While at the FTC, Commissioner Thompson established groundbreaking policies to promote competition and protect consumers around the world. This role was particularly critical during the growth of the high technology industry and the nascent stages of the Internet. He also served as Chairman of the OECD Committee on Consumer Policy where he produced the first international standards for e-Commerce. In 2008, Commissioner Thompson served as team leader of the economics and finance cluster on the Obama/Biden Transition Team, where he led the review of the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

Thompson holds BA and JD degrees from Columbia and a MPA from Princeton. He has also taught at several universities and has received numerous awards in recognition of his work, including the Distinguished Service Award by the UC Berkeley School of Law and its Center for Law and Technology. In 2014, Columbia College awarded him the John Jay Award for Distinguished Professional Achievement.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

I am a Columbia volunteer to provide help and support for students, to help train new generations of leaders, and to help make the future Columbia better and stronger than the Columbia of today.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

CAA serves an important role in building and supporting the larger Columbia community. It helps to enhance the reach and impact of Columbia's strong school-based organizations, works to identify and capitalize upon synergies between Columbia organizations, and seeks new opportunities for Alumni, student, and faculty engagement. No other Columbia organization has this unique and important responsibility.

Volunteer Skills:

High Technology and Social Media, Big Data and Privacy, Corporate Governance, Government Regulation, Domestic and International Law, and Public Policy, Mentoring

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Alumni Services and Outreach Committee, Chair

CAA Nominating Committee

CAA Strategic Planning Committee

Columbia College Board of Visitors



Kyriakos Tsakopoulos '93CC

*President and CEO, AKT Development Corp
and AKT Investments Inc.*

Email:
kt@ktsakopoulos.com

Phone:

Social:

Kyriakos Tsakopoulos is president and CEO of AKT Development Corporation and AKT Investments Inc. (AKT), a diversified, family-owned, land company headquartered in Sacramento, California, operating real estate, farming, ranching, water, minerals, building, and land development projects throughout North/Central California. A Sacramento, California native, Mr. Tsakopoulos has been active in AKT his whole life. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Columbia University, having previously served on the Columbia College Board of Visitors. Mr. Tsakopoulos rowed Varsity Eights at Columbia, both as a heavyweight and a lightweight, where he later founded the “Aristotle and the Moderns Chair” in Hellenic Studies. He resides in Sacramento, California, and is an avid sportsman, outdoorsman, and airplane pilot.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

Columbia University Board of Trustees



George Van Amson '74CC

Managing Director, Morgan Stanley

Email:

George.Van.Amson@morganstanley.com

Phone:

Social:

George Van Amson is a Managing Director with Morgan Stanley, is a University Trustee Emeritus, and current Chair of the Columbia Alumni Association. Active in alumni and community affairs, he serves on the Columbia Campaigns for athletics and undergraduate excellence, the board of directors of Community Impact, the Manhattanville Committee, and has served as a member of the College Board of Visitors. In 1994, Mr. Van Amson established the Black Alumni Scholarship. He is the recipient of the 2000 John Jay Award, 2003 Alumni of Color Heritage Award, and 2004 Community Impact - Making a Difference Award. A 35-year veteran of Wall Street, Mr. Van Amson earned his BA in Economics from the College where he lettered in varsity football, and his MBA with 2nd year honors from Harvard Business School. He and his wife Wendy '83PH have three children: Schuyler '17CC, Victoria'15CC, and Alexandra '13CC.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

Columbia University Board of Trustees, Trustee Emeritus

CAA Board of Directors, Chair

CAA Governance Committee, Chair

CAA Nominating Committee, Chair

CAA Honors and Prizes Committee

Varsity C



Adriana Villavicencio '00CC, '02TC

Research Associate/Adjunct Professor

Email:
arv228@nyu.edu

Phone:
(917) 232-4804

Social:
Facebook, LinkedIn

Adriana Villavicencio, PhD is a Research Associate at the Research Alliance for New York City Schools. Dr. Villavicencio is an alumna of New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, where she studied education leadership and policy. She is now the lead evaluator of the Expanded Success Initiative, a citywide effort aimed at improving academic outcomes for Black and Latino young men. Before joining the Research Alliance, Dr. Villavicencio's research focused on charter schools and the impact of choice policies on students, families, and schools. Dr. Villavicencio is the author of "It's Our Best Choice Right Now: Examining the Choice Options of Charter School Parents (Education Policy Analysis Archives, 2013), the co-author of "School Context and Charter School Achievement: A Framework for Understanding the Performance 'Black Box'" (Peabody Journal of Education, 2009), and a contributor to Ethnicity and Race in a Changing World: A Review Journal (2009). She has also presented her research on charter schools at conferences held by the American Educational Research Association and the University Council for Educational Administration. Prior to pursuing her graduate studies, Dr. Villavicencio served as a department chair at a charter high school in Oakland, California, and as an English teacher in Brooklyn, New York, and worked on the development of a new school in Bangalore, India. She also serves on the board of directors for the Latino Alumni Association of Columbia University. Dr. Villavicencio holds a BA in English from Columbia University, an MA in English Education from Teachers College, Columbia University, and a PhD from New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

Going to Columbia was one of the two best decisions I have made in my life. As a product of immigrants and a single parent household in Los Angeles, being at Columbia exposed me to experiences I didn't previously have access to. The curriculum and instruction I received there was not only personally satisfying, but it also provided a strong foundation for all the studies and work I have engaged in since leaving Columbia. For these reasons and for all the ways Columbia has enriched and continues to enrich my life, it's very important for me to give back to the University in whatever capacity I can.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

The CAA serves an incredibly important role for the University and the alumni. Those who serve with CAA are strong examples of the kind of leadership produced by the University and the dedication and commitment of alumni who are willing to go above and beyond to give back. It is an honor, then, to participate on the board of CAA and represent the Latino Alumni Association.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

Latino Alumni Association of Columbia University (LAACU)



George Marshall Worthington

'78SIPA, '91BUS

*Executive Director, World Foundation for
Medical Research and Prevention*

Email:

worthworldtx@sprintmail.com

Phone:

(713) 256-8965

Social:

Facebook, LinkedIn

George Marshall Worthington is the Executive Director of the World Foundation for Medical Research and Prevention. The organization is a grant making public charity supporting research aimed at the design of new types of AIDS vaccines, prolonging the active life of aging people, and the diagnosis and treatment of microbial and viral factors associated with cancers, neurodegenerative, auto-immune, and other multi-factorial disease processes such as Autism, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's. Mr. Worthington has worked on AIDS issues locally, nationally, and internationally since the beginning of the pandemic. He was the founder and first Chairperson for the first Working Group on AIDS/NGO Committee on UNICEF. He has worked and traveled extensively in over 100 countries and is a past member of the Circumnavigators Club. Mr. Worthington is active in the fields of Impact Investing and Social Finance, including initiatives surrounding Social and Development Impact Bonds. In addition to his two degrees, he was also a Revson Fellow at Columbia, and holds a Certificate from the Institute of Not-for-Profit Management, a partnership between Columbia's Schools of Business and Social Work and the Faculty of Health Sciences. Mr. Worthington is past president of the Columbia University Club Chapter of South Texas.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

Several years after I graduated from Columbia, I left New York City and moved back to Houston, I didn't maintain connections with the university or other alumni. Since I was from Houston, I didn't think I needed to do so. I worked for some great companies and organizations, but I never found any professionals who shared my values.

The Houston business community is predominantly focused on doing deals and getting stuff done. Collaboration and sustainability often get short shrift. They say in New York you're nobody unless you're financially successful, in Los Angeles you have to be famous, in Boston you have to have a PhD. In Houston, you are no one unless you've built something—a company, a structure, a project, or an organization. Houstonians are more friendly than most. The normal opening line at a networking event is not 'what have you done' but 'what are you working on?' My hope for all alumni is that when business gets frustrating, you can say 'I'm working on a cool project with other Columbia alumni.'

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

It is a concrete way of reconnecting with the campus since I travel a lot internationally (I fly nonstop from Houston) and can't get to New York with any frequency. CAA responsibilities draw me back to New York at least twice a year and allow me to interact with many alumni I probably wouldn't see for years and years.

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Nominating Committee

CAA Columbia Alumni Leaders Planning Committee

Columbia University Club of South Texas

School of International and Public Affairs Alumni Council and Executive Committee



Nick Yen '91SEAS, '92SEAS

Email:
cy205@columbia.edu

Phone:
+65 96804520

Social:
Facebook, LinkedIn

Nick Yen graduated from SEAS with his BS in Mechanical Engineering in 1991 and MS in 1992. Mr. Yen is both an engineer and entrepreneur having started an upscale restaurant/bar called Orgo (in a tribute to Orgo Night at Columbia) in Singapore while managing his plastics factory.

Nick has been working with the school actively since starting as a tour guide in his sophomore year. He is a founding member of the Columbia University Club of Singapore and currently the president. He is also the co-chair of the Alumni Representative Committee (ARC) in Singapore. Since joining the board near the end of 2013, besides working with alumni residing in Singapore and students interested in applying to Columbia, Nick has been connecting with alumni leaders around Asia.

In trying to live up to his Columbia education, Nick has dabbled in design as well and has shown his works in Tokyo and New York. He has a black belt in karate although Pilates beckons as age catches up. Besides working with Columbia, he also sits on the board of the alumni association of a prominent high school in Singapore.

Why I'm a Columbia leader:

I believe strongly in the value of the Columbia education and especially in the relevance of the Core. My initial involvement was with the admissions office as a tour guide and student volunteer and over the years that role expanded to the Alumni Association as well as ARC. Columbia graduates bring a unique perspective to the world and I believe that we need to leverage this network of individuals so that we can continue to make a difference long after we leave school.

Why I volunteer with the CAA:

The CAA has become very important in augmenting the value of this network as the student population has become increasingly international.

Volunteer Skills:

Strategic planning, marketing

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Associations and Clubs Committee

Columbia University Club of Singapore, President

Alumni Representative Committee (ARC Alumni interviews), Singapore Chair

CEO Program, Mentor



Arash Yomtobian

'06GS, '06JTS

Global Business Manager, Google Inc.

Email:

arashy@google.com

arash.yomtobian@gmail.com

Phone:

(212) 565-1290 Office

(917) 495-4823 Cell

Social:

LinkedIn, Google+, Instagram

Arash Yomtobian is a global business manager at Google, Inc., where he manages and oversees partnerships with top automotive accounts. Prior to joining Google, Arash founded and served as the managing principal of The Archer Cyrus Group, LLC, a private equity fund focused on primary investing and developing sustainable real estate projects domestically.

Prior to founding Archer Cyrus, Arash worked in the global mergers and acquisitions division of Lehman Brothers (and subsequently, Barclays Capital) where he advised financial sponsor and corporate clients, primarily executing sell-side mandates across all industries. He later moved into global trading where he was responsible for working with senior management to build out the firm's equities division. Prior to Lehman, Arash began his career at Citi's corporate and investment bank where he covered the debt portfolio of global industrial and healthcare companies.

Aside from Columbia, Arash is also passionate about gender, sexual, and socioeconomic equalities and in his free time, he serves on the boards of Global Potential and Positive Health Project, a division of Housing Works. He is writing *Floating in the Fountain of Clementine*, a novel of historical fiction set against the backdrop of the 1979 Islamic Revolution in Iran and the Iran-Iraq war.

Arash was born in Tehran and raised there and in Vienna before moving to New York, which he has called home for the last 23 years.

Volunteer Skills:

Club leadership, strategic planning, volunteer management, events, finance/budget planning

Columbia Volunteer Positions:

CAA Recent Alumni & Student Relations Committee, Chair

CAA Recent Alumni & Student Relations Committee, Core Strategy Group