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## Top Stories

**Professional Development for Alumni – Is Your Nonprofit Board at RISK?:** On Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, Wagner will launch its first-ever professional development seminar series for alumni, PUBLIC SERVICE TODAY. The first seminar will focus on the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which, although initially written to ensure proper governance in the private sector, has the potential to affect the nonprofit world as well, and nonprofits—and their board members—are rushing to get up to speed on the ramifications. Join Wagner and alumnus David Melman of Bollinger Inc. for breakfast and a discussion on Sarbanes-Oxley and attendant nonprofit risk issues, from 8 am to 10 am in the new Kimmel Student Center, Rm 905, 60 Washington Sq. South. Space is limited. RSVP by May 20th to [wagner.events@nyu.edu](mailto:wagner.events@nyu.edu) or by calling 212-998-7546.

**Wagner Alumni Association Nominations Deadline EXTENDED TO MAY 7th:** Nominations for the 2004 – 2005 Wagner Alumni Association (WAA) Officers and Board of Directors has been extended to **May 7th**. Distinguish yourself as an Alumni Leader by running for an Association Board Member or Officer position. Elections open on May 11<sup>th</sup> – Don't Forget to VOTE! For more info on the WAA, the roles and responsibilities of the various board positions, and nomination and election procedures, please visit <http://www.nyu.edu/wagner/alumni/waa/election.html>.

**SAVE THE DATE for June 2 - Wagner Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Reception:** Welcome the recent grads to the Alumni Association and cast the final votes in the WAA Elections at the Annual Meeting and Reception, June 2 from 6:30 – 8:30 in the Puck Building.

**Professor Jonathan Morduch in The New York Times:** Jonathan Morduch, Wagner associate professor of public policy and economics, was quoted in the April 29th edition of The New York Times in a story about microcredit, and its effectiveness for those living in extreme poverty. Read more: <http://www.nyu.edu/wagner/news/162.html>

For all of the latest Wagner News, please visit <http://www.nyuwagner.org/news/news.cgi>.

## Events and Regional Activities

### Highlighted Events for MAY/JUNE:

Talks, Receptions and Regional Events

May 11, Wagner Convocation

May 13, NYU Commencement

**BOSTON**, May 18, 6:30 to 8 pm – Alumni Reception with Paul Light, Wagner Professor

May 26, 8 to 10 am – Is Your Board At RISK? PUBLIC SERVICE TODAY: Sarbanes-Oxley Two Years Later, Liability Issues for nonprofits

June 2, 6:30 to 8:30 pm - Wagner Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Reception

June 15, 4 to 9 pm - Healthy Women: A Mandate for Affordable Health Care for All, sponsored by Rekindling Reform and NYU Wagner

For detailed location and RSVP information, as well as a complete listing of events, please visit <http://www.nyu.edu/wagner/calendars/>. Click on the “Wagner Alumni” calendar.

## **Our New Home**

**Moving on Up:** Wagner is poised to move into our new home at the Puck Building on May 14<sup>th</sup>, the day after NYU Commencement. Stop by and check out our new digs during the Wagner Alumni Association Annual Meeting on June 2.

## **Wagner Annual Fund**

**Follow the Wagner Student Association’s Example:** Before they walk across the graduation stage, current students are supporting Wagner by creating a Class Gift, which will go to support the 2004 “Technology Fund.” Join in on the fun(d) by making an online contribution to Wagner ([https://www.nyu.edu/alumni/giving/gift\\_form.shtml](https://www.nyu.edu/alumni/giving/gift_form.shtml)) at any giving level. Be sure to indicate that your gift should go to support the Wagner School.

**Thank you** for the difference you make through your commitment to Wagner.

## **Did you know...**

**Yvette Johnson Schmitter** (MPA 1997) is the newly appointed Deputy Director of BASICS Inc., a 501(c)(3) licensed long term residential and outpatient treatment facility for chemically dependent homeless individuals. As Deputy Director, Yvette is responsible for operational oversight and program management, implementing agency wide policy and procedures, re-designing the agency's performance management system, overseeing acquisition due diligence and integrating planning efforts. Congratulations, Yvette.

**Jack L. Nasar** (MUP 1973), Professor of City and Regional Planning at The Ohio State University, received a distinguished Alumni Award from the Washington University School of Architecture. Congratulations, Jack.

**Earl G. Simons** (MPA 1989) has been selected to participate in Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government’s Summer Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government which trains officials managing today’s results-driven government agencies. Earl currently serves as the Director of Budget and Grants in the Office of Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields. Congratulations, Earl.

**Andrew Dier** (MPA 1999) was elected as a Kerry delegate representing Democrats Abroad ([www.democratsabroad.org](http://www.democratsabroad.org)) at the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston. Andrew is

currently the chair of Democrats Abroad Colombia, and also works as a nonprofit consultant in Bogota, Colombia. Congratulations, Andrew.

**Bruce Gombos** (MPA 1976) was recently promoted to vice president at STV, a national leader in the planning and design of facilities, infrastructure, and transportation systems. Congratulations, Bruce.

**Ray G. Newman** (MPA 1992, PhD 1994), dean of Houston Baptist University's college of business and economics, and Wagner Alumni Association Board Member, became an honorary member of Sigma Beta Delta, the International Honor Society for students majoring in business. Congratulations, Ray.

In each Wagner School Alumni eNews issue, we will highlight alumni who are doing interesting work in the public sector. Please share with us at [wagner.alumni@nyu.edu](mailto:wagner.alumni@nyu.edu) your professional comings and goings, and perhaps you'll be the next alumni "Did you know...!"

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We also want to hear what you think of this newsletter and ideas on topics to be included in future issues. Please contact Lisa Annetta at [wagner.alumni@nyu.edu](mailto:wagner.alumni@nyu.edu) to make your suggestions.