

Wagner School Alumni eNews – September, 2004

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TOP STORIES

CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF WAGNER'S NEW HOME WITH NYC MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG

Celebrate the official opening of NYU Wagner at the Puck Building with Dean Ellen Schall, NYU President John Sexton, and **Mayor Michael Bloomberg** on Thursday, September 23rd at The Puck Building, 295 Lafayette Street, 2nd Fl. @ Houston Street. At **4 pm**, we will host "*The Urban Agenda*," a debate and discussion on issues of importance to cities in the Presidential election with representatives of the two Presidential campaigns. From **5:30 to 7:30 pm**, we will have an official ribbon-cutting ceremony with Mayor Bloomberg and NYU President John Sexton, followed by a reception with the Wagner community. **RSVP REQUIRED.** Contact the Office of Special Events at wagner.events@nyu.edu or 212.998.7546 with your name and contact information, specifying which portion(s) of the event you will attend. We hope to see you there!

PBS' WASHINGTON WEEK COMES TO WAGNER

Washington Week, PBS' public affairs show hosted by Gwen Ifill, taped its August 27th show at NYU, with Wagner as the official host. The show, which normally tapes in Washington, has been hitting the road for this year's conventions (in Boston, they taped at the Kennedy School). The audience of nearly 250 people was filled with members of the Wagner and NYU family. Read the transcript and view a special Webcast – visit <http://www.pbs.org/weta/washingtonweek/transcripts/transcript040827.html>.

WAGNER PROFESSOR TESTIFIES TO THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT REFORM COMMITTEE ON THE 9/11 COMMISSION REPORT

Wagner professor Paul Light testified to the House Government Reform Committee on key issues Congress should deal with in reorganizing and strengthening the nation's intelligence community. Read the testimony: <http://wagner.nyu.edu/news/sept11.pdf>.

For all of the latest Wagner News, please visit <http://wagner.nyu.edu>, and click on “News”.

EVENTS AND REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER:

Talks, Receptions and Seminars

Sept. 12, 12 to 5 pm – 9/11 World Trade Center Dust Health Effects Conference

Sept. 15, 8 to 10 am – Collaborative Planning for Land Use and Transportation: Lessons Learned from Pilot Sustainable Development Studies in the New York Metropolitan Region

Sept. 15, 1;15 pm – **WASHINGTON DC** – Release of Confidence in Charities Fact Sheet with Professor Paul Light and Senate Finance Committee chairman Senator Grassley at the Dirksen Senate Office Building

Sept. 23, 4 to 7:30 pm – Puck Grand Opening Celebration with **Mayor Michael Bloomberg**

Sept. 29, 8 to 10 am – PUBLIC SERVICE TODAY: Getting Serious about Board Development with Charlie Whelan of The Whelan Group and Muzzy Rosenblatt, MPA '92, Executive Director of the Bowery Residents' Committee

Oct. 6, 6 to 8 pm – Arts Panel with Aggie Gund and Ruth Ann Stewart

Oct. 27, 8 to 10 am – PUBLIC SERVICE TODAY: Demystifying Consulting: The Whats, Whys and Hows of Being a Consultant in the Public Sector with Daniel Helfman, MPA '00, Principle of Social Venture Consulting and colleagues

Office of Career Services

Sept. 22, 6 to 8 pm – Resume and Cover Letter Writing Workshop

Sept. 28, 6 to 8 pm – Interviewing and Salary Negotiation Workshop

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

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

NEED TO SPRUCE UP THAT RESUME? LOOKING FOR A NEW POSITION?: Don't forget that Wagner's Office of Career Services (OCS) is still at YOUR service in your career exploration after graduation. Alumni can visit OCS staff during walk-in hours (Mondays and Thursdays from 5 to 7 pm, and Tuesdays from 2 to 4), make in-person, phone or email appointments, attend workshops on Resume Writing, Interviewing Skills and more, or sign up for the Annual Spring Career Fair. For more information on OCS events and workshops, visit <http://wagner.nyu.edu/careers/>.

RUDIN CENTER FOR TRANSPORTATION POLICY & MANAGEMENT

WORKING ON TRANSPORTATION ISSUES?: The Rudin Center for Transportation Policy and Management's mission is to encourage innovative thinking and action in transportation management and policy. The Center achieves these objectives through a combination of value-added research, education, and public service. The Rudin Center is currently looking to get in touch with alumni working in the transportation sector and wants to hear ideas for programming that “transportation” alumni would find interesting and relevant. Share with

the Center where you are – email wagner.alumni@nyu.edu with your current work information and get put on the mailing lists for this innovative research center. For more information on the Rudin center, please visit <http://www.nyu.edu/wagner/rudincenter/>.

WAGNER ANNUAL FUND

A BIG THANK YOU: Last week, Wagner’s fiscal year closed with 841 Wagner Alumni and Friends making donations totaling \$248K. That is 154 gifts and \$62K more than last year!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Annual Fund drive in the 2003 – 2004 fiscal year, as well as to those who volunteered their time to Wagner. Your contributions, both in time and in money are greatly appreciated. Every one of your gifts count.

MOMAQNS WINNERS: Last month, we had a special end-of year giving incentive, where all alumni donors who gave between August 2nd and 31st were entered in a raffle drawing for Museum of Modern Art Queens Ticket Vouchers, courtesy of WAA Vice President for Development, Susie Lew Wang.

Congratulations to Vivian Bucknam ('68), Edward Kresky ('50) and Jonathan Young ('96) – you’ve won! Your ticket will be arriving at your home shortly – thanks again for your gift to the Annual Fund!

ON TO NEXT YEAR!: You can make tax-deductible donations by check, credit card or online at https://www.nyu.edu/alumni/giving/gift_form.shtml. Anytime you make a contribution, please indicate that the gift should go to NYU Wagner.

THANK YOU for the difference you make through your commitment to Wagner.

DID YOU KNOW?

IRMA M. RIVERA (MPA '99) currently works as Director of Information Technology at the Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute, a non-profit organization focused on strengthening the direct-care workforce within the nation’s long-term care system through developing innovative approaches to recruitment, training, and supervision; consumer-centered caregiving practices; and effective public policy. Irma is responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining the organization's network infrastructure.

BRYAN DAY (MPA '03), a Faculty Research Associate at George Mason University’s School of Public Policy, recently had an article published in The Critical Infrastructure Protection Program Report on a symposium he produced on port security. At George Mason, Bryan conducts policy research on a variety of topics, ranging from cyber security, the cost of war, youth drinking and homeland security. Congratulations, Bryan.

JOEL DABU (MUP '04) is joining the NYC Department of City Planning as the planner for Community District 12, which includes the Jamaica, South Jamaica, Hollis and St. Albans neighborhoods. Joel will be the project manager for the lower density rezoning study for the

western portion of Springfield Gardens located near Baisley Pond Park. Congratulations, Joel.

LORI BEZAHLER (MPA '98) has been asked to succeed the current president at the Edward W. Hazen Foundation, effective mid-December. Congratulations, Lori.

ERIKA SELLKE (MUP '04) is joining the NYC Department of City Planning as the planner for Community Districts 9 and 10, which include the Kew Gardens, Richmond Hill, Woodhaven, Ozone Park and Howard Beach neighborhoods. Erika is the project manager for the comprehensive rezoning study underway for Kew Gardens and Richmond Hill, and she is coordinating the multi-agency effort to update the city map in Hamilton Beach. Congratulations, Erika.

LAURENCE PAGNONI (MS '98) recently wrote an article on peer coaching for organization executives called "A Group of Coaches" that is being considered by Stanford Innovations magazine for publication. Congratulations, Laurence.

DR. MARILYN A. DELUCA (MPA '95, PHD '00) Chairperson, Healthy Women and Member, Rekindling Reform Steering Committee organized the June 15th *Healthy Women: A Mandate for Affordable Health Care for All* symposium at NYU with Wagner and Rekindling Reform (www.rekindlingreform.org) as co-sponsors. With just under 400 attendees, the June 15th Symposium included a panel of experts who spoke on topics pertinent to women's health and included such distinguished speakers as NYU President John Sexton; Claudia Fegan, President of the Physicians for a National Health Program; Alina Salganicoff, Vice President and Director, Women's Health Policy, Kaiser Family Foundation; and Karen Davis, President, The Commonwealth Fund. Congratulations, Marilyn.

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 your professional comings and goings, and perhaps you'll be the next alumni "Did you know...!"

Tell a Friend and Tell Us

Please forward this edition of the Wagner School eNews to others who may be interested, and have them contact Lisa Annetta at wagner.alumni@nyu.edu to be added to the distribution list.

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 to make your suggestions.