Reunions 2012: Alumni-Faculty Forums

A Reunions tradition for over forty years, the Alumni-Faculty Forums (AFFs) bring together alumni panelists from the major reunion classes for discussions of a broad range of timely or timeless topics. Moderated by members of the faculty or administration, the forums attract roughly 2,000 alumni and guests each year.

Friday, June 1, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Tigers in the Arts
(McCosh Hall, Room 50)

Moderator: Michael Cadden, Acting Chair of the Lewis Center for the Arts, Acting Chair of the Committee for the Fund for Irish Studies, and Senior Lecturer in Theater

Panelists:
Christopher Janney ’72, Artistic Director, PhenomenArts, Inc.
Robert Taub ’77, Concert Pianist and CEO, MuseAmi
Molly Hickok ’82, Performer and Founding Member of Big Dance Theater
Brooke Shields ’87, Actress and Author
Davis McCallum ’97, Theater Director

Partisanship and Compromise: Tigers in the Political Arena
(McCosh Hall, Room 46)

Moderator: Martin Gilens, Professor of Politics

Panelists:
Jim Marshall ’72, Member of Congress (2003-11)
Bruce Reed ’82, Assistant to the U.S. President and Chief of Staff to the U.S. Vice President
James Cohen ’87, former Mayor, City of Portland, Maine, and Partner, Verrill Dana, LLP
Angela Ramirez ’97, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Ben Ray Lujan
David Tukey ’02, regular FoxNews.com guest and John McCain 2008 Deputy Regional Campaign Manager (NY/NJ)

Investment Advice in a Turbulent Economy
(McCosh Hall, Room 10)

Moderator: Mark Watson, Acting Chair, Department of Economics, and Howard Harrison and Gabrielle Snyder Beck Professor of Economics and Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School

Panelists:
Jack Laporte ’67, Vice President, T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.
Nikolaos D. Monoyios ’72, S.V.P. and Portfolio Manager, Oppenheimer Funds, Inc., retired
Bob Niehaus ’77, Founder and Chairman, GCP Capital Partners LLC
Justin Fox ’87, Editorial Director, Harvard Business Review Group
Alex Urdea ’02, Managing Director, Solus Alternative Asset Management
Friday, June 1, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

How Flat is the World? The Interconnection of the World Economy
(McCosh Hall, Room 50)

**Moderator:** Yacine Ait-Sahalia, Director of the Bendheim Center for Finance, Otto A. Hack ’03 Professor of Finance, and Professor of Economics

**Panelists:**
- Alan S. Blinder ’67, Gordon S. Rentschler Memorial Professor of Economics and Public Affairs, Princeton University
- Emily M. Thornton ’87, Director of Research, Global Risk & Trading, Oliver Wyman
- Holly Huffman MacDonald ’02, Executive Director, Emerging Markets Strategy, JP Morgan
- E. Glen Weyl ’07 *08, Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Chicago

Politics Aside: What Do We Really Need to Do in U.S. Healthcare?
(McCosh Hall, Room 10)

**Moderator:** Heather Howard, Director of the State Health Reform Assistance Network, Faculty Affiliate of the Center for Health & Wellbeing, and Lecturer in Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School

**Panelists:**
- Laszlo Fuzesi ’77, Professor of Surgery, Pocono Medical Center
- Andrew Cronyn ’87, Staff Pediatrician, El Rio Community Health Center
- Robert Musslewhite ’92, Chief Executive Officer, The Advisory Board Company
- Catherine E. Augustyn ’07, MBA/MPH Student, Tuck School of Business and the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice

Transitions: Balancing Career and Life
(McCormick Hall, Room 101)

**Moderator:** Joan Girgus, Professor of Psychology

**Panelists:**
- Susan A. Patton ’77, Human Resources Consultant
- Amy Snyder ’82, Author and retired Management Consultant
- Dana (Benfer) White ’87, Explorer
- Kevin McLaughlin ’97, Principal & Co-Founder, Resound Marketing
- Kush M. Parmar ’02, Principal, 5AM Ventures
Friday, June 1, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

21st-Century Education: How Are We Educating Our Students?
(Whig Hall, Senate Chamber)

**Moderator:** Christopher Campisano, Director and Lecturer in the Program in Teacher Preparation

**Panelists:**
José Huizar ’94, Councilmember, City of Los Angeles
Robert Burkhardt ’62, Head of School, Eagle Rock School and Professional Development Center
Jane Mentzinger ’82, Executive Director, Communities In Schools of Chicago
Tania Shinkawa ’97, Director of Strategic Incentives, NYC Department of Education
Caitlin Sullivan ’07, MBA Candidate, Yale School of Management

Foreign Policy: Tigers on the Front Line
(Frist Campus Center, 301 Theater)

**Moderator:** Anne-Marie Slaughter ’80, Bert G. Kerstetter ’66 University Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School

**Panelists:**
Richard Jackson ’62, President Emeritus, Anatolia College
Allen Adler ’67, Private Investor and Trustee/Member of Human Rights Watch, Simon Wiesenthal Center, and Council on Foreign Relations
Thomas B. Robertson ’72, Dean (retired) of the Leadership and Management School at the State Department’s Foreign Service Institute and former U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia
Colin F. Jackson ’92, Associate Professor of Strategy, U.S. Naval War College, Newport and Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army Reserve
Peter W. Singer ’97, Director of 21st Century Defense Initiative at Brookings

Is Anyone Really Interested in Having the News Be Fair and Balanced?
(McCosh Hall, Room 50)

**Moderator:** Barton Gellman ’82, Visiting Lecturer in Public and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School, and Contributing Editor-At-Large, *Time Magazine*

**Panelists:**
Andrew P. Napolitano ’72, Senior Judicial Analyst, Fox News Channel
Kathy Kiely ’77, Managing Editor, Sunlight Foundation Reporting Group
Christopher Chambers ’82, Professor of Media Studies & Communications, Georgetown University
Louis Jacobson ’92, Senior Writer, PolitiFact
David Tukey ’02, Neuroscientist and regular FoxNews.com guest
Saturday, June 2, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

The Nook or the Book: What Is the Future of the Printed Page?  
(McCosh Hall, Room 50)

**Moderator:** Karin Trainer, University Librarian  
**Panelists:**  
Nick Nicholas ’62, 30-year career with Time Inc.  
Joel Achenbach ’82, Journalist, *The Washington Post*  
Jodi Picoult ’87, Novelist  
Jessica Gutierrez ’07, Multimedia Advertising Consultant

The Impact of the Arab Spring  
(Robertson Hall, Dodds Auditorium)

**Moderator:** Barbara Bodine, Lecturer in Public and International Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School, Diplomat-in-Residence, and former U.S. Ambassador to Yemen  
**Panelists:**  
Thanassis Cambanis *00, Columnist, *The Boston Globe*  
Whitney Azoy ’62, Anthropologist and former Director of the American Institute of Afghanistan Studies  
Roxane Farmanfarmaian ’77, Affiliated Lecturer at the Political and International Studies Department, University of Cambridge, and Middle East Fellow at the Hinckley Institute of Politics, University of Utah  
Isobel Coleman ’87, Senior Fellow, The Council on Foreign Relations, and Director of CFR’s Civil Society, Markets and Democracy Program

Is China Prepared for World Leadership?  
(McCosh Hall, Room 10)

**Moderator:** Thomas Christensen, Director of China and the World Program, William P. Boswell Professor of World Politics of Peace and War, and Professor of Politics and Public and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School  
**Panelists:**  
Sheryl WuDunn *88, President of TripleEdge and Senior Managing Director, Mid-Market Securities  
Bruce Dunning ’62, retired Correspondent, CBS News  
John Kamm ’72, Executive Director, The Dui Hua Foundation  
Peter Y. Lee ’77, Chief Counsel for Intellectual Property, Thermo Fisher Scientific  
Michael Collins ’07, Associate, Primavera Capital Group
Saturday, June 2, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Managing Our Expectations: Long-Term Energy Solutions
(McCosh Hall, Room 50)

**Moderator:** Emily Carter, Founding Director of the Andlinger Center for Energy and the Environment, Gerhard R. Andlinger Professor in Energy and the Environment, and Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and Applied and Computational Mathematics

**Panelists:**
- Robert Brenner ’75 *77, Senior Fellow, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Duke University, and former Director, Office of Policy Analysis and Review, Office of Air and Radiation at the Environmental Protection Agency
- Skip Rankin ’72, Partner, Baker & McKenzie LLP
- Tom Leyden ’77, Solar Energy Industry Executive
- David S. Ortiz ’92, Senior Engineer, RAND Corporation
- Edward Burgess ’07, Graduate Student, Program in Solar Energy Engineering and Commercialization, Arizona State University

Social Entrepreneurship/Impact Investing
(McCormick Hall, Room 101)

**Moderator:** Jennifer Widner, Director of the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice and Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School

**Panelists:**
- Frank C. Strasburger ’67, former Episcopal Chaplain, Princeton University, and Co-founder of Princeton in Africa
- Eve Thompson ’82, Resident Director, NDI - Democratic Republic of Congo
- Wendy Berry McWeeny ’92 *98, Senior Advisor, The MCJ Foundation
- Catherine Casey ’02, Head of Global Expansion, Acumen Fund
- Jason Aramburu ’07, Founder and CEO of re:char

IsAnyone Else Out There? Other Solar Systems and Galaxies
(Robertson Hall, Dodds Auditorium)

**Moderator:** Robert Vanderbei, Chair, Department of Operations Research and Financial Engineering, and Professor of Operations Research and Financial Engineering

**Panelists:**
- James Graf ’72, Deputy Director for Earth Science and Technology, NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- David N. Spergel ’82, Charles A. Young Professor of Astronomy on the Class of 1897 Foundation, Princeton University
- Mike Brown ’87, Professor of Planetary Astronomy, Caltech
- Jeremy S. Heyl ’92, Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair in Neutron Stars and Black Holes, University of British Columbia in Vancouver
- Asher Siebert ’02, Graduate Student, Geography Program at Rutgers University