Message from the Executive Director

Dear Alumni,

Here at the Earth Institute we have been working hard to create the new Earth Institute Alumni Network, which will build a community of sustainability professionals across our academic programs. The Network will help connect you to one another, to the Earth Institute, and to Columbia University as a whole.

We’re planning some exciting events in New York for the fall, including an alumni reception in conjunction with the bi-annual State of the Planet Conference on October 11th. We are also hosting the first Earth Institute Alumni Day on November 17th. Keep an eye out for more information about these and many other alumni events, including lectures, sustainability training, and networking opportunities.

We are eager to work with you to build a vibrant alumni network that sustains your connection to Columbia, enriches your professional pursuits, and builds the critical profession of sustainability management.

Steve Cohen, Executive Director,
The Earth Institute, Columbia University

PROGRAM NEWS

Sustainability Analytics Certificate Announcement
The Earth Institute and the School of Continuing Education have partnered to launch a new certificate in Sustainability Analytics!

New Director of Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory
Sean Solomon has been named the director of the Lamont Observatory and campus.

ALUMNI PROFILES

MSSM Alumni: Jessica Bollhoefer ('12)
Since completing her M.S. in Sustainability Management degree in February 2012, Jessica has started a career as a Senior Consultant at Goby – a consulting firm, which focuses on the development and implementation of sustainability plans in the real estate industry. Click here to read more.

ESP Alumni: Adam Batnick ('10)
MPA in Environmental Science and Policy alum, Adam Batnick, recently started his own business, Three Leaves Menswear, a Brooklyn-based online retail site that sells environmentally sustainable men’s clothing. Click here to read more.
SDEV Alumni: Patrick Blute (*12)
Patrick Blute found himself part of a management trainee program with the non-profit Rustic Pathways, and on his way to Southeast Asia, all within two weeks of graduating in May 2012. Click here to read more.

FACULTY PROFILES

MSSM Faculty Profile

“One can safely posit that any field of endeavor, from hospital administration to fine arts to military activity, can be hugely reformed and improved by attentiveness to sustainability management. This process typically requires creative, imaginative re-thinking.” — Adela Gondek

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TIP

Learn how to Build Your Personal Brand. Whether you are searching for a new job or are happy with your current position, it's important to always stay current on the best ways to stand out from the crowd and highlight your professional skills and attributes. If you have any tips you'd like to share with your fellow alumni and classmates, please email them to dheller@ei.columbia.edu.