

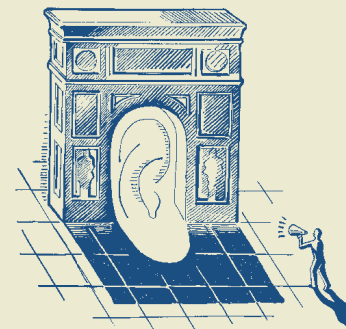
“This man-made calamity—the great liquidity crisis—has had the same effect on the international [financial] system that the asteroid had on the natural world.... There will be an extinction. Many, many species will not survive this change of atmosphere.”

—NIALL FERGUSON, LAURENCE A. TISCH PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND THE AUTHOR OF THE RECENT BOOK *THE ASCENT OF MONEY*, SPEAKING AT THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES CENTER FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS

“The UN, which embodies all that should be good about international diplomacy, is suffering a crisis of legitimacy in many parts of the world because it reflects the distribution of power in 1945, and not in 2015.”

—DAVID MILIBAND, THE UNITED KINGDOM'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, ON WHAT MATTERS SHOULD BE IN PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S "IN-BOX"

HEARD ON CAMPUS



“[The Large Hadron Collider] will reproduce, in a very small volume for a very short time, the conditions last seen in the universe when it was about a 10,000th of a second old in the early moments of the Big Bang.”

—NOBEL LAUREATE AND MIT PHYSICIST FRANK WILCZEK AT THE INSIDE-OUT SPEAKER SERIES, SPONSORED BY THE SCIENCE, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING PROGRAM AT THE ARTHUR L. CARTER JOURNALISM INSTITUTE

“Having courage to look beyond your own personal safety, to realize a vision for coming generations, can cost you your life.”

—HER MAJESTY QUEEN NOOR OF JORDAN AT AN ECUMENICAL DIALOGUE ON COMPASSIONATE LEADERSHIP, SPONSORED BY THE ROBERT F. WAGNER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SERVICE

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is the season of renewal, when we wake with expectation from the winter. As we mark a new era in Washington, D.C., and a fresh chance to tackle the challenges of the day, we have rarely felt the need for rebirth more vividly or more urgently. After taking in the harrowing economic news of recent months, it feels like we are staring down one of the greatest tests of our lifetime.

Such was the sentiment among scholars at the Leonard N. Stern School of Business last fall when they watched the astonishing global economic crisis unfold. Even as they rushed to make sense of the ruin, they realized that they must put forward their best ideas on how to rebuild a stronger financial future. The Obama administration has taken note of their recommendations, as seen in this magazine's feature, "Economy: Code Red" (p. 34), and in a new book published in March.

Barack Obama's ascendency to the presidency has not only prompted new hopes for economic policy; it has also inspired many to wonder



NYU AT THE FAR REACHES OF THE GLOBE: BRITTANY LAUGHLIN (STERN '06), TRUSTEE JAY FURMAN (LAW '71), AND PRESIDENT JOHN SEXTON POSE WITH ADELIE PENGUINS DURING A RECENT TRIP TO ANTARCTICA.

whether we now live in a "post-racial" society. While the researchers featured in "Can We Talk?" (p. 48) wouldn't say we've come that far, there is consensus that we're in a better place than ever to have a frank conversation about how race affects our work and personal lives.

From this introspection, the magazine widens its lens to look at NYU's efforts to redefine the term "global education." In order to truly understand the world

in which we live—and to help that world understand us—the university is expanding overseas to a branch campus in Abu Dhabi and a network of new study-abroad sites, as examined in "Walking the Global Walk" (p. 52).

As always, we hope this issue of *NYU Alumni Magazine* offers you new opportunity for both reflection and connection.

JOHN SEXTON

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TOP-DRAW ALUMNI AND FRIENDS PUT ON THE GLITZ FOR NYU



GRAMMY-WINNER ALICIA KEYS SPEAKS AT THE KEEP A CHILD ALIVE COLLEGE STUDENT AIDS SUMMIT.



RAINN WILSON (TSOA '89) HANGS WITH SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE CAST AND VETS AT THE TISCH GALA. FROM LEFT: KRISTEN WIIG, WILSON, TINA FEY AND HUSBAND JEFF RICHMOND, FRED ARMISEN, AND WILL FORTE.



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We Hear From You



Thank you to everyone who responded to the Fall 2008 issue. We are delighted that *NYU Alumni Magazine* continues to provoke conversation and comment.

LEADING THE WAY

I read the alumni profile of Inonge Mbikusita-Lewanika with sustained interest. She continues to be a spokesperson for those who have no voice—particularly women, children, and families facing changing times in our world. Her work in Africa and the United States has had a positive impact, and she continues to build new bridges in the world at large. Thanks for showing us the great work of an educator.

Aseye Demasio
STEINHARDT '91
New York, New York

GOING GLOBAL

I helped put my five children through college. The first got his BS from Lycoming College and his MBA from the University of Connecticut. The other four all got their BS degrees from Pennsylvania State University. One of them also got her MBA there, while another got his law degree from Villanova University. I would like to show *them* what an international university NYU is. Besides La Pietra, where else do you have international teaching locations?

Karlyle Facey
STERN '48, '56
Williamsport, Pennsylvania

Editors' note: You're in luck! Check out our feature "Walking the Global Walk," on page 52, to see just how far beyond Washington Square NYU now reaches. For more information about study abroad opportunities, go to www.nyu.edu/global.

HELPING HANDS

I read the article ["The Little Difficult"], where it was mentioned that many NYU alumni had volunteered to help in New Orleans. Ariel Harman, my daughter, graduated from NYU in 2002 and was recently sworn in as an attorney for the New Orleans Public Defenders Office. She has been working very hard representing a large number of people there.

Rosalie Harman
NYU parent
Brooklyn, New York

DANCERS ANSWER

Editors' note: Thanks to some sharp alums who wrote in, we discovered that the mysterious gravity-defying dancers pictured in our Fall 2008 issue (and below) were part of the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company, which taught annual three-week workshops at NYU from 1978 to 1985 to help new generations of dancers take flight. As it turns out, the shot was actually snapped at Purchase College in 1980 when the dance "Cavalcade" premiered—and somehow made its way into the NYU Archives.



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ARTS - University College of Arts and Science ("The Heights"); used for alumni through 1974

CAS - College of Arts and Science ("The College"); refers to the undergraduate school in arts and science, from 1994 on

CIMS - Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences

DEN - College of Dentistry

ENG - School of Engineering and Science ("The Heights"); no longer exists but is used to refer to its alumni through 1974

GAL - Gallatin School of Individualized Study, formerly Gallatin Division

GSAS - Graduate School of Arts and Science

LS - Liberal Studies Program

HON - Honorary Degree

IFA - Institute of Fine Arts

ISAW - Institute for the Study of the Ancient World

LAW - School of Law

MED - School of Medicine, formerly College of Medicine

NUR - College of Nursing

SCPS - School of Continuing and Professional Studies

SSSW - Silver School of Social Work

STEINHARDT - The Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, formerly School of Education

STERN - Leonard N. Stern School of Business, formerly the Graduate School of Business Administration; Leonard N. Stern School of Business Undergraduate College, formerly School of Commerce; and College of Business and Public Administration

TSOA - Tisch School of the Arts, formerly School of the Arts

WAG - Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, formerly Graduate School of Public Administration

WSC - Washington Square College, now College of Arts and Science; refers to arts and science undergraduates who studied at Washington Square Campus through 1974

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