Dear Columbia Families,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you back to Columbia’s campus to experience the vibrant intellectual and community life that is so treasured by our staff, faculty, and students. During the past several weeks, new students have been busy meeting with advisors, attending student activities, making friends, and exploring the opportunities available at Columbia and in New York City. We hope you enjoy hearing about their experiences and their stories convey some of what Columbia offers.

We designed Family Weekend so that you may experience for yourself some of the special aspects of life at Columbia. We invite you to attend lectures arranged for you by our faculty, learn more about the history of our campus and Morningside Heights, visit your student’s advisor, and hear about the services available to students and families. We also encourage you to get to know other Columbia families, students, and administrators through planned social activities such as Friday’s lunch in Low Memorial Library and evening Jazz Reception.

And, of course, we cannot forget that Columbia is in one of the greatest cities in the world. Explore the neighborhoods, take in a show, stroll through the parks, or get lost in a museum—New York City has something for everyone. Our Hospitality Lounge in Alfred Lerner Hall is a great place to start. We are happy to assist you with your plans and help you get the most out of your visit.

On behalf of the Office of Parent and Family Programs, I wish you an enjoyable weekend. We look forward to sharing a piece of our campus with you.

Sincerely,

Eleanor J. B. Daugherty
Associate Dean of Student Affairs
Columbia College and The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science

ABOUT THE OFFICE OF PARENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

The Office of Parent and Family Programs is housed in the Dean of Student Affairs Office and serves parents and families of students in both Columbia College and The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science. The office assists families with the transition to college, connects parents and family members to Columbia and one another, and serves as a resource for families.

Throughout the year, the Office of Parent and Family Programs plans events, publishes various communications, and corresponds with families. We invite you to visit our Web site for more information: www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/parents.

Undoubtedly, you will have a number of questions and concerns during your student’s transition to Columbia and throughout his or her Columbia career. The Office of Parent and Family Programs is pleased to be your first point of contact and looks forward to assisting you along the way.

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FAMILY WEEKEND 2009
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
OCTOBER 16–18, 2009

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:00–10:00 a.m.
Check-In and Continental Breakfast
Roone Arledge Auditorium, Alfred Lerner Hall
This is your first stop when you arrive at Columbia. Check in and pick up your nametag, a program of events, and important information that will help you make the most out of your visit to campus and New York City. A casual breakfast will be offered.

9:00–9:45 a.m.
Welcome
Roone Arledge Auditorium, Alfred Lerner Hall
Hear from Student Affairs staff as they welcome you to campus and review highlights of the weekend’s programming.

10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Hospitality/Late Check-In
2nd Floor Piano Lounge, Alfred Lerner Hall
In our Hospitality Lounge, you can check in throughout the day, sign up for Family Weekend events, pick up your prepaid tickets for various events, and learn more about activities taking place in New York City. Our staff can answer your questions, point you in the right direction, and make recommendations to ensure you have an enjoyable and busy weekend.

10:00–10:45 a.m.
Core Curriculum Lecture: Global Warming—What Does Science Really Know?
Roone Arledge Cinema, Alfred Lerner Hall
Peter deMenocal, Professor and Associate Chair, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences
Experience the newest Core course, Frontiers of Science, and learn about one of the most pressing questions of our time.

11:00–11:45 a.m.
Center for Career Education Panel
Room 555, Alfred Lerner Hall
Join members of the Center for Career Education (CCE) and students to learn about their internship and other career related experiences while at Columbia. Also learn how CCE partners with and empowers students and alumni to help them make informed decisions and achieve their career goals through counseling and professional development, internship and entrepreneurship programs, employer outreach, and major career fairs.

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Campus Tour
Depart from Visitors Center
Room 213, Low Memorial Library
Current undergraduate students provide a general overview of academic and student life at Columbia.

12:00–12:45 p.m.
Office of Undergraduate Financial Aid and Educational Financing Walk-In Hours
6th Floor, Alfred Lerner Hall
Stop in for an appointment with a financial advisor who can answer questions and provide information about financing a Columbia education.

*Please note that at many of these events, space is limited. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Where noted, advance sign-up is required. Thank you for your understanding.
SEAS Lecture: Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering Approaches for the Treatment of Sports-Related Injuries
Room 627, S. W. Mudd Building
Helen H. Lu, Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering
This lecture focuses on biomaterials and tissue engineering, which are essential components of regenerative medicine. An overview of these areas as well as how they are applied in the treatment of sport-related injuries will be discussed.

12:00–1:00 p.m.
Hollywood Tour
Depart from Alfred Lerner Hall Lobby
Join a Columbia undergraduate student for a special chance to learn more about Hollywood’s legacy at Columbia and in Morningside Heights. Tour stops include the famous Tom’s Diner featured in the television series Seinfeld and locations around campus where scenes from the hit movie Spiderman were filmed.

12:30–2:30 p.m.
Student-Athlete Family Orientation
The Marcellus Hartley Dodge Physical Fitness Center
The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Physical Education is hosting a panel discussion on “The Impact of Columbia Athletics on Future Careers.” This is an opportunity for the families of our student-athletes to meet administrators and coaches and learn more about the services provided by the department. Light fare will be served.

1:00–2:15 p.m.
Family Luncheon
Low Memorial Library
Join members of the Columbia community and other families in Low Memorial Library for a relaxing lunch. The deans of Columbia College and the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science will be on hand to welcome families and students. Professor of Computer Science John R. Kender will offer remarks reflecting on student engagement in the classroom.

2:30–4:30 p.m.
Center for Student Advising (CSA) Open Houses
Room 403, Alfred Lerner Hall;
Room 407, Alfred Lerner Hall;
Room 103, Broadway Residence Hall;
1st Floor, Schapiro Residence Hall
Advising deans from the Center for Student Advising welcome you to Columbia and share information about advising and support services. Each of the advising offices are open for you to visit and speak with the staff—ask your student which advising location is home to his or her advisor.

3:00–3:45 p.m.
Core Curriculum Lecture: Why Read Aeschylus?
Roone Arledge Cinema, Alfred Lerner Hall
Gareth Williams, Violin Family Professor of Classics, Chair of Literature Humanities
What reverberation of Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides can be heard in the 21st century? To what extent, and in what ways, can the ancient Greeks be seen addressing life themes that are as pertinent as they ever were? To what extent is Greek tragedy a form of ethical philosophy?

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Core Curriculum Lecture: Claude Monet—The Modernist Moments
Roone Arledge Cinema, Alfred Lerner Hall
Christina R. Hunter, Lecturer on Art History and Archeology
The composition and structure of Claude Monet’s paintings of Parisian boulevards and rural landscapes reveal not only the creative process of their making, but also the social and historical issues of the period. We encourage you to supplement this lecture with a visit to New York’s Museum of Modern Art (11 W. 53rd St.), where Monet’s Water Lilies exhibit is currently on display.

4:00–5:00 p.m.
Morningside Heights Tour
Depart from Alfred Lerner Hall Lobby
With great dining options and famous historical landmarks, Morningside Heights offers a rich and diverse landscape to its residents and visitors. This tour explores the history and evolution of the neighborhood and highlights various points of interest from 112th to 120th St.

5:00–6:30 p.m.
Louis Armstrong Jazz Performance Program Reception
Low Memorial Library
Join us for an informal and relaxed jazz reception featuring Columbia’s own students from the acclaimed Louis Armstrong Jazz Performance Program. Cocktails and light hors d’oeuvres will be offered to cap off a busy day.

Free Evening to Spend with Students
Use your time this evening to explore the sights and sounds of New York City, the Morningside Heights neighborhood, and campus. Information about events, recommended dining, and city sights will be available in the Hospitality Lounge.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Hospitability/Late Check-In
2nd Floor Piano Lounge, Alfred Lerner Hall

10:00–11:00 a.m.
Steps Toward Social Change Tour
Depart from Alfred Lerner Hall Lobby
Columbia University’s campus has a rich legacy steeped in sociopolitical awareness, dialogue, and action. This tour provides a glimpse into the University’s history of activism and multicultural/cross-cultural dialogue that reflects students’ leadership in the complex struggle for social justice and equity locally, nationally, and globally. At the conclusion of the tour, a brunch in Room 555, Alfred Lerner Hall, will be offered.

10:00–11:00 a.m.
Café Humanities:
Emerson’s Revelations
Low Memorial Library Faculty Room
Roosevelt Montás, Director of the Core Curriculum, Professor of English, Comparative Literature, and American Studies
A look at the emergence and general thrust of America’s first intellectual and aesthetic movement: transcendentalism. Examining works by Emerson, Thoreau, and others, this lecture explores some of the major insights and concerns of the movement and ponders their relevance to American culture.

11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Homecoming Picnic
Baker Athletics Complex
Join members of the alumni community as well as current families for a catered pregame picnic. Prepurchased tickets may be picked up at the event. Picnic tickets also are available onsite: $22 for adults and $12 for children. Columbia Athletics will sponsor complimentary shuttle buses from Columbia’s Morningside Heights campus to and from Baker Field, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and returning after the game.

1:30–3:30 p.m.
Homecoming Football Game
Baker Athletics Complex
Stop by the family area at Baker Field and cheer for the Columbia Lions as they take on the University of Pennsylvania. Kick-off is at 1:30 p.m. Prepurchased tickets will be available for pick-up when you check in at Family Weekend. Depending on availability, tickets may also be available for purchase upon check-in. Columbia Athletics is sponsoring complimentary shuttle buses from Columbia’s Morningside Heights campus to and from Baker Field, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and returning after the game.

1:30–4:30 p.m.
Open Dress Rehearsal: Iannis Xenakis Composer Portrait
Miller Theatre, 2760 Broadway at 116th St. [entrance just north of the main campus gates]
Join Columbia’s Miller Theatre for an afternoon preview of the Iannis Xenakis Composer Portrait concert. Mathematician, architect, Greek resistance fighter, and composer, Xenakis (1922–2001) was a musical prophet of the digital age. This dress rehearsal features percussion superstar Steven Schick and New York’s International Contemporary Ensemble playing a range of works as they pay tribute to this master-mind. Learn more about the arts at Columbia and hear opening remarks from Miller Theatre’s new director, Melissa Smey.

Free Evening to Spend with Students

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
The Kraft Center Tour and Open House
606 W. 115th St. at Broadway
Families are welcome to visit the Kraft Center for Jewish Student Life for a tour and open house. Learn more about the vibrant Jewish campus community here at Columbia.

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
St. Paul’s Chapel Tour
Meet inside St. Paul’s Chapel, on campus, to the east of Low Memorial Library
The Office of the University Chaplain ministers to the individual faiths of Columbia University’s diverse community. The University Chaplain, Jewellal Davis, will be on hand to answer questions and give a tour of the Nave of the Chapel.

12:15–1:15 p.m.
The Riverside Church Tour
490 Riverside Drive between 120th and 121st St.
The Riverside Church is an interdenominational, interracial, and international congregation built in 1927. This tour, offered by the Church each Sunday, will include a brief history and a summary of programs.

2:00–3:00 p.m.
On Common Ground Tour
The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Ave. at 112th St.
This tour focuses on the role of the Cathedral as a “house of prayer for all people.” Visitors will learn about the parallels between Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and the Vedic traditions as they are reflected in the Cathedral’s architecture and artwork.
Please sign up in advance.

2:30–5:30 p.m.
Chicago the Musical
Ambassador Theatre, 219 W. 49th St. between Broadway and 8th Ave.

3:00–6:00 p.m.
West Side Story
The Palace Theatre, 1564 Broadway between 46th and 47th St.
Prepurchased tickets to Chicago the Musical or West Side Story may be picked up at Family Weekend check-in. Unclaimed tickets will be left at the theatre’s box office just before the start of the show.
**Peter deMenocal** is a professor and associate chair in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences. At Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, he uses stable isotopic and other geochemical analyses of marine sediments to understand how and why past climates have changed. He has a Ph.D. in geology from Columbia.

**Robert E. Harrist Jr.** is the Jane and Leopold Swoergold Professor of Chinese Art History. He has published books and articles on Chinese painting, calligraphy, and gardens, as well as on topics such as replicas in Chinese art, clothing in 20th-century China, and contemporary artists such as Xu Bing. His most recent book, *The Landscape of Words*, studies the role of language in shaping perceptions of the natural world. During 2006–2007, he was the Slade Professor of Fine Art at Cambridge University.

**Christina R. Hunter** is a modernist art historian specializing in the history and techniques of collage. She teaches Art Humanities and a collage course at Columbia University. She is currently on the staff of the Museum of Modern Art, where she lectures on topics in the permanent collection and special exhibitions. She is also a practicing artist using the name Christina Stahr and is represented by several galleries.

**John R. Kender** is a professor in the Department of Computer Science. His research interests include computer vision, video understanding, and artificial intelligence.

**Helen H. Lu** received her undergraduate and doctoral degrees in bioengineering from the University of Pennsylvania and joined the faculty at Columbia University in the summer of 2001. Professor Lu is currently the associate professor of biomedical engineering and the director of the Biomaterials and Interface Tissue Engineering Laboratory at Columbia. She also holds a joint appointment at the Columbia College of Dental Medicine. Her research focuses on orthopedic interface tissue engineering and the formation of complex tissue systems, with the goal of achieving integrative and functional repair of soft tissue injuries and ultimately improving the quality of life for patients.

**Jack McGourty** is the associate dean for undergraduate studies at The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science, and, as a faculty member, teaches courses in engineering design, science, technology, society studies, and technology management. He is also executive director of the Center for Technology, Innovation, and Community Engagement, Columbia’s institutional home for community-based learning programs.

**Roosevelt Montás**, director of the Core Curriculum, is a professor of English and Comparative Literature and American Studies. He received both his B.A. and his Ph.D. from Columbia University. Professor Montás’s work explores ideas of citizenship and American national identity in the period leading up to the Civil War. He has also written and lectured on the role of humanities education in a research university.

**Barclay Morrison III** is an associate professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Columbia University. His research focus is on traumatic brain injury, specifically, its biomechanics at the tissue level, as well as the biochemical, genomic, and molecular pathways responsible for post-traumatic cell death. In 2001, Professor Morrison was the recipient of the Richard Skalak Best Paper Award given by the American Society for Mechanical Engineers for his publication in the *Journal of Biomechanical Engineering*. In 2003, he received the John Paul Stapp Award for the best paper for his contribution to that year’s *Stapp Car Crash Journal*. In 2009, he gave a keynote address at the annual conference of the International Research Council on Biomechanics of Injury.

**Elizabeth Scharffenberger** is a lecturer in the Department of Classics. Her areas of interest include Plato and Aristotle, as well as Athenian drama, and she enjoys teaching Contemporary Civilization whenever she can.

**Andrew Smyth** is an associate professor in the Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics. He is a civil engineer specializing in structural mechanics with special emphasis on system identification problems and their potential application in the assessment and control of structures. He obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Southern California in 1998. His dissertation focused on nonlinear system identification and modeling for structural control.

**Chris Wiggins** graduated from Columbia in 1993. While he was an undergraduate, he participated in a number of research projects, with two papers resulting from his undergraduate research. Professor Wiggins completed his Ph.D. in theoretical physics at Princeton before becoming an instructor at New York University. He joined the faculty of Columbia in 2001. Professor Wiggins has also held visiting researcher positions at the Institut Curie (Paris) and the Hahn-Meitner Institut (Berlin). His research centers on applications of mathematics in biology, particularly statistical inference and analysis of biological networks.

**Gareth Williams**, the Violin Family Professor of Classics, is in his third year as chair of Literature Humanities. One of his favorite official duties is to give the first Literature Humanities lecture, on *The Iliad*, to each incoming first-year class during its Orientation week.
**Local Attractions**

**American Museum of Natural History**  
Central Park West (at 79th St.)  
212-769-5100

**Cathedral of St. John the Divine**  
1047 Amsterdam Ave. (at 112th St.)  
212-316-7490

**Central Park**  
59th to 110th St.; 5th Ave. to Central Park West  
212-310-6600

**The Cloisters**  
Margaret Corbin Road (within Fort Tryon Park, northern Manhattan)  
212-923-3700

**Guggenheim Museum**  
5th Ave. (at 89th St.)  
212-423-3500

**Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts**  
70 Lincoln Center Plaza (between 62nd and 66th St. on the West Side)  
212-875-5000

**Metropolitan Museum of Art**  
5th Ave. (at 85th St.)  
212-535-7710

**Museum of Modern Art**  
11 W. 53rd St.  
212-708-9400

**New York Public Library**  
5th Ave. (between W. 40th and W. 42nd St.)  
212-930-0800

**Rockefeller Center**  
5th and 6th Ave. (from east to west, between 47th and 50th St. south to north)  
212-332-6868

**South Street Seaport**  
Fulton and South Streets, Pier 17 (Lower Manhattan)  
212-732-7678

**Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island**  
South Ferry at Battery Park  
212-363-3200

**Times Square**  
6th and 8th Ave. (from east to west; W. 40th and W. 53rd St. from south to north)

**United Nations**  
1st Ave. at 45th St.  
212-963-8687

**Dining in Morningside Heights and Nearby**

**Absolute Bagels**  
2788 Broadway (between 107th and 108th St.)  
212-932-2052 (Deli $)

**Amsterdam Restaurant & Tapas Lounge**  
1207 Amsterdam Ave. (between 119th and 120th St.)  
212-662-6330 (American $$)

**Campo**  
2888 Broadway (between 112th and 113th St.)  
212-864-1143 (Italian $$)

**Chipotle**  
2843 Broadway (near 110th St.)  
212-222-1712 (Tacos/Burritos $)

**Deluxe on Broadway**  
2896 Broadway (near 112th St.)  
212-662-7900 (Diner $$)

**Havana Central**  
2911 Broadway (between 113th and 114th St.)  
212-662-8830 (Cuban $$)

**Hudson River Café**  
697 West 133 St. (on 12th Ave.)  
212-491-9111 (American $$)

**Kitchenette Uptown**  
1272 Amsterdam Ave. (near 123rd St.)  
212-531-7600 (American $$)

**Le Monde**  
2885 Broadway (between 112th and 113th St.)  
212-531-3939 (French $$)

**Max Soha**  
1274 Amsterdam Ave. (at 123rd St.)  
212-531-2221 (Italian $$)

**Milano Market**  
2892 Broadway (between 112th and 113th St.)  
212-665-9500 (Italian Market/Deli $)

**M2M**  
2937 Broadway (near 115th St.)  
212-662-4800 (American $$)

**Nussbaum & Wu Bakery**  
2893 Broadway (at 113th St.)  
212-222-3367 (Market/Deli $$)

**Rack & Soul**  
2818 Broadway (near 109th St.)  
212-222-4800 (Barbeque/Southern $$)

**Subconscious**  
2919 Broadway (at 114th St.)  
212-932-0300 (Coffee $)

**Terrace in the Sky**  
400 W. 119th St.  
212-666-9490 (French/Fine Dining $$$)

**Toast**  
2737 Broadway (at 105th St.)  
212-663-7010 (American $$)

**Westside Market**  
2840 Broadway  
212-222-3367 (Market/Deli $$)

**Local Banks**

**Bank of America**  
2770 Broadway (at 107th St.)

**Chase**  
2875 Broadway (at 112th St.)

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