

# Keep the Connection

**Stay involved with SAIS—and friends, faculty and current students—through JHU and SAIS alumni groups**

## The Johns Hopkins University Alumni Association

SAIS alumni are part of the JHU Alumni Association, a network with chapters in more than 20 domestic cities and a dozen international clubs, many headed by SAIS Washington, Bologna and Nanjing alumni. The JHU alumni community is a volunteer-driven effort through which alumni come together to support the university and its nine schools, including SAIS. Activities range from educational lectures and cultural presentations to social events. See the current listing of alumni leaders of U.S. chapters and a listing of international clubs at [www.alumni.jhu.edu/chapters](http://www.alumni.jhu.edu/chapters).

## SAIS Regional Alumni Clubs

SAIS Alumni Relations is working with graduates to form strong, regionally based alumni clubs in key areas: Boston, New York, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and international locations where alumni initiate club formation. The goal is to develop an effective, locally based organizational structure to deliver alumni-oriented programming and communication. Members reconnect with each other and with SAIS, participating in student recruitment, providing career guidance and employment opportunities, and more fully engaging in their support of SAIS.

The SAIS New York Alumni Club was launched in 2008 through JHU inCircle, a new online networking tool. Since its inception, the New York network has successfully planned and executed several events, including an April lecture with Professor Riordan Roett, to which prospective SAIS students were invited, and a June happy hour with alumni and current student interns. A July steering committee meeting consisting of eight alumni leadership members was held to map out the club's organizational framework and its role in advancing the school's

### How to Join

To become a member of these groups, register on JHU inCircle at [www.alumni.jhu.edu](http://www.alumni.jhu.edu). Over the next three years, at least three more SAIS regional clubs will be formed. If you would like to get involved in your area, contact the SAIS Office of Alumni Relations at [saisalum@jhu.edu](mailto:saisalum@jhu.edu).

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The SAIS Dubai Alumni Club came together through the efforts of SAIS graduates living and working in Dubai. Finding it difficult to network with other professionals in international relations, Vahid Fotuhi '02 set out to form a SAIS club. Initially the number of SAIS alumni in Dubai was small, but as with most things in Dubai, it quickly grew. With new alumni arriving almost monthly, the club now has about 20 members. Alumni organize events every one to two months in which they try to incorporate a cultural or unique local aspect. The club's last function was a Suhour dinner—a traditional Arabic feast served during the month of Ramadan under a big tent with live Arabic music.



**John Etili; Emine Etili B'01, '02; Amir Pasic '87 from SAIS's Development Office; Camille Amoun B'03 with guest; Shirina Fotuhi; and Vahid Fotuhi '02 at the SAIS Dubai Alumni Club's first event**

# SAIS Alumni Benefit News

**SAIS has a number of benefits available to alumni, in addition to those offered through the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association**

## USE THE SAIS LIBRARY

Library services available to SAIS alumni range from free access to the SAIS Mason Library to access to online resources via Hopkins KnowledgeNET, a virtual library available to all dues-paying members of the alumni association. SAIS alumni may request a free alumni pass for in-house use of the Mason Library's print or online collections or alumni borrowing privileges for a fee (\$25 for six months to borrow from SAIS only; \$100 for six months to borrow from all JHU libraries). For more information, contact the library reference desk at **202.663.5901** or [lcarlson@jhu.edu](mailto:lcarlson@jhu.edu).

## ENROLL IN A SUMMER COURSE

Spend part of your summer taking evening courses in international relations, economics, policy studies, development, conflict management, regional studies and more. Enroll in an intensive language course in Arabic, Hindi-Urdu, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese or Political Russian. Alumni receive a 25 percent tuition reduction on all summer courses. For details, go to [www.sais-jhu.edu/summer](http://www.sais-jhu.edu/summer).

## TAKE ONLINE PROFESSIONAL SKILLS COURSES

SAIS Career Services offers alumni the opportunity to take two professional development skills courses: Introductory Financial Accounting and Introductory Finance. These online courses are offered through Harvard Business School Publications and are independent study. The cost of each course is \$34.50. For registration instructions, contact Martina Leinz at [mleinz@jhu.edu](mailto:mleinz@jhu.edu).

## CONNECT WITH FELLOW ALUMNI ONLINE

JHU inCircle is a secure social online community that allows you to connect with friends based on shared interests, profession, location and more. Log in at [www.alumni.jhu.edu](http://www.alumni.jhu.edu) to gain free access to this exclusive network. Once in, you can keep in touch with friends, update your contact information, meet alumni in your area, network with alumni around the world, browse jobs or create a SAIS alumni club in your area.

## RECEIVE SAIS PUBLICATIONS

A benefit of staying in touch is receiving *SAIS Alumni NEWS*, our monthly e-newsletter; *SAIS Reports*; and *SAISPHERE*. So stay in touch often, and keep us informed of updates to your contact information. Contact [saisalum@jhu.edu](mailto:saisalum@jhu.edu) or **202.663.5641**.

## SHARE YOUR NEWS

Published a book? Traveled the world? Received a promotion? E-mail your latest personal and professional news, and we will share it with the rest of the SAIS community in the next issue of *SAISPHERE*. Send information to SAIS Office of Alumni Relations, 1740 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, or e-mail [saisalum@jhu.edu](mailto:saisalum@jhu.edu).



Michael Van Dusen receiving his award from Bonnie Wilson B'67, '67, Ph.D. '71 and Tain Tompkins '68, JHU '70

**MICHAEL VAN DUSEN '68, Ph.D. '71** received the 2008 Johns Hopkins University Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award on October 24. Van Dusen is the deputy director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a position he has held since 1999. Previously, Van Dusen worked for nearly 30 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, culminating his career there as the Democratic chief of staff for the Committee on International Affairs. The award honors alumni who have typified the Johns Hopkins tradition of excellence and have brought credit to the university by their personal accomplishment, professional achievement or humanitarian service.

**ROBERT HILDRETH '75** was formally presented with the 2007 Johns Hopkins University Alumni Association's Heritage Award on October 15. Hildreth is president, chief executive officer and founder of IBS, Inc., a private firm that invests in and trades loans, bonds and other debt instruments in international markets. At SAIS he serves on the advisory council, and in 2005 he established the Riordan Roett Professorship in Latin American Studies in honor of his former professor. Most recently, he funded a new technology leader position at SAIS to help integrate the school's technological opportunities with its educational achievement. Through his charitable foundation, Hildreth is a strong supporter of immigrant rights and education. The Heritage Award honors alumni and friends of Johns Hopkins who have contributed outstanding service over an extended period to the progress of the university or the activities of the alumni association.



Robert Hildreth accepting his award