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First Mother at the J-School

Sylvia Auerbach

Alumna

Graduate School of Journalism 1960

"Can youthful dreams come true? In my case, yes . . ." [View](#)**Somewhere Child**

Bonnie Lee Black

Alumna

School of General Studies 1979

"Following is a passage from my book, *Somewhere**Child* . . ." [View](#) ❖❖**Political Turmoil on Campus**

Reinaldo Bonachea

Alumnus

School of Engineering and Applied Science 1972

School of Engineering and Applied Science 1974

Columbia College 1971 "I have many great memories of Columbia, but also had the misfortune to start . . ." [View](#) ❖❖**Love Letter to Alma Mater**

Rudy Carmenaty

Alumnus

School of Law 1990

"Columbia is indeed a special place. Every time I walk across College Walk . . ." [View](#) ❖❖**9/11/2001**

Steven Chao

Alumnus

Columbia College 2003

"September 11, 2001 will go down in American history as one of its most tragic days. But despite . . ." [View](#) ❖❖**Reflections—An Octogenarian's Recollection**

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School of Pharmaceutical Sciences 1939

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School of General Studies 1966

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Steve Conway

Alumnus

Columbia College 1969

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences 1971

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The Dual Degree

Charles D. Cook

Alumnus, Other

School of Law 1950

School of International and Public Affairs 1950

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Don't Trust Anyone Under 50!

Frank da Cruz

Alumnus, Neighbor, Parent, Staff Member

School of Engineering and Applied Science 1977

School of General Studies 1970

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Computing at Columbia

Frank da Cruz

Alumnus, Neighbor, Parent, Staff Member

School of Engineering and Applied Science 1977

School of General Studies 1970

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Regarding Sid Luckman

Andy Dolan

Alumnus

School of Law 1970

School of Public Health 1980

"I grew up in Chicago, two doors down from Luckman . . ." [View »](#)

Columbia University: Who Could Ask for Anything More?

Joe Dorinson

Alumnus, Faculty

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences 1968

School of General Studies 1965

Columbia College 1958

"I entered Columbia College in 1954, a neophyte Marxist in an era dominated by Joe McCarthy . . ." [View »](#)

Donald Keene Changed my Life

Ann Marie (Bonasera) Errera

Alumna

School of International and Public Affairs 1975

Teachers College 1975

"I remember that the School of International Affairs in the 1970s was like a mini-United Nations . . ." [View »](#)

An Epiphany of Certainty

Daniel Feldman

Alumnus

Columbia College 1970

"I told one of my SDS friends that, thirty years later, when he'd be a right winger . . ." [View »](#)

No More Nukes

Stanley Futterman

Alumnus, Parent

Columbia College 1961

"On a beautiful sunny day in the spring of 1961 . . ." [View »](#)

Fraternizing with the Enemy in '68

John Gaguine

Alumnus

Columbia College 1969

"During the events of spring 1968, I joined the members of the Majority Coalition . . ." [View »](#)

Writing Home

Joseph Gerver

Alumnus

Columbia College 1970

"From a letter to my parents, May 16, 1967 . . ." [View »](#)

The Last All-Male Class

Philippe Gouamba

Alumnus

Columbia College 1982

"I am proud to say that the Class of '82 is a very special class indeed . . ." [View »](#)

A Decade of Love and Hate

Peter Graham

Alumnus, Staff Member

School of General Studies 1969

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences 1970

"I was a staff member and a student at various times from 1960 through 1970 . . ." [View »](#)

Remembering Sam

Florence (Flo) Grant

Staff Member

"I came to work at Columbia in 1961, and enjoyed knowing Sam Steinberg for 21 of his 40 years here . . ." [View »](#)

The Launch of Sputnik

Thomas Wm. Hamilton

Alumnus

Columbia College 1960

"I was a sophomore, taking Astronomy 1 with Professor Jan Schilt, when Sputnik 1 was launched . . ." [View »](#)

Studying and Protesting in 1968

Robert Hegel

Alumnus

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences 1967

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences 1973

"As a Ph.D. candidate finishing my coursework during the spring of 1968 . . ." [View »](#)

Swaying the Vote

Donald Hymes

Alumnus

Columbia College 1953

Graduate School of Journalism 1954

"In the early 1950s, we were much like our predecessors, hoping Lou Little could return . . ." [View »](#)

Memories of the Columbia Journalism Guild

Amos Jones

Alumnus

Graduate School of Journalism 2003

"We were the Journalism School class that entered Columbia along with President Lee Bollinger . . ." [View »](#)

Columbia and Race: In the Right and in the Wrong

Wendy Jones

Alum

School of the Arts 1981

"After three years of living, working, and studying in Japan and three months of backpacking . . ." [View »](#)

Unity on Common Grounds

Eli Kavon

Alumnus

Columbia College 1987

"Class was about to begin in an auditorium of the Columbia Law School on a November afternoon . . ." [View »](#)

Jesse Jackson Comes to Campus

Elizabeth King

Alumna

Columbia College 1988

"Some of my most vivid memories are connected to the three weeks of apartheid protests . . ." [View »](#)

Columbia in the 1960s

Howard Lipan

Alumnus, Staff Member

School of General Studies 1966

"Columbia University in the 1960s was host to important causes I felt passionately . . ." [View »](#)

Margaret Mead: Behind Enemy Lines

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"In September 1962, I began my undergraduate studies, majoring in psychology . . ." [View >>](#)

Technology in Education

Jason Magnus

Alumnus, Staff Member

Columbia College 2003

"What amazes me about my time at Columbia was the seamless and unrecognized transition, in regards to computer use . . ." [View >>](#)

Memories of the Cold War Era

Eugene Milone

Alumnus

Columbia College 1961

"I remember my first-year Contemporary Civilizations course in 1957 . . ." [View >>](#)

How Columbia Students Petitioned the New York City Government to Improve the Safety of the 116th Street and Broadway Subway Station

Chauncey Olinger

Alumnus

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences 1971

"During the 1963-64 academic year, the students of Columbia University joined together . . ." [View >>](#)

Eisenhower at Columbia

Robert Orkand

Alumnus

Columbia College 1958

"Ike stood on the stage of McMillan Theater in September 1950 and welcomed . . ." [View >>](#)

Two Times at Columbia

Maressa Hecht Orzack

Alumna, Other

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences 1951

"My connection with Columbia was twofold . . ." [View >>](#)

Graduating from Law School at the Millennium

Monick Paul

Alumnus

School of Law 2000

"I remember being a 3L at Columbia in 2000, the year many law firms' starting salaries . . ." [View >>](#)

Cross-Cultural History

Gregory Rideout

Alumnus

Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation 1996

Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation 1994

"New York / Paris program (1993 - 1994) Co-Director
Meredeth Sykes knew Paris like the back of her
hand . . ." [View »](#)

A Cute Story About Early Coeducation

Ena Roseman

Alumna

School of Nursing 1978

"As nursing students entering as freshman in 1974, we were
placed in the Columbia dorms . . ." [View »](#)

No Beethoven, Please! We're Electronic!

Albert C. Ruocchio

Alumnus, Staff Member, Student

Columbia College 1958

School of Engineering and Applied Science 1959

School of Engineering and Applied Science 1961

"As a student of the School of Engineering from 1957 to
1961, I had the privilege . . ." [View »](#)

Graduating While Serving in WWII

Paul Sandhaus

Alumnus

Columbia College 1944

"On May 8, 1943, the Columbia Enlisted Reserve Corps
(ERC) was called to active duty . . ." [View »](#)

Our C250 Wedding

Kathryn Schneider

Alumna

Columbia College 1988

School of Law 1991

"On October 19, 2003, during C250 kickoff weekend, I
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Through the Eyes of a Returning Vietnam Vet

Christian Seger

Alumnus

Graduate School of Business, 1966

"For four years, I served my country proudly in the United
States Navy . . ." [View »](#)

Columbia Born

Thomas Shapiro

Alumnus, Neighbor, Student

Columbia College 1962

"Until I was about 14, we lived at 411 West 114 Street. My
father, Dr. Harry L. Shapiro, taught . . ." [View »](#)

Opening Doors with a Columbia Education

Barry Siegel

Alumnus

Columbia College 1961

Graduate School of Business 1965

School of Law 1965

"Columbia College mercifully rescued a callow, untutored
Queens youth . . ." [View »](#)

Gilbert & Sullivan on Morningside Heights

Samuel Silvers

Alumnus

Columbia College 1982

School of Law 1985

"For about 45 years, ending in 1991, the Barnard Gilbert & Sullivan Society offered students . . ." [View >>](#)

Orgo Night Y2K

Tamar Simon

Alum

Columbia College 2003

"One of my most memorable experiences at Columbia was Orgo Night . . ." [View >>](#)

Richard Cloward

Robert Solomon

Alum

School of Social Work 1976

"The years have passed quickly since my first day as a young graduate student at Columbia . . ." [View >>](#)

All-Star Physicists

Michael Tannenbaum

Alumnus

Columbia College 1959

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences 1960

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences 1965

"In my career as an undergraduate and graduate student at Columbia . . ." [View >>](#)

On Meeting and Remembering Paul Robeson

Juliana M. Taylor

Student

Teachers College 2006

"When I was somewhere between the ages of about 10 and 12, I met Mr. Paul Robeson . . ." [View >>](#)

From Morningside Heights to Foggy Bottom

Stephen Joel Trachtenberg

Alumnus, Friend, Parent

Columbia College 1959

"I was a history major at Columbia, the perfect, all-purpose course of study . . ." [View >>](#)

Remembering Jim Stallman

Harris Turkel

Alumnus

Columbia College 1966

Graduate School of Business 1968

"With respect to Chauncey Olinger's story about the removal of the 116th Street subway kiosk . . ." [View >>](#)

CU on TV

Lila Harvey Youngs

Alumna

School of General Studies 1960

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