special adviser for governance and strategic planning, has resumed her tenured position as a profes-
sor of public policy at SIPA and in the Department of Political Science. Fuchs, who taught at Columbia and Barnard for 20 years before going on leave, is excited to strengthen the University’s ties with the City of New York by adding new course offerings on urban politics and policy and by holding workshops for New York City government officials.

Law

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Jan. 19 that he has recruited law school professor JAMES L. LIEBMAN to head the school’s new Center for Urban Policy and the Law. Liefman and Klein have known each other since the latter’s tenure with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, when they were proposing select of a school deseg- regation case and on the same side of a capital case. Liebman will take a two-year leave of absence to assume his new role, which he will fill part-time at the law school. ‘We are proud to share Professor Liebman’s energy and creativity with the children of New York City’s schools,’ said law school dean DAVID SCHIZER. ‘He epitomizes the ambition of Columbia Law School to tackle our hardest problems, and to develop concrete solutions.

Social Work

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On Jan. 20, CUSSW welcomed three visiting social work professionals from Central Asia as part of its Network Scholarship Program. NIJAT MAMMAL-Do, a visiting scholar from Kazakhstan and RENAT ORZOVA from Kyrgyzstan. The program, which is funded by the Open Society Institute, is designed to immerse visiting scholars in social work theory and practice while preparing them to play leading roles in establishing the social work profession in their countries. ‘This program provides outstanding junior faculty with the opportunity to expand their knowledge and specialize in an unfamiliar area of interest,’ said CUSSW dean JEANETTE TAKA- MURA. ‘At the same time, the social work school will be enriched by the cultural perspectives and experiences these three professors bring to our intellectual life.’

Remembered

Carnegie Hall on Jan. 11, attended by more than a thousand people, with tributes from many leading lights in New York’s fashion world.

FASHION LEGEND KAL RUTTENSTEIN

Kalman Rutterstein, who earned an M.B.A. at Columbia, died on Dec. 8 from complications from lymphoma. He was 69.

Rutterstein put his business acumen to work in the fashion industry, achiev-
ing a reputation as one of its most pow-
erful retailers. Rutterstein’s websites, it was revealed, he occupied the position of senior vice presi-
dent of fashion direction, he was cele-
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Haxby’s signal achievement was the first global “gravity field” map of the world’s ocean floor, created in 1983 using measurements collected five years ear-
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ar who worked with Haxby on the first maps.

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Engineering Force RALPH J. SCHWARZ

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