As a member of Columbia Business School’s Career Education and Advising team, Diana provides individual and group career coaching for MBA students, covering all phases of the job search process including self-assessment, networking strategy, resume and cover letter critique, interview preparation, negotiation and job offer management. Diana is also CMC liaison to Columbia’s Private Equity and Venture Capital Club (PEVC), Technology Business Group (TBG), Columbia Entrepreneurs Organization (CEO) and Healthcare Industry Association (HCIA).

Prior to joining Columbia Business School in 2012, Diana spent five years working in MBA career development at NYU Stern’s Career Center for Working Professionals with Stern’s Part-Time, Executive MBA students and Alumni in career coaching, program development, campus recruiting and experienced hired talent management.

Prior to her work in MBA career services, Diana spent 2003-2007 working in brand management in the consumer packaged goods industry at PepsiCo’s Quaker Oats Company, Cadbury Schweppes and Unilever’s Home & Personal Care Division for household brands including Aunt Jemima, Life Cereal, Snapple, and Axe Shower Gel. Earlier in her career, Diana spent four years working at a boutique management consulting firm, Marakon Associates, developing corporate, business unit and organizational strategies for Fortune 100 clients.

Diana earned her MBA from the University of Michigan’s Ross School of Business in 2003, and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Markets and Management Studies, with Honors from Duke University.
Career Advisor

Mike De Lucia
Director, International Advising and Business Development

Club Liaison

In his capacity as Director of International Advising and Business Development, Mike leads International marketing and business development initiatives on behalf of the MBA student population while also advising International students and their colleagues on career management and the job search process. His extensive corporate experience includes roles in Sales & Trading and MBA recruitment at J.P. Morgan and over 15 years of achievement in Media and Entertainment driving marketing, operations and cross-functional teams in the US and abroad within organizations such as 20th Century Fox, PHD Media, and News Limited. Michael holds a B.A. from Cornell University, an MBA from Columbia Business School, and an MA in International Relations from The Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies. Though a native New Yorker, he has also lived and worked abroad in Rome, London and Sydney.
Jennifer Merchant
Sr. Associate Director, MBA Career Education & Advising

Club Liaison

Jennifer has more than fourteen years of experience in film finance, distribution, strategy and operations – including greenlighting P&L creation and analysis, talent deal term negotiations, and slate financing both for big budget movies as well as indie arthouse fare. During her time at Paramount, Jennifer worked on major motion pictures such as Mission Impossible 3, Mean Girls, and School of Rock, as well as the Oscar-nominated and award-winning films, Babel, An Inconvenient Truth, No Country for Old Men, and There Will Be Blood. After Paramount, Jennifer became Head of Finance and Strategic Operations for Red Envelope Entertainment, a subsidiary of Netflix, where she evaluated the company’s opportunities for film acquisition and electronic delivery. Jennifer transitioned into an entrepreneurial role when she joined the New York startup space as COO of Slated, Inc., an online venture that gives investors exclusive access to a socially-vetted marketplace of high-quality filmmakers, distributors, sales agents, and other industry veterans. She has also regularly worked as an independent consultant, where her projects have spanned the gamut from assisting entrepreneurs and small companies with establishing business plan strategies, financial forecasting, creating investor decks and improving operational efficiencies to advising producers on ways to enhance the economic viability of their films.

Prior to business school, Jennifer was an investment banking analyst at J.P. Morgan, after which she moved on to Butler Capital, a private equity firm based in New York City. She received an MBA with a concentration in media management from Columbia Business School in 2001, and also holds a B.S. in Business Administration cum laude from Georgetown University with majors in Finance and International Business and a minor in Psychology.
Sabeen Ali

Associate Director, International Advising and Business Development

Club Liaison
Social Enterprise Club, International Development Club,
Energy Club, South Asian Business Association

Sabeen advises international students on their career development and works with international organizations to help them effectively recruit Columbia MBAs. Prior to joining Columbia in 2012, Sabeen worked in Career Management at NYU's Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, where she advised over 1,000 graduate students and alumni on jobs in multiple private sector industries as well as social enterprises, non-profits and multi-lateral organizations.

Prior to Career Management, Sabeen worked in the global energy space. Through her work in the Sustainable Energy group at the World Bank-IFC and the Energy practice at the UBS Investment Bank, she has experience on the development as well as the corporate side. While at the IFC she worked on renewable energy projects in Turkey, South Africa and India. She has also consulted for the Climate Change team at the Environmental Defense Fund and worked at the Council on Foreign Relations.

Sabeen has a Masters in International Development from the Harvard Kennedy School.
Laurie Boockvar
Associate Director, MBA Career Education & Advising

Club Liaison
General Management Association, Columbia Student Investment Management Association, Columbia Finance Club

Laurie has worked in the Career Management Center at CBS for the past 17 years. As a member of the CEA team, she specializes in the core job search skills such as self-assessment, networking, resume and cover letter development, interview preparation and managing the job search process. In addition, Laurie is a liaison to the Columbia Student Investment Management Assoc. (CSIMA), Columbia Finance Organization, and the General Management Association.

Prior to joining Columbia Business School, Laurie spent 4 years in a career development capacity in both academia and industry and served as an adjunct instructor at NYUs Center for Career, Education and Life Planning and in the Adult Degree Studies Division.

Laurie has an MA in Counseling from NYU and a BA in Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania.
Tricia provides MBA students career development guidance, including individual and small-group coaching, networking strategy, reviewing resumes and cover letters, preparing for an interview, and driving and managing the job search. She also delivers professional development workshops, manages the Career Fellows program and liaises with the Marketing Association of Columbia (MAC), Retail & Luxury Goods Club (RLG), Media Management Association (MMA), Columbia Women in Business (CWIB) and the Wine Society.

Tricia earned her MBA in 2009 from Columbia Business School, with a concentration on marketing and management and was an MBA Buyer Intern at Target.com. While at CBS, she was president of MAC, a Cluster Leader on the Peer Advising Team, Career Fellow, CWIB Conference Manager, and an active member of RLG, MMA, the Wine Society and Women's Touch Ruby. At graduation, she was honored with the Amena Elliot Webster Memorial Award for Academic Excellence in Marketing.

Prior to Columbia, Tricia received her BA in Political Science from Colgate University and was an intern in the White House Press Office. Tricia went on to enjoy a seven-year tenure as a consumer magazine editor and writer, and subsequently worked as a public relations consultant in a boutique communications firm and as the director of a start-up market research facility. She holds an Advanced Certificate from the prestigious Wine & Spirit Education Trust, an international provider of training and qualification in the fields of wine and spirits.
Cecilia has over a decade of experience in the financial services sector, primarily within structuring and sales in capital markets. She spent four years at Goldman Sachs & Co. in the Investment Management Division’s Equity Solutions team providing managed and customized derivative and structured investments for the firm’s US and Latin American private wealth clients. Prior to working at Goldman Sachs, Cecilia worked for seven years at Merrill Lynch/Bank of America on the Foreign Exchange desk heading sales for LATAM Global Wealth Management and later structuring and marketing products across FX, commodities, equities and rates. Prior to business school, Cecilia worked as an analyst at Enron in Texas and in South America, after which she moved to Kurion, an internet start-up in the web syndication space.

Cecilia earned her MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Management and her BA in Economics from the University of Texas at Austin.

As a member of Columbia Business School’s Career Education and Advising team, Cecilia provides career coaching for MBA students, covering all phases of the job search process including self-assessment, networking strategy, resume and cover letter critique, interview preparation, and negotiation and job offer management.