

# Talks with Livingston College Alumni

## *Programs Celebrating Livingston College's 50th Anniversary and Beyond*

The Livingston Alumni Association (LAA), in cooperation with the Rutgers University Alumni Association, is sponsoring a series of events featuring Livingston College alumni speaking about their lives and careers.

These have included:

### ***Covering New York City***

An online conversation (March 25, 2021) with WCBS Reporter Marla Diamond LC'92 and Rutgers professor Steven Miller.

Diamond, a reporter for WCBS Newsradio 880, joined Miller, Director of Undergraduate Studies at Rutgers' School of Communication and Information, in a one-on-one conversation about covering New York City in good times and bad." Watch a one-hour video of the event.

Diamond got her start in radio at WRSU and joined WCBS radio in 1997. Diamond has been recognized by the Associated Press and other news organizations for her on-location news reporting. She received the Livingston College Distinguished Alumni Award in 2009 and has returned to "The Banks" to serve as the emcee for events like the Rutgers Loyal Sons & Daughters Awards and a panel organized by Rutgers Career Services and the School of Arts & Sciences.

This event was jointly sponsored by the Livingston Alumni Association and Rutgers School of Communication and Information Alumni Association.

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### ***From Rutgers to the National Security Beat***



An online conversation (June 8, 2021) with Vivian Salama, LC '00 SC&I '00, national security correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal*, and Steven Miller RC '79, director of undergraduate studies, Journalism and Media Studies program, Rutgers School of Communication & Information. Watch the replay (59 minutes).

Salama has covered U.S. foreign policy and national security issues for nearly two decades, reporting from more than 80 countries. A native of New York, she earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Rutgers University, a master's degree in Middle East politics from Columbia University and a law degree from Georgetown University. Salama previously covered the Trump White House and

national security for the Wall Street Journal, CNN and NBC. Before moving to Washington, she served as Baghdad bureau chief for the Associated Press, during which time she covered the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria, as well as Iran's growing influence across the region. She also covered the refugee and IDP crisis spurred by the violence, visiting camps across the Middle East. The experience inspired Salama to write a children's book, *The Long Journey Home*, about an innocent Syrian boy who is forced to flee his home because of the war.

Over the course of her career, she has called Iraq, Egypt, Pakistan, Israel and the Palestinian territories, and the United Arab Emirates home. She has also reported more broadly from five continents, with extensive experience in several East Asian countries as well.

*Pictured: Vivian Salama.*

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