Three New Members Appointed to Columbia's Board of Trustees

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Dean Dakolias, Jonathan Rosand, and Fermi Wang. (Photos courtesy of Columbia Trustees)

Dean Dakolias ’89SEAS, Jonathan Rosand ’89CC, ’94PS, and Fermi Wang ‘91SEAS have been appointed to the University’s Board of Trustees.

Dakolias is the co-chief investment officer of the credit-funds group at Fortress, a New York-based firm that manages over $40 billion in assets. While studying physics at Columbia, Dakolias was a member of the Lions’ lightweight crew team; he now also serves on the engineering school’s Board of Visitors and the University’s athletic leadership committee. He is cofounder of the Hellenic Initiative, an organization that invests in the economic renewal of Greece and helps refugees in that country.

Rosand, a neurologist with expertise in the genetics of complex diseases, is a
professor at Harvard and a member of the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard. After studying Greek and Latin at Columbia College, Rosand earned his medical degree from the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons. The son of the late Columbia art historian David Rosand '59CC, '65GSAS, '14HON, he serves on the advisory council of Columbia’s Department of Art History and Archaeology. The Rosand family and their friends endowed the David Rosand Professorship of Italian Renaissance Art History, and they support Columbia’s study-abroad programs at Casa Muraro in Venice.

Fermi Wang is the chief executive officer and cofounder of Ambarella, a company that develops semiconductors for use in the processing of digital images and video, including video-security systems, advanced driver-assistance technologies, and robotic applications. Wang earned his master’s and doctoral degrees in electrical engineering at Columbia and received the engineering school’s 2018 Thomas Egleston Medal for his distinguished professional achievements.

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