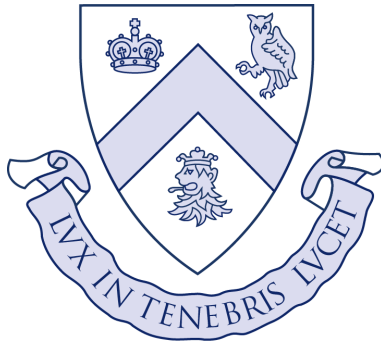


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ANNUAL REUNION DINNER

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PROGRAM

Welcome Remarks Dean Lisa Rosen-Metsch '90
Dean of the School of General Studies

Presentation of the Orly Cohen '12GS '16TC
2025 Owl Award *GSAA Awards Committee Member*

THE OWL AWARD

The GS Owl Award is given annually to graduates, benefactors, and faculty members whose life and accomplishments have been distinguished by eminence in public service, including achievement in a profession or organization, so as to bring credit to Columbia University and the School of General Studies. Originally created in 1959 by Barbara Levy '48 and Marshall Page '35, it has been given out each year, excluding its hiatus from 2003 until 2016.

LISA ROSEN-METSCH '90

Lisa Rosen-Metsch '90GS is the 9th Dean of the Columbia School of General Studies. She is the first alumna to serve as Dean of GS. Previously, she was the Chair and Stephen Smith Professor, Sociomedical Sciences at the Mailman School of Public Health. Dean Lisa Rosen-Metsch is a medical sociologist and an internationally recognized scholar whose work has focused on the social determinants of health with special focus on access to care for persons living with HIV and substance use disorders. For the past two decades, her research has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health and has resulted in over 260 publications in high impact journals including the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), Addiction, and the American Journal of Public Health. Mentoring and teaching has always been a high priority for Dean Rosen-Metsch and she has won numerous teaching awards and co-directs a NIH-funded training program with the Columbia School of Social Work. For the past two years, Dr. Rosen-Metsch has taught a new seminar course in the Department of Sociology for undergraduates entitled "AIDS and US Society" that explored how the HIV/AIDS epidemic transformed American society.

In her time as Dean, Columbia GS has significantly increased fundraising for student financial aid scholarships, created and launched new international dual-degree programs, new partnerships with community colleges and created new initiatives focused on social justice and women student veterans.

ORLY COHEN '12GS '16TC

Orly is a proud graduate of Columbia University's School of General Studies ('12) and Teachers College ('16). She was a member of the GS Honor Society and recipient of the Alumni Key Award for academic achievement and service to the school. Throughout Orly's time in GS, she served as an Orientation Leader, Student Life Volunteer, and Peer Mentor. She is passionate about supporting Columbia students—in her professional life as a School Counselor, she mentors and supervises counseling interns from TC, and provides them with a fieldwork experience that enhances their skill set and prepares them to enter the workforce confidently upon graduation. Orly very much looks forward to continuing to support the Columbia community, particularly as a member of the GSAA Board, working with her fellow alumni in support of GS's mission.