

## Unconventional Career Paths

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### *Where Do I Go From Yale? Alumni Panel ~ March 29, 2025*

Curious about career options beyond the traditional path of your degree? Join this session to hear from alumni leaders who have successfully forged diverse career paths outside of their academic fields. They will share their insights and experiences on exploring new fields, navigating career transitions, and finding success outside conventional trajectories.

#### **Shah Karim '81 BA, '07 MPhil (Economics)**



Mr. Karim serves on industry boards at American Chemical Society, CME, and the 72-country International Energy Forum; as well as at Yale University, University of Chicago, and Columbia University. His purpose is to increase human potential through service, value creation, and thought leadership. He is a keynote speaker on leadership, energy markets, and artificial intelligence in North America, Europe, and Asia. He is a judge for the MacArthur Foundation's \$100 million prize for global social innovation.

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#### **Sandy Kuzmich, '89 PhD (Pharmacology)**



Sandy has over 25 years of experience in patent litigation/intellectual property counseling for pharmaceuticals, chemicals, and biotechnology. As Managing Partner, she is responsible for the sponsorship/mentorship of the next generation of attorneys at her firm. Upon completing her PhD, Sandy became a post-doctoral research associate and then joined the private pharmaceutical sector in drug metabolism/pharmacokinetics. She has a BA from Douglass College and a law degree from Fordham University.

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#### **Shayna Liberman '14 MA (Biological Anthropology)**



Shayna Liberman is Director of Global Women's Strategy at Nike. Prior to Nike, Shayna held marketing leadership roles at mission-driven startups, and worked as an independent consultant in strategy and design for nonprofits and small businesses. Shayna received her dual BS from University of Michigan in Biopsychology and Biological Anthropology in 2010, and her MA from Yale in 2014. In her free time, Shayna enjoys cooking, traveling, and making memories with her husband and daughter.

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#### **Max Walden '11 BA, '18 PhD (History)**



Max Walden works at Goldman Sachs, where he advises families and foundations on the management of their financial assets. He has worked in investor relations at DE Shaw & Co, the Investments Office of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and as a corporate historian at a bulge bracket investment bank. He holds an MBA from the NYU Stern School of Business and serves on the board of the New York City AIDS Memorial.

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## Moderator: Kitty Koo-Tse '01 MS (Psychology)



Kitty Koo-Tse is the Director of Global Wealth and Investment Management at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, where she leads business strategy and key initiatives for Capital Markets in New York. Her extensive experience includes serving as COO for Electronic Trading Risk Management at Citigroup, COO for Firm Risk Management Stress Testing at Morgan Stanley, and Global Head of Product Management for Electronic Trading Business at Morgan Stanley. She is a dedicated member of the Yale GSAA Board.

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