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Luminaries in their respective fields, recipients of this year's Columbia University honorary degrees include former Secretary of Treasury Robert Rubin, 1996's *Time* Magazine's Person of the Year David Ho, and Alvin Ailey Dance Theater's artistic director Judith Jamison.

Recognizing their achievements, the University awarded the following individuals with degrees at this year's Commencement

R O B E R T
RUBIN—As the current chairman of the executive committee of the board and co-chairman of Citigroup, Inc., and the former Secretary of the Treasury in the Clinton



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Administration, Rubin received a Doctor of Laws degree. Regarded as a key factor in the country's recent economic boom, Rubin served as Clinton's chief liaison to Wall Street and headed the National Economic Council, securing the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). As a staunch defender of a strong U.S. dollar and of trade balance, he has been credited for many of the Clinton Administration's economic policies, including budget cuts and the financial crisis in Asia.

MARTTI AHTISAARI—A key mediator during the Kosovo crisis, Finnish President Ahtisaari received a Doctor of Laws degree. In June 1999, Ahtisaari played a pivotal role in persuading the Russians to support NATO's efforts in Kosovo and in convincing Slobodan Milosevic to accept the peace plan. A senior United Nations officer, he has served as commissioner for Namibia and Under-Secretary General for Administration and Management.

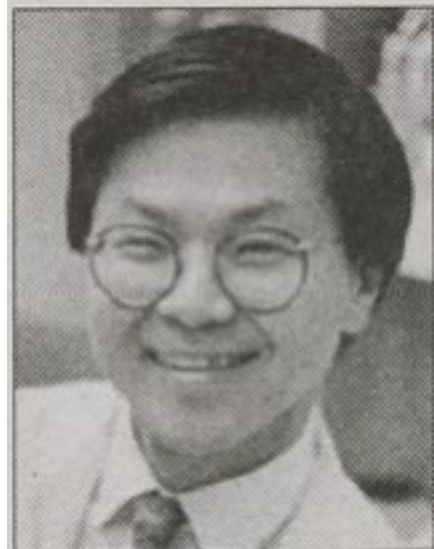
DAVID HO—A leading research physician and virologist, Ho received a Doctor of Science Degree. For his groundbreaking work in AIDS research, Ho was awarded the distinction of 1996's Time Magazine Person of the Year. Overturning the common misconception that the HIV virus remains dormant for up to 10 years in a person before developing into AIDS, he recognized the virus' activity at the beginning of infection, leading him to initiate the deployment of a combination of drugs to overpower the virus. Ho, who was educated at MIT, Cal Tech, and the Harvard Medical School, is currently the director of the Diamond AIDS

Research Center in New York.

JUDITH JAMISON —As the award-winning dancer and artistic director of the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater and the Ailey school, Jamison received a Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Since assuming her current position as artistic director in 1989, Jamison has implemented innovative curricula, including training in West African dance and programs for the development of young artists. Extending the Dance Theater's scope, she has established Ailey camps in Boston and Philadelphia.

PAUL MARKS—One of the leaders of academic medical research in the U.S., Marks received a Doctor of Science Degree. A graduate of Columbia College and Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, he has held numerous positions at the University, including professor and chair of the Department of Human Genetics and Development, dean of the faculty of medicine, and director of the Cancer Research Center. Recently, he has served as president and CEO of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, the world's preeminent cancer center.

OSCAR SCHACHTER—Hailed as America's best international law scholar, Schachter has worked for the UN Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, directing the UN legal department and serving as advisor to the Committee on Transnational Corporations. For his work, he received a Doctor of Laws degree. Schachter has been a professor at both Yale Law School and is currently Fish professor Emeritus of International law and Diplomacy at Columbia.



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