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JUNE 2019

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No charge, cash food and drink

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Private home in mid-Wilshire area

\$25, members; \$35, non-members



*Sunday, June 9, 2019*

## The Harvard Club Annual Dinner & Awards

Join us for this special celebration at the beautiful Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. Plant yourself among fellow alums, water yourself with drinks, cultivate old friendships, and sow the seeds of new ones; all amidst the spectacular flora and fauna of a Southern California treasure. This year we will be celebrating the accomplishments of three incredible members of our local community.



The 2019 John Harvard Award for Distinguished Community Service will be presented to Supervisor Sheila Kuehl JD '78, who represents Los Angeles County's Third District and currently chairs the Board of Supervisors. As the first woman

in California history to be named Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly and the first openly gay or lesbian person to be elected to the California Legislature, Ms. Kuehl has been a model of courage and leadership throughout her political career. As Supervisor she has undertaken or collaborated on a number of initiatives to improve the quality of life and reform systems in the County, including increasing the minimum wage, providing unprecedented funding and services for our homeless population, innovating on issues of water conservation and recycling, protecting the

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Santa Monica Mountains and the coast, reforming adult and juvenile justice systems to emphasize “second chance” and anti-recidivism programs, and establishing true universal health insurance in California, to name only a few.



The 2019 Excellence in Education Award will be presented to Dr. Francis Su PhD '95. Currently the Benediktsson-Karwa Professor of Mathematics at Harvey Mudd College, Dr. Su has received multiple awards from the Mathematical Association of America, including the Henry L. Alder Award and the Haimo Award, both for distinguished teaching. From 2015-2016 Dr. Su was the president of the Mathematical Association of America, the first Asian American to hold that post. During both of those years the U.S. won first place at the International Mathematics Olympiad for pre-college students, held in Hong Kong. Currently Dr. Su is designing an app to help teach and promote mathematics.



The 2019 Fred Smith Award for Distinguished Service to the Harvard Club of Southern California will be presented to Elizabeth “Betsey” Gillis Warden '82. Serving as a board member since 1997, Betsey is one of the Club’s longest serving directors. Betsey has held many leadership positions over the years, including Vice President for Programs, Vice President for Orange County, Executive Vice President, and President. During her presidency from 2002-2004, Betsey championed expanding membership and working closely with community leaders. Betsey is an attorney specializing in business contracts and trust and estates. She lives in Newport Beach with her husband Bill Warden, and their children Parker, Sumner, and Walker Warden, who may be frequently found helping behind the scenes at Harvard Club events. Betsey will serve as the Club’s Vice President of Radcliffe in the coming term.

### Club Dinner Details:

**Date:** Sunday, June 9, 2019

**Location:** Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108

**Time:** 5:00PM Cocktails, 6:00PM Dinner

**Cost:** \$95 club members; \$110 non-members; \$55 recent graduates (class of 2015 – 2019)

**Contact:** Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi, marsha\_hirano-nakanishi@post.harvard.edu

*\*Special Note: Harvard alumni have access to a \$10 reduced entry ticket to the Huntington Gardens and Library (normally \$29 on weekends). Entry must be after 3PM.*

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## Recent Events

### Guided Tour of Getty Villa Gardens in Malibu

On April 27, the Harvard Club of Southern California hosted a free tour of the Getty Villa in Malibu exclusively for members and their guests. Alumna Dr. Sharona Dayan DMSC '99, PD '99, a periodontist and volunteer docent at the Getty Villa gardens, led a group through an hour-long tour of the Getty Villa gardens on a beautiful day. Afterwards, the group had lunch and great conversations at the Getty Villa Cafe.



### Education SIG Alumni Picnic at Elysian Park

On Saturday, May 4, the Los Angeles chapter of the Harvard Alumni for Education Shared Interest Group (or SIG) co-hosted a picnic with the First Generation Harvard Alumni LA SIG and the Harvard Club of Southern California. Twenty humans and two dogs met at Elysian Park for the event. The hosts provided beverages and guests brought their own food and picnic blankets. One person brought treats from a French bakery, another brought pastries from Chinatown, and one even brought hand-cut watermelon for all to enjoy. Guests mingled and enjoyed conversations about traveling, pets, work, and family. In the late afternoon, some guests went home while others explored the hiking trails of Elysian Park, eventually finding the famous “Secret Swing” with panoramic views of the city. A good time was had by all.



### Science Pub Series #15 – Our Changing Ocean

On Sunday, April 28, members of the HCSC were treated to a lively talk by Dr. Katherine Mackey, the Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor of Earth System Science at the University of California, Irvine. Professor Mackey discussed the ways in which our ocean is changing and what we can do to help worsening climate conditions. She also demonstrated several hands-on experiments involving water acidification and the freezing point of different types of water. The talk was hosted at a private home in Orange County, and alumni came from as far as Palm Springs to network and honor Earth Day.



### LA Opera, *El Gato Montes (The Wildcat)* by Manuel Penella, starring Placido Domingo

On May 17, thirty alumni enjoyed the LA Opera’s production of *The Wildcat*, starring Placido Domingo. This lively production included gigantic set pieces, simulated bullfighting, and many artfully-costumed Spanish dancers.



# Upcoming Events

## Mamma Mia! Presented by the East West Players

All Harvard alumni are invited to join the Asian Pacific American community for the musical *Mamma Mia*. Includes a pre-show mixer and post-show talkback with members of the cast. Limited seating.

**SUN, JUN 2 @ 2:00PM**

David Henry Hwang Theater

\$65, members; \$75, non-members

Jennifer Hsu, [jenniferhsula@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferhsula@gmail.com)



## Annenberg Photo Space Group Tour

Join us for this special tour of the Annenberg Photo Space's new exhibit *Contact High: A Visual History of Hip Hop*, celebrating the photographers who have played a critical role in bringing hip hop's visual culture to the global stage.

**THU, JUN 6 @ 11:00AM**

Annenberg Photo Space

No charge, RSVP Required (lunch on your own)

Pooja Nair, [pnair@troygould.com](mailto:pnair@troygould.com)



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\$95, members; \$110, non-members; \$55, recent grads (2015-2019)

Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi, [marsha\\_hirano-nakanishi@post.harvard.edu](mailto:marsha_hirano-nakanishi@post.harvard.edu)



## Lawrence Wan: How I Became a Conservationist

A successful entrepreneur and industrialist, Larry is a prize-winning nature photographer and passionate environmentalist. He is the chairman and founder of the Western Alliance for Nature, a conservancy dedicated to preserving critical ecosystems and biodiversity.

**SAT, JUN 15 @ 12:00PM**

Duke's Restaurant

\$43, members; \$53, non-members

Albert Chang, [AlbertChang@charter.net](mailto:AlbertChang@charter.net)



## Upcoming Events

### Harvard Alumni Mixer - Dinner and Drinks at The Arsenal (West LA)

Come join other Harvard Alumni for a fun and relaxing evening at The Arsenal in West LA.

**SAT, JUN 22 @ 7:00PM**

The Arsenal

No charge, RSVP Required (pay for your own dinner)

Ashley Turner, turner7810@gmail.com



### Harvard Speakers Bureau - *What Can We Learn From The Global Honeybees' Disappearance?*

Featuring Prof. Chensheng (Alex) Lu PhD, MS - Associate Professor of Environmental Exposure Biology, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, who will focus on pesticide exposure and its effect on ecological and human health.



**SUN, JUN 23 @ 2:00PM**

Private home in the mid-Wilshire area

\$25, members; \$35, non-members

Sonia Molina, soniamolin@aol.com

### Alumni Mixer at Tamarindo in San Clemente

Join fellow Harvardians at this networking event at Tamarindo, one of San Clemente's newest and hippest restaurants. Mingle with friends while enjoying some Mexicana food and drinks. Exchange of business cards encouraged.

**TUE, JUN 25 @ 5:30PM**

Tamarindo

\$0, members; \$10, non-members

AJ Rogers, ajrogersmd@post.harvard.edu



### Chicago at the Pacific Amphitheater

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California as Chicago plays at the Pacific Amphitheatre. You'll enjoy such classics as "Colour My World," "25 or 6 to 4," "Saturday in the Park," "Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?," "If You Leave Me Now" ... the hits keep coming. There is limited seating for this event.

**FRI, JUL 26 @ 8:15PM**

Pacific Amphitheater

\$72, members; \$82, non-members (limited seating)

Eva Plaza Mandel, evisland@aol.com



Q&A from 02138:

## Andrew Pérez '20



Andrew Pérez '20, a concentrator in Sociology, was born and raised in Pico Rivera and graduated from Loyola High School. At Loyola, he founded the First-Generation Student Association, and Kino Cubs (an immigrant rights group on campus). He was co-captain of the debate team in which three members of the Lincoln-Douglas division went on to compete at the Tournament of Champions. He helped Loyola create a bridge program for incoming students from first-generation and low-income backgrounds. He is a rising senior residing in Mather House (without a doubt, the best house). At Harvard, he spent the first two years working on first-generation, low-income advocacy efforts. As former president of the First-Generation Student Union, he helped establish a new pre-orientation program at Harvard for first-generation, low-income students called the First-Year Retreat & Experience (FYRE). Last summer, he spent his time on campus working on the pre-orientation program and at the Bok Center as a Learning Lab Undergraduate Fellow. In preparation for his thesis, Andrew will be conducting research this summer on ICE agents and their relationship with local jurisdictions and communities in Southern California, Arizona, and Texas.

*HCSC: What surprised you about being a student at Harvard?*

AP: I was pleasantly surprised about how little homesick I have felt these last three years. While I do miss my family deeply, I find myself busy and focused on the million and one events that are going on every single day at Harvard.

*HCSC: When was the first time you visited Harvard and what were your impressions at that time?*

AP: I visited Harvard during my junior year of high school during our East Coast College Tour. I remember it being 10 degrees that day, but I did not hesitate to think for a second that Harvard was the school from me. While walking around Lowell House, I remember seeing a student read a book that I was familiar with. We chatted about it, and that is when I realized the special community that exists at Harvard.

*HCSC: What was your favorite class (or professor) and why?*

AP: My favorite professor at Harvard has been Professor Manja Klemencic. She has had a tremendous influence on my academic trajectory. From writing my letter of recommendation for the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship to giving me the opportunity to TF her course, she has been one of my strongest supporters at Harvard.

*HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?*

AP: One of the funniest moments has to be during my sophomore year when a group of us went to Montreal for Spring Break. We left campus at midnight and drove overnight to avoid a Cambridge Nor'easter. We also managed to keep the rental car safe after lots of parallel parking in the Montreal snow. When we finally got back to Cambridge, and thought we were in the clear, our car got towed from a Walgreens parking lot. The impound lot was literally right across the street, so we didn't have to walk far to retrieve it; but it certainly made our #SpringBroke trip a little more broke.

*HCSC: If you were President of Harvard, what would you change?*

AP: I would centralize Harvard more, especially offices at the college. I would also hold monthly town halls where I could hear directly from students what it is they want during their time here.

*HCSC: What do you miss most about Southern California (other than the weather and family)?*

AP: I miss the vibe of Southern California. Everyone on the East Coast seems like they always have another place to be, while back home I feel as if people appreciate the moment a little more.

*HCSC: How do you think Southern California will figure into your future after Harvard?*

AP: Southern California is home. Regardless of how far I venture out, I find myself always coming back home.

*HCSC: Any questions you want to pose to yourself to answer?*

AP: There are so many students that go home during breaks that would absolutely love to be involved with the Harvard Club of Southern Club. Please let us know how we can get involved!



## The Harvard Club Mourns the Loss of Don Hernandez '83

The Club mourns the passing of our dear friend and former leader, Don Hernandez '83. Don passed away on May 2 as a result of injuries sustained in a biking accident on April 27. He leaves behind his two children, Kristen and Stephen, his two sisters, Donna Hernandez Jeide and Diane Hernandez, his father Boniface Hernandez, his fiancé, Linda, and countless other family, friends, and associates.

Don grew up in Kansas and got a JD from Stanford Law School after graduating with honors from Harvard College. He was passionate about Harvard and devoted his time, energy, and expertise in support. He served as a regional director of the Harvard Alumni Association from 2000-2003, and as a board member of the Harvard Club of Southern California for many years, serving as our president from 1995-1998. As a lawyer, alumni, father, brother, son, and friend, Don mentored and counseled countless numbers of people.

In addition to his children, family, friends, and the Kansas City Chiefs, Don was passionate about running, biking, swimming, and just about any other athletic activity, and he competed in numerous triathlons, marathons, 5Ks, and other activities that combined his love of athletics and being around people. Even in his passing, Don demonstrated his concern and care of others by donating his organs, saving the lives of three people in need.

If you would like to honor Don, please consider making a donation to Bridges, a non-profit whose board Don had recently joined at [bridgesus.org/donate](https://bridgesus.org/donate).



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## *Calendar of Upcoming Events*

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To recommend an event or volunteer for one, contact one of our Programs VPs.

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