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JUNE 2018

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Sunday, June 3, 2018

The Harvard Club Annual Dinner & Awards

Join us for the Harvard Club of Southern California's Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner at the beautiful Huntington Library, Art Collection, 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 two incredible members of our local community.



The 2018 John Harvard Award for Distinguished Public Service will be presented to the **Honorable Carlos Moreno**. During his ten-year tenure on the California Supreme Court, from 2001 to 2011, he authored over 140 majority opinions on a wide range of precedent-setting cases, including significant issues involving LGBT rights, arbitration, and insurance policy coverage. Most notably, he is remembered as the lone and controversial dissent in *Strauss v. Horton*, the lawsuit challenging Proposition 8. From 2014 to 2017, Justice Moreno served as United States Ambassador to Belize, where he made strides to advance citizen security within Belize and in the region, focusing on citizen protection, economic development,

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and governance. Justice Moreno also oversaw a blue-ribbon review of a well-publicized faculty racial discrimination case at UCLA which resulted in added protections and processes for students, staff, and faculty.



The 2018 Excellence in Education Award will be presented to **Fidel A. Vargas '90, MBA '99**. Mr. Vargas is President and CEO of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, the nation's leading provider of scholarships and services designed to give Latino students full access to the opportunities a college education can provide. With more than \$500 million in scholarships awarded since its founding in 1975, HSF continues to provide increasing numbers of students all the tools they need to apply to college, do well in their course work, graduate, enter a profession, excel, help lead our nation going forward, and mentor the generations to come. At the age of twenty-three, Mr. Vargas became the country's youngest elected mayor of a major city: Baldwin Park, California. He has been recognized for his accomplishments by numerous organizations and media outlets throughout his career, and *Time* named him one of the Top 50 Young Leaders in the United States. Mr. Vargas graduated with honors from Harvard with an A.B. in Social Studies. He received his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School, with a concentration in Entrepreneurship and General Management.

Club Dinner Details:

Date: Sunday, June 3, 2018

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

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

Cost: \$75 club members, \$90 non-members, \$50 recent graduates (class of 2014 – 2018)

Contact: Maiya Verrone, MaiyaWV@aol.com

You are welcome to come at 4:00PM to visit the library, galleries, and gardens before they close at 5:00PM. Check in at our table to receive a complimentary pass.

Register Now at <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>

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Science Pub #13 – Assessing Climate Change

On April 22, forty HCSC members and their guests met at Dupar's Restaurant for a riveting lecture and discussion by Dr. Donald Rapp on climate change. This was the thirteenth "Science Pub" organized by board members Ethel Laczko and German Enciso. Dr. Rapp is retired from the Jet Propulsion Lab. His 2012 book *The Climate Debate* is considered a landmark publication. An engineer by training, Dr. Rapp emphasized a large number of variables that need to be measured or calculated and their complex interactions. Dr. Rapp concluded that the extent of future warming is difficult to predict, and its impacts are even more uncertain. Nevertheless, the world should strive to reduce future carbon dioxide emissions. The next Science Pub is slated for October. If you are interested in presenting a topic, please contact Ethel Laczko at etheledu@yahoo.com.



Private Tour at The Broad

On May 6, thirty Harvard alumni met at The Broad in downtown L.A. for an hour-long private tour of the museum's latest exhibit, *Jasper Johns: 'Something Resembling Truth'*. The group was split into two tours for a more intimate experience, with each group getting a chance to see the collection of Jasper Johns' most iconic and significant paintings, sculptures, prints, and drawings. The tour guides traced the artist's six-decade career, analyzing aspects of his art, describing his influences, and pointing out various motifs that appear throughout his work. After the tour, alums were able to see the rest of the museum at their leisure.



Private Tour of Farm Sanctuary

On Saturday, May 12, Harvard Club members, families and friends got to meet some pretty cool animals with amazing personalities during a private tour of the the Farm Sanctuary. Attendees learned about the facilities and how each animal is rescued. They also saw and experienced how happy and playful the animals are in their new environment. Photographed here is Bruno, who stopped eating lunch to welcome the visitors into his home and greeted everyone with kisses.



Radcliffe on the Road

On May 16, over a hundred HCSC members and guests were treated to a presentation at the SLS Hotel by Jane Kamensky, Pforzheimer Foundation Director of Harvard's Schlesinger Library. Cynthia Torres, past president of both the Harvard Alumni Association and the HCSC, introduced Professor Kamensky and screened a short video on the work of the library. Professor Kamensky spoke about the founding of the library in 1943 and detailed its vital efforts to collect, archive, and document the history of women in America. The vast collection has become an ever-expanding repository of documents and artifacts relating to women's rights and civil rights, the sexual revolution, the changing American family, and the actions and activism of American women since World War II. It has also compiled what is easily the largest collection in the U.S. of materials dating back to colonial times on women's issues, the suffrage movement, feminism, and related topics of gender and sexuality. She invited all to visit the library this year as it celebrates its 75th anniversary. Pictured to the left are Cynthia Torres (left) along with Professor Kamensky.

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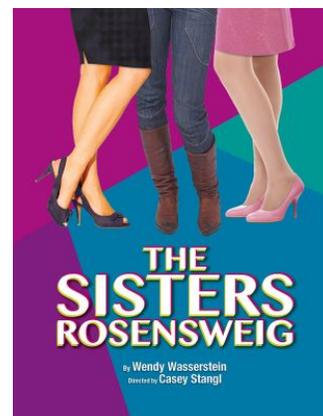
Come enjoy a buffet dinner, a pre-show conversation with one of the directors, and prime seats at the South Coast Repertory Theater for the award-winning play *The Sisters Rosensweig*, written by Wendy Wasserstein.

SAT, JUN 2 @ 6:00PM

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SUN, JUN 3 @ 5:00PM

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\$75 club members; \$90 non-members; \$50 recent grads ('14 -'18)

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Register at www.Harvard-LA.org (tickets must be purchased in advance)



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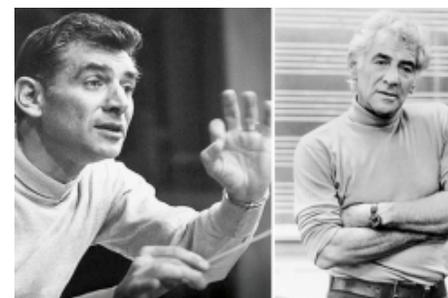
Join us for a group tour as we follow Bernstein's extraordinary career from his birth in Massachusetts, musical education at Harvard, and prominent career that earned him the title of "Renaissance Man of American Music" (*NY Times*).

SAT, JUN 9 @ 2:00PM (optional brunch at 12:00PM)

Skirball Cultural Center

\$10, members; \$15, non-members (optional brunch: \$25, members; \$30, non-members)

Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net



Harvard Speakers Bureau: Jonathan Grindlay – Discovering Stellar Black Holes in Our Galaxy

Jonathan (Josh) Grindlay is the Robert Treat Paine Professor of Astronomy at Harvard and has been Chair of the Astronomy Department twice. This talk will answer your questions about black holes (with pictures), and how we discover "stellar" black holes.

SUN, JUN 24 @ 1:00PM

Private Home in Hancock Park

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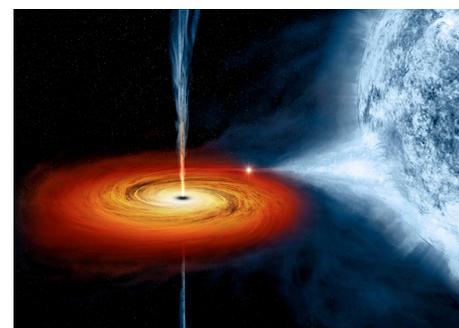


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Behind the Ballet: A Members-Only Conversation and Performance

An exclusive members-only conversation with Kara Medoff Barnett MBA '07, head of American Ballet Theatre, before watching the performance of La Bayadere at the Music Center in downtown LA.



SAT, JUL 14 @ 6:15PM (Limited Availability)

The Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

Tickets vary between \$38 and \$138 (20% discount for club members)

Contact Shilla Kim-Parker to purchase, skimparker@yahoo.com

Hammer Museum Private Tour: *Made in L.A. 2018*

Join us for a private tour of the Hammer Museum's *Made in L.A. 2018* special exhibit. This is the fourth iteration of the Hammer's biennial exhibition, continuing to highlight the practices of artists working throughout Los Angeles and the surrounding areas.



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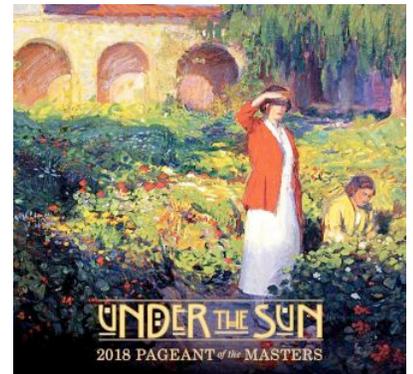
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Pooja Nair, pnair@troygould.com

2018 Pageant of the Masters: *Under the Sun*

Join us for our annual trip to see this memorable event in Laguna Beach. We will host a light food and drink event before the show at the picnic on the grounds of the venue. Attendees can also see live music and visit the Festival of Arts, one of the nation's oldest fine art shows.



FRI, AUG 10 @ 8:00PM

Festival of the Arts

\$50, members; \$60, non-members

German Enciso, enciso@uci.edu

Harvard's Shared Interest Groups



CityStep was founded at Harvard by then-undergrad Sabrina Peck '84 and has been thriving for 34 years. It brings teams of undergrads into surrounding city schools to teach kids a year-long curriculum of creative self-expression and community-building through dance. Thousands of kids have been inspired and empowered by CityStep's special alchemy of mentorship, creativity, and collaboration. The **Harvard CityStep Alumni Alliance** is a SIG that keeps hundreds of alums who participated as undergrads connected. CityStep has since taken root at Penn, Princeton, and Yale, and grads recently formed CityStep.org, an official not-for-profit organization, to help CityStep expand to underserved communities around the country, including on the West Coast.

If you're interested in learning more about bringing CityStep to Southern California or want to make a donation to this worthy effort, go to CityStep.org or contact Sabrina Peck at Sabrina@CityStep.org.

Q&A from 02138:

Eduardo Andrés González '18



Eduardo Andrés González '18 is a Social Studies concentrator who focused his studies on contemporary Latin American immigration. His senior thesis, titled *Immoral Constructions: Central American Refugee Flows from the 1980s-2010s*, investigated how the American asylum system has responded to Central American refugee crises throughout the decades. Eduardo was born in San Dimas, California, and graduated in 2014 from Bonita High School, where he was his class's valedictorian and student body president. In fact, Eduardo was the student body president for both his junior and senior years of high school, making him the only two-year student body president of Bonita since 1943, according to high school administrators. He was also one of the captains of the varsity soccer team during his senior year. At Harvard, Eduardo is a senior residing in Mather House. He has been elected to serve as a representative on the College's student government body, the Undergraduate Council, for four consecutive years—making him the only four-year representative on the Council in the class of 2018. Eduardo spent his last summer as a legal intern with Sanctuary for Families, a non-profit legal services provider in New York City that represents survivors of domestic violence. During his prior summer, Eduardo worked as an investigative intern for the Public Defender Service of Washington, D.C.

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

EAG: I've been surprised by how easy it has been to find a home here. Before arriving at Harvard, I worried about whether it would be a harsh, sink-or-swim environment. And perhaps I was one of the lucky ones who swam, but throughout my four years here, I have been surrounded by friends and strongly supported by my communities.

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

EAG: I first visited Harvard in the spring of 2013. I was with my dad on a college visit road trip during the spring break of my junior year. The overwhelming feeling that I remember was that of disorientation; I couldn't place myself as I walked into Harvard Yard. I didn't know which way was north; I didn't know what activities took place in which buildings; I didn't know where I was. I'm happy to say that I do now.

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

EAG: The answers for these two are separate. My favorite class was absolutely *Dirty Wars, Peace Processes, and the Politics of History in Latin America*, taught by Dr. Kirsten Weld. The class was incredibly fascinating—I loved learning about the darker histories of various Latin American regimes and connecting their stories to present day politics. But my favorite professor has been Dr. Roland Fryer. Fryer, an economist, is capable of making anyone excited about economics. Furthermore, he is evidently a genius, but he really knows how to keep it real—how to stay grounded and hungry for more.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

EAG: My friends and I once sat in the Lowell House dining hall crying of laughter during reading week after watching an irreverent cartoon video about people who want to work at Goldman Sachs. It was a hilarious indictment of fellow students who are so driven to work incredibly long and tiring hours at prestigious investment banks, and the combination of exam-related

sleep deprivation, coffee, and the ridiculousness of it all sent my friends and me into hysterics.

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

EAG: The University would create/designate a physical space for inclusion and belonging (think cultural centers), while simultaneously elevating the Committee on Ethnicity, Migration and Rights to department status, making it an academic home for various ethnicity-related academic fields (like Latino studies).

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

EAG: I miss Southern California's seemingly effortless diversity. Sometimes, even Cambridge and Boston are underwhelming in this area. Additionally, I miss my beautiful mountains. You don't spend 18 formative years with those proud peaks as a stalwart, everyday backdrop without getting pretty attached.

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

EAG: After Harvard, I will be working for two years at Mintz Levin, a Boston law firm. After that, I will (hopefully!) be able to return to my sweet California for law school, and finally, I hope to settle down and practice law in Southern California. How could I not? It is, objectively, the most beautiful place on earth.



Pictured above are Christopher Hughes (right), the 2018 Orange County School of Arts Harvard Prize Book Recipient, with Judy Joss JD '81

The Harvard Prize Book Program Needs Your Contribution

To inspire determined high school juniors in Southern California to apply to Harvard University, the Harvard Club of Southern California invites you to sponsor rising high school seniors through the Harvard Prize Book Sponsorship Program. Prize Books, which are crimson-clad and stamped with the University's seal, include an array of essays on the abundance of human intellection. The books introduce awardees to the academic rigor they can expect at our alma mater and, perhaps for the first time, a taste of the opportunities a Harvard education can provide.

For current and past sponsors, thank you for your ongoing support of the program. Your generous contributions have enabled us to provide books to Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, Loyola High School, Troy High School, Servite High School, St. Margaret Episcopal School, Claremont High School, and California High School.

Every Prize Book is an incredible surprise to awardees, and a fitting acknowledgment of their contributions to academic and social life in their communities. Please know how instrumental you are in opening the door to Harvard University for young graduates, and how grateful they are for your kindness.

If you would like to participate, please visit www.Harvard-LA.org or call 310-546-5252. For only \$37.50, you can send a promising junior a final nudge of encouragement. If you have questions about the program, please contact Sonia Molina at soniamolin@aol.com.



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

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