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Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 9, 2014 @ 6:30 P.M. Myths and Realities of the CIA

LA County Sheriff's Dept. (Monterey Park) Location:

No charge, RSVP Required Cost:

Saturday, January 11, 2014 (a) 4:30 P.M. Harvard-Yale Hockey Game 2014 - Telecast Location: Casa del Mar, "Library" (Santa Monica) No charge, cash food and beverages Cost:

Sunday, January 12, 2014 @ 3:00 P.M. Sunday Musicale: "Chick Songs: Art Songs by Women Composers"

Location: The Newport Beach Public Library No charge, RSVP requested Cost:

Monday, January 13, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M. Global Networking Night — Welcome to the City Location: Viceroy Hotel (Santa Monica)

Cost: No charge, cash bar

Thurs., January 16, 2014 (a) 8:00 P.M. Harvard Glee Club Comes to SoCal (Westside)

Location: Westwood Presbyterian Church (Los Angeles)

\$20 advance; \$25 at the door Cost:

Friday, January 17, 2014 @ 7:30 P.M. Harvard Glee Club Comes to SoCal (Eastside)

Location: Altadena Community Church (Altadena)

Cost: \$20 per person

Sunday, January 19, 2014 @ 1:30 P.M. Global Citizen: The Architecture of Moshe Safdie

Location: Skirball Cultural Center (Los Angeles) \$10 members; \$15 non-members; \$20 lunch

Sunday, February 23, 2013 (a) 3:00 P.M. New Science Pub Series #2 - With D. Alan Shewmon, M.D.

Location: Trattoria Neapolis (Pasadena)

Cost: \$25 per person

Attention Current Students

Current students and their families are invited to join us at our Club's events in Los Angeles during their Winternship.

Please visit www.Harvard-LA.org for a complete list of upcoming events and to register.



Club Provides Scholarships to 51 Local **Harvard Students**

The Club is pleased to announce that 51 Southern California members of the Class of 2017 received approximately \$67,723 in scholarship funds for the 2013-2014 academic year, an increase from 5 recipients and \$60,000 provided in the 2009-2010 academic year. These funds were made available through the generosity of our Club members, who contribute each year to our Scholarship fund.

"The Harvard Club of Southern California is very pleased to have been a source of scholarships and financial assistance to these deserving students," said Albert Chang, Club President. "Our thanks go to those alumni and Club members who have contributed through bequests and contributions for many years. We encourage this continuing generosity of alumni and Club members. We also congratulate these outstanding students and wish them much academic success!" The recipients represent a diverse cross-section of Southern California students. Some students declined to have their names listed.

Amanda Beattie Megan Bernhard Shanelle Bobek Blade Brady Jihwan Chang Anne Cheng Richard Cho Kimiloluwa Fafowora Andree Franco Vasquez Wenting Gao Roberto Gonzalez Jaimal Ichharam Charissa Iluore Da Young Im Haeeun Jee Chiyoung Kim Uyen Le David Lim Hsiu-Chi Lin Jade Miller

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Kayla Oakley

Udodiri Okwandu Yesenia Ortiz

Woojin Park

Jonathan Roberts

Felix Ruano Jasmin Salazar

Marleen Sanchez

Dominique Sanders Nader Shayegh

Aizhan Shorman

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David Yoo



Alumni Needed to Offer January "Winternships" to **Harvard Undergrads**

Harvard's winter recess is a time for undergraduates to not only rest and relax with family and friends but also to develop career opportunities and professional connections. Many students look to accomplish the latter through the Office of Career Services's January Winternship Program. Alumni are encouraged during "J-Term" (January 2 through 26, 2014) to open their workplaces to interested undergrads to meet, mentor, and otherwise help advance the professional lives of these potential future colleagues. In years past, club members have created Winternships in engineering, law, business, medicine, public service, entertainment, and related fields. These experiences are as diverse and unique as the participants themselves, ranging from a lunchtime Q&A session to informational, one-day workplace "shadowing" to paid, multi-week project-based internships. Some have led to summer placement and even long-term employment.

Winternships are an excellent chance for alumni to reconnect with Harvard and to open mutually-beneficial career pathways for the next generation of Harvard alumni. If you have an opportunity to offer or are just interested in finding out more, please contact Patric M. Verrone '81 at pverrone@aol.com. You can also submit a proposal directly to OCS online at http://tinyurl.com/WintershipProposals.

Students are searching for Winterships now so please submit your proposal today!



Harvard Holiday Salon - December 14, 2013

With a variety of performances by fellow alumni, this year's Annual Holiday Salon was a great way to kick off the holiday season. The event was

well attended, with many "regulars" and new faces, including recent alumni meeting one another and enjoying either a presentation on art, modern architecture, a stand-up comedy show, or participating as audience members of the annual Jeopardy Game/challenge. The Salon's hosts opened up their lovely home and guests enjoyed deliciously prepared food by an award-winning chef. As custom, The Yardbirds performed a series of Christmas Carols and Holiday songs that filled the atmosphere with a festive mood. This was the party of the year, so make sure to attend next year.

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Myths and Realities of the Central Intelligence Agency

The Harvard Club of Southern California, in collaboration with The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, presents *A Special Presentation on Myths and Realities of the Central Intelligence Agency* by Representatives from the CIA's Community Outreach and Liaison Staff. (At the request of the CIA, names are not listed.)

Deadline to register is January 6, 2014.

Date: Thursday, January 9, 2014

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.

Cost: No charge, RSVP required http://www.Harvard-LA.org

Contact: Dr. Gus Frias, dr.gfrias@gmail.com



Sunday Musicale: "Chick Songs: Art Songs by Women Composers"

Featuring vocalist Karen Benjamin with pianist Alan Chapman. Admission is free. A no-host reception follows.

Karen Benjamin has over twenty years of performing experience in musical theatre, opera, and cabaret. In the last few years she has focused on producing and performing vocal recitals specializing in art song. She is currently presenting Chick Songs: Art Songs by Women Composers around the southland area. Her husband Alan Chapman will provide commentary.

Date: Sunday, January 12, 2014

Time: 3:00 P.M.

Place: The Newport Beach Public Library

Cost: No charge, RSVP requested

Contact: Betsey Gillis, newport1@flash.net



Harvard-Yale Hockey Game 2014 - Telecast

This year's first Yale-Harvard Hockey Game will be held at Madison Square Garden, but we will be screening it from the comfort of the Casa del Mar Library in Santa Monica. Come watch two great teams, including the National Champion Bulldogs, duke it out on ice!

Date: Saturday, January 11, 2014

Time: 4:30 P.M.

Place: Casa del Mar, "Library"

Cost: No charge, RSVP requested

RSVP: http://www.Harvard-LA.org

Contact: Madeleine Mejia,

Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu



Global Networking Night - January 13th

Please join the Harvard Alumni Association, the Harvard Club of Southern California, Harvardwood, the Harvard Business School Association of Southern California and Harvard Clubs worldwide at our Global Networking Night on Monday, January 13. Harvard students are welcome.

Date: Monday, January 13, 2014

Time: 7:00 P.M. **Place:** Viceroy Hotel

Cost: No charge, RSVP requested

Contact: Mac Bartels, mac.bartels@gmail.com



Harvard Glee Club Coming To SoCal -

2 Dates, 2 Locations

America's oldest college chorus, founded in 1858, the Harvard Glee Club will perform repertoire ranging from Renaissance polyphony to classic American folk songs to, of course, our traditional football songs. The Glee Club will be conducted at these concerts by Andrew Clark, Harvard's Director of Choral Activities and Harris Ipock, the Glee Club's Resident Conductor. Following the Westside concert there will be a complimentary meet the singers and dessert reception.



Housing is needed for the nights of the 16th on the Westside and the 17th in the Pasadena area. Please let the contacts know if you can help.

WESTSIDE - JANUARY 16th in Westwood

Purchase advance tickets through the Harvard Club website at www.Harvard-LA.org.

Date: Thursday, January 16, 2014

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Westwood Presbyterian Church

10822 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA

\$20 (advance); \$25 at the door Cost:

Ken Williams, Contact:

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EASTSIDE - JANUARY 17th in Altadena

Purchase advance tickets through the Pasadena Master Chorale's website at pasadenamasterchorale.org.

Date: Friday, January 17, 2014

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Altadena Community Church

943 E. Altadena Drive, Altadena, CA

\$20 (advance and at the door) Cost:

George Reardon, **Contact:**

george.reardon1@gmail.com



Skirball Center Event - Global Citizen: The **Architecture** of Moshe Safdie

Join us for a docent-led tour about this influential Harvard Professor of Architecture, who also designed the Skirball Cultural Center. This event will feature an introduction by Ed Ogosta, Graduate School of Design alumnus.

Date: Sunday, January 19, 2014

Time: 1:30 P.M. (optional lunch at noon) Cost: Tour and admission: Members, \$10;

Non-members, \$15. Lunch, \$20

Location: Skirball Cultural Center (Los Angeles) **Contact:** Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net



Science Pub Series #2 -With D. Alan Shewmon, M.D.

Current controversies surrounding the diagnosis of death and the ethics of organ transplantation.

In this lecture, pediatric neurologist Dr. D. Alan Shewmon, one of the most influential critics of "brain death," will provide an overview of the debate and propose a resolution in the form of a conceptual and terminological paradigm shift.

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2014

3:00-5:00 P.M. Time:

Place: Trattoria Neapolis (Pasadena)

\$25 per person Cost:

Contact: Ethel Seminario Laczko,

etheledu@gmail.com



Harvard Jeremy Lin Clippers Event

For the price of a game ticket, you get early entry (5:30 PM for a

7:30 game) to see the teams practice and exclusive access to our post-game event on the famous STA-PLES Center court. In addition to Lin, Houston features All-Stars Dwight Howard and James Harden. The Clippers may be the most exciting team in the NBA, featuring All-Stars Blake Griffin and Chris Paul.

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2013

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Tickets: Contact Victor Yee, LA Clippers, at

(213) 763-2671 or vyee@clippers.com

Location: Staples Center (Downtown LA)

Questions: Maurice Levin, maurice@cycads.com

Save the Date - March 8, 2014!



Harvard **ReConnect**

Join us to hear President Drew Gilpin Faust's vision for the future of the University. At the Harvard Reconnect, also hear how Harvard College is exploring, innovating, and leading positive change in the world from Dean Michael D. Smith. Faculty and alumni will provide a cross-disciplinary exploration of ideas and innovations that address challenges facing our society today. More details to follow soon. For additional information please call 617-496-2464.

Date: Saturday, March 8, 2014

Time: 12:00 P.M.

Place: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Los Angeles

Price:

Contact: Harvard Events Office, 617-496-2464



LA Opera: Lucia di Lammermoor

Join us for Gaetano Donizetti's darkly romantic tale of family honor, betrayal and madness with

Russian coloratura soprano Albina Shagimuratova as Lucia. We have seats in a new section this year in the Orchestra Ring.

Deadline to register is February 5, 2014. There are a limited number of tickets, which will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Date: Thursday, March 20, 2014

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion \$83 (new - Orch Ring section) Cost: Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com **Contact:**



LA Phil: Colburn **Celebrity Recitals**

Two powerhouse performers, Yefin Bronfman (piano) and Pinchas Zukerman (violin/viola),

join forces for a rich, all-Romantic program: Schubert's Sonatina in A Minor; Beethoven's Violin Sonata No. 7 in C Minor and Brahms' Viola Sonata in F Minor.

Deadline to register is February 14, 2014. There are a limited number of tickets, which will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Date: Friday, April 4, 2014

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Walt Disney Concert Hall Cost: \$57 (Front Terrace seats)

Contact: Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com



Q&A from 02138... Jimmy Biblarz '14

(These interviews are a regular contribution to the HCSC Newsletter and will spotlight students enrolled at Harvard who are from Southern California. Nominations to profile students from our region are invited.)

Jimmy Biblarz '14 is a senior in Eliot House concentrating in Social Studies with a secondary field in English. He was born in Seattle, Washington and graduated from Hamilton High School's Humanities Magnet, located in West Los Angeles, where he participated in Academic Decathlon, Young Democrats,

and Model Congress, among other activities. At Harvard, he served as the Institute of Politics' student treasurer, a Harvard Democrats board member, an Undergraduate Council representative, and Harvard Model Congress' business manager. He is a Peer Advising Fellow, a Course Assistant, and the Eliot House events chair. Last summer he was an urban education fellow at the District of Columbia Public Schools, which is funded through the Presidential Public Service Fellowship, and the prior summer he was an IOP Director's Intern with the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC.

This summer, he plans to drive back home to the West Coast with two friends, spending three weeks winding their way across the American South and lower Midwest. He hopes to work next year as a fellow at Harvard's Center for Education Policy Research and as a freshman proctor. Finally, he has his sights set on the Hillary Clinton campaign.

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

JB: Before I came to Harvard, family friends told me, "You know, it's the people that make Harvard what it is." I didn't exactly understand what they meant when I was a senior in high school, and have been surprised time and time again about how true of a message it is. Getting to know such a diverse range of peers, with such a multiplicity of backgrounds, in residential and academic settings, has challenged my beliefs about the world, moral and politics values, and understanding of the human condition.

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

JB: Visitas weekend 2010 (yikes!) was my first visit to Harvard. I was taken aback by how bustling Harvard Square is, and how integrated the larger community is with the University. I expected a serene, palatial campus, and discovered a vibrant, active, lively community/school, where the lines between "on-campus" and "off-campus" were incredibly fluid. This impression sold me on Harvard; I could feel Harvard's inclusivity and appreciation of the wider community instantly.

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

JB: Historical Anthropology of Israel/Palestine was definitely among my favorite classes. It was very out of my comfort zone – I study mostly education, politics, and literature, so taking an anthropology class on a region I knew little about was a challenge. I learned about an entirely new discipline, a new part of the world, and new histories. What I appreciated most, however, was that Professor Naor Ben-Yehoyada made the issues of Israel/Palestine (war, segregation, religious conflict) seem relevant to our own lives and experiences as American college students. He showed us housing maps of Israel that visually demonstrated the deep segregation that exists in nearly every city in the country, even supposedly "mixed cities" like Haifa. He then showed us maps of the United States and had us compare the racial segregation we see here with the ethno-religious segregation we see there. We also discussed the Israel/Palestine question in relation to terrorism directed at the United States. He taught us about how essential a multi-lateral solution to the Israel/Palestine question is to US interests in the Middle East, and he argued that in many ways, the Israel conflict, and the U.S. role in it, perpetuates anti-U.S. sentiment across the region.

HCSC: Are there any government leaders you have met working at the Institute of Politics that have served as mentors to you, and, if so, how?

JB: As chair of the Fellows and Study Groups Program at the IOP, I had the privilege of working with more than a dozen government leaders from across the political spectrum. To highlight two, Emma Sky, who served as chief political adviser to General Odierno in Afghanistan, taught me about the importance of foreign policy in American politics, and opened my eyes to the innumerous simple foreign policy moves the United States could make to improve its image abroad. Governor Ted Strickland, of Ohio, taught me about the importance of kindness in politics, about assuming best intentions without compromising convictions, and helped solidify my belief that politics matters. As someone wishing to run for office one day, I can imagine few better role models than Ted. Additionally, IOP Director Trey Grayson has served as an invaluable resource for me during my time at Harvard, and has proven to me how deep the need for bipartisanship and compromise are in today's political landscape.

HCSC: Describe a project you worked on while on Undergraduate Council.

JB: My freshman fall I worked as the "Freshman Campaign Manager" for one of the UC presidential tickets. It was my first experience with political leadership – organizing literature drops and phone banks, crafting a get-out-the-vote blitz strategy, helping my candidates secure endorsements, and preparing them for campus debates. The two-week campaign period were some of my favorite days at Harvard, and introduced me to direct political activism. Once they were elected, I was lucky enough to work on projects as diverse as public service recruiting on campus, social space, and dining reform.

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HCSC: What is your senior thesis topic?

JB: I am writing my senior thesis on school integration policymaking post the 2007 Parents Involved Supreme Court decision, which limited school districts' ability to use race in student assignment. I am conducting a mixed-methods case study of Jefferson County, Kentucky, and spent August and some of December there interviewing community activists, policy-makers, and school board members about their beliefs about integration. Additionally, I am conducting a quantitative study to measure changing segregation (by race and class) rates each year since 2007. My project gets into questions of education philosophy (what is the value of diversity in schools), public policy (what is the ideal student assignment plan), and school equity.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

JB: Probably when my two best friends form LA came to visit me during Reading Period freshman year. I'd been told, lied to, to be more precise, that Harvard "comes alive" during Reading Period. Trusting this, I assumed there would be dozens of activities for us all to do together. Little did I realize I'd have 50+ pages to write plus exams and that all anyone wanted to do was curl up in Lamont and study. I remember taking them to Lamont Café on Friday night during Reading Period – a perfect glimpse into Harvard social life!

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

JB: I would pursue more inclusive social spaces. The houses weren't constructed to accommodate the number of residents they house now, making throwing parties and having large social events difficult. I think the campus center will go a long way, but I think that Harvard should invest in a number of properties in Harvard Square to allow students to socialize in large, safe, inclusive spaces, giving students a wider array of social options.

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

The diverse cuisines. While Boston has fabulous food, nothing beats LA for food diversity. Thai Town, Little Saigon, Koreatown, Little Ethiopia, plus hundreds of Mexican restaurants and Jewish delis – looking forward to getting home and chowing down!

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

My long-term goal is to come back to Los Angeles and run for office. I hope to, within the next ten years, run for the Los Angeles Board of Education. As a graduate of LAUSD, I believe deeply in the power of schools to serve as engines of social mobility and incubators for social change. I hope to begin a career in California politics at this level.



Interview with Alumni Interviewer... Anne Irwin Sinek EdM '92 - North Orange County Chair

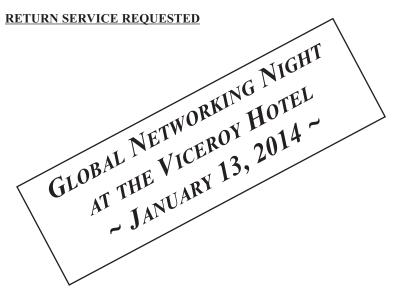
Each admissions season, alumni interviewers, under the leadership of our Club's Schools Committees, help the Admissions Office evaluate applicants to Harvard College. The Schools Committee is the Club's largest volunteering activity. Each year, over 700

graduates of Harvard College and graduate schools interview over 2,700 candidates from our region. In the process, alumni participate in college fairs throughout the area and give presentations on Harvard, initiating and maintaining relationships with parents, guidance counselors, other alumni/ae, and the general public. Immediate Past President Daniel A. Medina, A.B. '79, M.B.A. '83 is our Club's vice president for Schools, and he coordinates the Schools Committee's work with the area chairs who divide up the interview assignments among alumni and manage the operations for their geographic area. The newsletter will feature profiles of the area chairs.

Anne Irwin Sinek EdM '92 is the North Orange County area co-chair serving in that capacity for the past seven years and an alumni interviewer for 15 years. She was a children's television and new media producer at NBC and Time Warner and began her career securing corporate sponsorships for major art exhibitions, dance and theater companies and touring these exhibitions and performances worldwide. Married to Jeff Sinek AB '83, a former Harvard basketball player who worked as a federal prosecutor in the United States Attorney's Office combatting narcotics trafficking, Anne spends much of her time on the sidelines watching her teens compete with their hoops teams. Her most memorable interview was with a Troy High student who created extraordinary art from the dismembered wings pulled from the butterflies she caught in her garden. Anne loves to correspond with her interview candidates as they move through their years at Harvard and into success and always hopes to snare them back as interviewers in North Orange County. She's working through the toppling pile of fantastic books recommended to her by her interview candidates and especially loves the candid (sometimes too candid) answers students give to her question, "Who's your least favorite teacher?" The question that often stumps students? "What sets you apart from all the other extraordinary students in your class?" She loves her time spent with bright, engaged students each year during interview season and counts herself fortunate to reap the benefits of Harvard's reputation in so many areas of her life.



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For more information on events and general Club news, visit the Club web site at

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

To recommend an event or volunteer for one, contact one of our Programs VPs. Contact information can be found on page 2. *All checks for events are non-refundable unless explicitly stated otherwise. Unless specifically noted, RSVPs are not confirmed.

DATE/TIME	EVENT	less explicitly stated otherwise. <u>Unless sp</u> LOCATION	Cost*	CONTACT
Jan. 9, Thursday	Myths and Realities of the	LA County Sheriff's Department	No charge,	Dr. Gus Frias,
6:30 P.M.	Central Intelligence Agency	Monterey Park, CA	RSVP required	dr.gfrias@gmail.com
Jan. 9, Thursday	Ivy Pride Alliance LA	The Abbey	Free entry, regularly priced drinks	Welde Carmichael,
7:30 P.M.	LGBT Welcome Back Party	Hollywood, CA		weldecar@gmail.com
Jan. 11, Saturday 4:30 P.M.	Harvard-Yale Hockey Game 2014 - Telecast	Casa del Mar, "Library" Santa Monica, CA	No charge Madele	Madeleine Mejia, eine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu
Jan. 12, Sunday 3:00 P.M.	Sunday Musicale: "Art Songs	The Newport Beach Public Library	No charge,	Betsey Gillis,
	by Women Composers"	Newport Beach, CA	RSVP requested	newport1@flash.net
Jan 13, Monday 7:00 P.M.	Global Networking Night	Viceroy Hotel Santa Monica, CA	No charge	Mac Bartels, mac.bartels@gmail.com
Jan. 15, Wed. 7:00 P.M.	Ivy Pride Alliance LA LGBT Event Planning Mtg.	Le Pain Quotidien Los Angeles, CA	No cover, cash food and beverages	Kevin Wegener, kevin.wegener@gmail.com
Jan. 16, Thursday	Harvard Glee Club	Westwood Presbyterian Church	\$20 Advance,	Ken Williams,
8:00 P.M.	Performance - Westside	Los Angeles, CA	\$25 at the door Kenn	eth_S_Williams@hotmail.com
Jan. 17, Friday	Harvard Glee Club	Altadena Community Church	\$20 per person	George Reardon,
7:30 P.M.	Performance - Eastside	Altadena, CA		george.reardon1@gmail.com
Jan. 19, Sunday	Global Citizen: The	Skirball Cultural Center	\$10 members	Albert Chang,
1:30 P.M.	Architecture of Moshe Safdie	Los Angeles, CA	\$15 non-members	AlbertChang@charter.net
Feb. 23, Sunday 3:00 P.M.	New Science Pub Series #2 With D. Alan Shewmon, M.D.	Trattoria Neapolis . Pasadena, CA	\$25 per person	Ethel Seminario Laczko, etheledu@gmail.com