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Dupar's Restaurant and Bakery
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President Faust in conversation with Professor Viet Thanh Nguyen

Harvard President Drew Faust Visits Los Angeles

On the final stop of her farewell-to-alumni tour, Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust appeared before a sold-out audience of over 450 alumni and guests at The Ebell of Los Angeles on February 15, 2018. Billed as “An Evening with President Faust,” the event was co-sponsored by the Harvard Club of Southern California, Harvardwood, and the Harvard Alumni Association, and featured the outgoing university president in conversation with Pulitzer Prize-winning author and USC professor Viet Thanh Nguyen (a Radcliffe Institute Fellow in 2009). President Faust will be stepping down as Harvard’s 28th president following this year’s commencement, at which point she will welcome her just-announced successor, Lawrence Bacow JD ’76, MPP ’76, PhD ’78, the current president of Tufts University.

Harvardwood Executive Director Dona Le ‘05 introduced the program, pointing out her personal connection to Nguyen’s writing about the Vietnamese-American experience, noting that her parents, who were in the audience, were Vietnamese boat people themselves. HCSC President Steven Arkow ’84 then introduced the guests of honor and presented President Faust with a Los Angeles Dodgers jersey, personalized on the back with “FAUST

28.” The discussion between Faust and Nguyen began with their shared experiences as scholars writing about the legacy of wars and the lasting memory in the communities they affect. For Faust, growing up in the still-racially segregated Virginia, it was the American Civil War. For Nguyen, it was the Vietnam War.

The conversation continued with a reminiscence of Faust’s time as president of Harvard, including her accomplishments in the job (increased financial aid, online learning, and arts initiatives); the work still to be done (expansion of Harvard’s physical campus); her future plans, both personal and professional (catching up on reading history and writing her pre-Harvard memoirs); commentary on the limits of higher education (“Educators have to be able to apply the narrowness of their field to the generalness of the audience”); her social media presence (“I don’t Tweet but I do have an Instagram account”); and even a few writing tips (“Read a lot.”) Her concluding thought was a reiteration of a comment she has made before that likely indicates her own current state of mind: “Harvard, you never get over it.”



HCSC President Steven Arkow



President Faust displaying her Dodger jersey.



President Faust with Jonathan and Sarah Aibel.



Officers and board members of HAA, HCSC, and Harvardwood with President Faust.



The sold-out audience at The Ebell of Los Angeles. All photos courtesy of Curtis Dahl

Other Recent Events



Science Pub #12 - Our Next Generation of Innovators

On January 28, 2018, over 30 alumni and guests gathered for an outdoor dinner and talk by Professor Rob Williams on the use of virtual reality in education, biomedicine, and cybersecurity. Dr. Williams is a retired Air Force officer who ran a multi-million dollar strategic workforce development program. He described projects that have the potential to support start-up concepts to assist the elderly and Alzheimer patients, as well as global STEM outreach programs, including a “Mission to Mars” virtual reality project conducted by students in Peru. Go to Discoverylabglobal.com for more information.

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Private Paint Party at Art Room LA

Mingle with fellow Harvard alumni at this private painting event. Enjoy crudités while tapping into your artistic side. Please feel free to bring additional wine - glasses will be provided. We will provide a sampling of adult drinks, non-alcoholic beverages, and appetizers.

SAT, MAR 3 @ 2:00PM

Art Room LA

\$30 per person, includes all supplies

Joanna Chan, docjochan@gmail.com



2018 HVC California Golf Tournament

Now that more Harvard alumni live on the west coast than in Massachusetts, we're long overdue to establish the Harvard Varsity Club California Golf Tournament. Don't miss out on the inaugural HVC California Golf Tournament at MountainGate Country Club.

MON, MAR 15 @ 10:30AM

MountainGate Country Club

\$200 for HVC members, \$250 for non-members

RSVP at <https://www.harvardvarsityclub.org/article.html?aid=1631>



2018 Lunar New Year Dinner

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California along with the Wellesley-in-Pasadena Club at our annual Lunar New Year dinner event. The evening will include a ten-course Peking duck dinner, as well as a conversation with Jade Chang, the bestselling author of *The Wangs vs. the World*.

SUN, MAR 18 @ 6:00PM

Golden Dragon Restaurant (Chinatown)

\$30, members; \$35, non-members

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Safari Wine Tasting in Malibu - Zebras, Alpacas, Camels and... Wine!

Join us for wine safari as we explore Saddlerock Ranch and vineyard in Malibu. We will go through a guided adventure on an open-air safari vehicle and will make stops along the way to taste local wines and see some zebras, camels, alpacas, bison, and giraffes.

SAT, MAR 24 @ 12:30PM

Malibu Wine Safaris

\$77, members/guests; \$85, non-members

Madeleine Mejia, madeleine_mejia@post.harvard.edu



Upcoming Events

Harvard Happy Hour at Pelican Hill

Join us at this networking event at the Pelican Hill Resort in Newport Coast. Watch the sun slide into the Pacific while making new acquaintances. Attendees will receive one glass of wine along with appetizers. A guitarist will perform from 5:00PM - 7:00PM.

THU, MAR 29 @ 5:00PM

The Resort at Pelican Hill (The Great Room Social Lounge)

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

Betsey Gillis, Newport1@flash.net



Science Pub Series #13 – Assessing Climate Change

Join us for a lecture by Dr. Donald Rapp, who will discuss how accurately we can predict the extent and future impact of global climate change. Dr. Rapp spent over 30 years at Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory as Chief Technologist of the Mechanical and Chemical Systems Division.

SUN, APR 22 @ 2:30PM

Dupar's Restaurant and Bakery

\$30, members; \$35, non-members

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Annenberg Photo Space Tour and Optional Lunch

Join us for this group tour of the Annenberg Photo Space's new exhibit of collections from the Library of Congress.

THU, MAY 10 @ 12:00PM

Annenberg Space for Photography

No charge, RSVP Requested

Pooja Nair, pnair@troygould.com



Radcliffe on the Road

The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, the Harvard Alumni Association, and the Harvard Club of Southern California invite you to attend a reception and lecture by Jane Kamensky, Pforzheimer Foundation Director, Schlesinger Library.

WED, MAY 16 @ 6:00PM

SLS Hotel, Beverly Hills

No charge, RSVP required

Register at www.Harvard-LA.org.



Save the Date - June 3, 2018

The 2018 Harvard Club Annual Dinner & Awards



Join the Harvard Club of Southern California for its Annual Dinner at which we will honor California Supreme Court Justice Carlos R. Moreno (Ret.) with the John Harvard Award for Distinguished Community Service.

The dinner and awards ceremony will take place at the Huntington Library and Gardens in the beautiful Rose Hills Foundation Garden Court. Gather with fellow alumni for food, fellowship, and fun.

WHEN: SUN, JUNE 3

WHERE: Huntington Library and Gardens



Harvard Serves the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL)

The Harvard Club of Southern California is proud to provide several public service volunteer opportunities for members of the Southern California Harvard community. If any of the following opportunities interests you, please contact Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi at mjhnakanishi@gmail.com.

- Of immediate need are Spanish speakers, over the age of 18, who can assist pro-bono tax preparers at a number of LAPL branch libraries. Volunteers are needed now through April 17.
- LAPL is seeking gallery docents for *Visualizing Language: Oaxaca*, a shows on display through August. Volunteers are asked to spend an hour a week in the gallery space engaging visitors with the stunning art in the Rotunda of the Central Los Angeles Library.
- Gallery docents are also needed for the exhibit *For All the World to See: Visual Culture and the Struggle for Civil Rights*, running until May 25. This traveling exhibit is made possible through National Endowment for the Humanities on the Road, in partnership with the National Museum of African American History and Culture and the Smithsonian Institution.
- **SAVE THE DATE** – The Central Library will be hosting its second Mini-Maker Faire on November 3 (tentative) in its quest to become the first Maker Faire site in Los Angeles. This event will require a lot of volunteers to assist with hands-on STEAM activities for children and their families.



Q&A from 02138:

Meagan Popp '19



Meagan Popp '19 is a concentrator in Integrative Biology with a citation in Spanish. She was born in Chicago and later moved to Southern California, graduating from Corona del Mar High School. She was the MVP of Corona del Mar girls swimming her junior and senior years and Pacific Coast League winner in the 100 back and 500 free. She is a member of Harvard's Athlete Medical Mentorship Program, which connects current athletes with Harvard athletic alumni doctors for shadowing opportunities. She spent the summer living on campus, taking organic chemistry, and training with the team. She is now a junior residing in Winthrop House.

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

MP: There are so many opportunities to experience new things, like going to see Rihanna talk and receive her Humanitarian of the Year award, or going apple picking with my House. The possibilities are endless and I just wish I had more time to experience everything.

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

MP: I first visited Harvard on my recruiting trip, and I immediately fell in love with the feel of the Yard and the personality of the swim team. I knew that coming all the way from Southern California would be difficult, and I wanted to find a home on campus. When I first met the team, I knew that they would be an amazing second family to me.

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

MP: My favorite class at Harvard was my Egyptian Archeology class with Professor Manuelian. It was amazing to be able to step away from my science classes and learn from one of the leading professors of the subject. We took various trips to the Museum of Fine Arts as a part of the class, and learned so much about a subject I never thought I had interest in.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

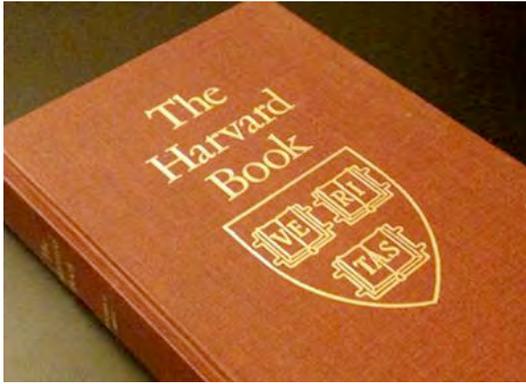
MP: Every practice I have with the swim team has a new funniest moment. The girls are hilarious and we always have so much fun together singing and laughing on deck.

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

MP: I really miss In-N-Out and the Rose Café. And of course, the beach.

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

MP: I would love to return the Southern California for graduate school and hopefully live there in the future.



The Harvard Prize Book Program Needs Your Contribution

Remember the stress of college application deadlines in high school? It's a marvel how students balance homework, extra curricular activities, a social life and, of course, sleep, for a chance to attend the country's top universities. The juniors of 2018 are working hard and they need our support.

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. 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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