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Sunday, June 3, 2018 Harvard Club Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner

"Live in each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influence of each." - Henry David Thoreau, Harvard Class of 1837

"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!"

- Robin Williams

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. Let's party.

This year we will be celebrating the accomplishments of two 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, which followed his service as a federal trial judge, 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 dissenter in Strauss v. Horton, the lawsuit challenging Proposition 8, the California ballot initiative in 2008 that banned same-sex marriage, but later declared unconstitutional in federal court. From 2014 to 2017, Justice Moreno served as United States Ambassador to Belize, where he made strides in advancing citizen security within Belize and in the region, focusing on citizen protection, economic development, and governance. Justice Moreno (retired) 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. Justice Moreno is a graduate of Yale College and Stanford Law School.

The 2018 Educator of the Year Award will be presented to Fidel A. Vargas. 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.

Date: Sunday, June 3, 2018

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

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

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

Contact: Maiya Verrone, Maiya WV@aol.com

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

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

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2018-2019 CLUB ELECTION SLATE

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Club By-Laws, the Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following nominations for officers and directors of the Harvard Club of Southern California for the year 2018-2019:

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This slate of candidates has been approved by the Board of Directors. All candidates are running unopposed. On or before April 15, 2018, any 25 or more active members of the Club are entitled to file with the Club Secretary (German Enciso, enciso@uci.edu) a nomination of any other eligible member for any office. The Ballot will be sent out with the May Newsletter. Members may vote for every candidate on the Election Slate should they choose to do so.

Note: Applicants for the Harvard Club of Southern California Board of Directors are welcome. Please write to Kay Park, chair of the Nominations Committee, kayparkmd@yahoo.com.



Harvard Law School Association Event - Women in Startups

On February 6th, the Harvard Law School Association of Los Angeles and Barnes & Thornburg LLP hosted the Women in Startups panel, where Kelly Shapiro (Thesis Couture, Panacea Financial), Christina Appleton (Appleton Consulting), Gracye Cheng (GoodRx), Katrina Sharman (ZestFinance), and Cam Kashani (COACCEL) shared the unique experiences, challenges, and benefits of being a woman in startups, tech, venture capital (VC), and entrepreneurship. Moderated by Laura Mignott (DFlashNYC), the panelists shared VC resources; true VC and employment problems; and tips on how to maintain the energy needed to plow forward.



Harvard Black Alumni Society Celebrates with Sunset Cocktails in Malibu

On a crisp Saint Patrick's Day evening, the Southern California chapter of the Harvard Black Alumni Society celebrated their return after a five-year lull with a kick-off party at the beautiful home of Hill Harper HLS '92, overlooking the ocean in Malibu. Eighty-six graduates ranging from the class of 1972 to 2017, and representing Harvard College, Law School, Business School, Medical School, Kennedy School of Government, Divinity School, and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, gathered for a lively evening of music, conversation, drinks, and jambalaya.



Organized by HBAS President Maiya Williams Verrone '84 and the leadership team of Kathryn Busby '84, Yule Caise '85, Kelly Goode '83, and Alison Taylor '84, the party was declared a great success by all who attended, with many expressing thanks that the group had been formed, and excitement about participating in future events.



During her remarks, Maiya described the mission of the HBAS as being "a forum for black Harvard alumni to convene, communicate and contribute to mutual professional development and the cultivation of black graduates, both present and future. It is our intent that, through this organization, a strong and supportive society of black Harvard Alumni perpetually exists to address pertinent issues and to enhance the alumni experience of each graduating class." Maiya also explained that members should see the group as an opportunity. "There is a ready audience here, a great source of support for things you may be doing or trying to accomplish. If you are someone with a project and you want to have an event to publicize it, we can help make that happen."

Anyone interested in joining the HBAS SoCal Chapter should contact Maiya Williams Verrone at MaiyaWV@aol.com.

Logistics and Volunteers: An Inspirational Story on How to Successfully Manage Both

Join us as we explore the fascinating world of Second Harvest Food Bank, Orange County's largest hunger relief organization. Learn the incredible amount of effort it takes to provide food for more than 315,000 people in Orange County who can't find enough food to feed themselves and their families.

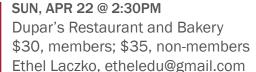


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Science Pub Series #13 – Assessing Climate Change

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.





Join us for an hour-long highlights tour of the popular Jasper Johns exhibit at The Broad art museum in downtown Los Angeles. Guests can skip the line, enjoy expedited check-in, and see the rest of the museum on their own after the tour. Tour #1 @ 2 PM, Tour #2 @ 2:30 PM.

SUN, MAY 6 @ 2:00PM and 2:30PM The Broad \$47, members; \$60, non-members Maiya Verrone, maiyawv@aol.com

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







Mother's Day Weekend Meso Run 2018

Join the Harvard Club and support a good cause at this inaugural 5K trail run/walk at the Old LA Zoo in Griffith Park on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. Members receive a \$5 discount using promo code HARVARDPROMO.

SAT, MAY 12 @ 9:00AM
Old LA Zoo Picnic Area, Griffith Park
\$35, adults; \$25, youth; \$10, child
Julia Forgie, jforgie@gmail.com



Private Tour of Farm Sanctuary

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California for a private tour of Farm Sanctuary. Come learn about this 26-acre home to rescued cows, pigs, turkeys, and other farm animals — each has a special story.

SAT, MAY 12 @ 2:00PM
Farm Sanctuary (Acton)
\$12, members; \$15, non-members
Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu



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.



2018 Harvard Club Annual Meeting and Awards

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SUN, JUN 3 @ 5:00PM

Huntington Library, Art Collection, and Botanical Gardens \$75 club members; \$90 non-members; \$50 recent grads ('14 -'18) Maiya Verrone, MaiyaWV@aol.com Register at www.Harvard-LA.org (tickets must be purchased in advance)



Matthew Temple Stands for HAA Elected Director Post



Matthew Temple '86, a longtime member of the Harvard Club of Southern California, received the endorsement of the Club's Board of Directors on his nomination for the position of Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) Elected Director in the upcoming 2018 HAA Spring Elections. All alumni are encouraged to vote in the HAA's elections.

Matthew Temple has made it his business to help people find and succeed in their careers. As the director of alumni career and professional development at Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, he leads a team that delivers career and executive coaching to 50,000 alumni globally.

As an appointed member of the HAA's Board of Directors and a past leader of the HAA's Careers and Networking Initiative, he has been catalytic in developing and leading a variety of career-focused webinars and workshops for the alumni community. In addition to his membership in the Harvard Club of Southern California, he is a past member of the Harvard Club of Hong Kong.

"It has been gratifying to share my skills and experiences in careers, networking, and professional development with Harvard alumni and students who need this knowledge to advance their careers," he says. "I have also enjoyed coming back to campus and collaborating with and forging new friendships with other HAA members."

Matthew previously worked as a career coach at Harvard Business School and UCLA Anderson School of Management, advising MBA students and alumni on topics such as networking, interviewing, and negotiating. A frequent speaker on a range of career issues, he has presented hundreds of workshops in the United States and around the globe. He has also coached executives on leadership, communications, and management at a number of *Fortune* 500 companies.

The elections for Harvard Overseers and HAA Elected Directors begin in April. Visit here for more details (https://www.harvard.edu/elections-2018)



Harvard's Shared Interest Groups

Harvard Alumni in Healthcare

Harvard Alumni in Healthcare is dedicated to building connections among Harvard alums and current students with an interest in healthcare. Co-founded by Keith Gross '83 and Cara Natterson '92, the SIG is only a couple of years old but already has more than 1200 members worldwide. One of its big draws is a "living map" on the website (www. harvardalumnihealthcare.com) that visualizes all of the SIG's members and allows participants to sort according to variables like geography and area of interest within healthcare. They can then message an individual or post content to a conversational thread. This year, the SIG's primary goal is to continue to expand membership while building deeper connectivity among members. Their first step is to build out a social media presence, which is in progress. Another focus involves engaging undergrads (who are joining in large numbers), hoping to identify internship opportunities or simply to network within this space. Membership is open only to Harvard alumni and students but it is by no means limited to those who work in the healthcare field. Members of HCSC who are interested in getting involved should contact cnatterson@gmail.com or kmarkgross@aol.com.

Q&A from 02138:

Simone Abegunrin '18



Simone Abegunrin '18, a concentrator in Social Studies with a focus field in Ethics in American Foreign Policy, was born in Los Angeles and graduated from Polytechnic High School (Pasadena) where she was Black Student Union co-president, assistant coach of the slam poetry team, a Peer Mentor, and one of the school's representatives to Cuba. She was also a three-sport varsity athlete and captain in soccer, track, and golf. As a mid-field and forward, she helped lead the Polytechnic girl's soccer team to victory as Prep League Champions for the first time in ten years, as well as in the CIF Regional State Championship, which was the first CIF championship victory of any kind in the team's history. Despite a serious ankle injury her senior fall that cut her soccer career short, Simone bounced back her senior spring in time for track season and made it to state for 100m hurdles. Four years later, she is now a senior residing in Currier House, and is the first person in her family to attend Harvard (both parents attended historically black colleges/universities). At Harvard, she just ended her tenure as co-chair of the Politics of Race and Ethnicity group at the Institute of Politics (IOP), and she is currently a Supervisor of the Harvard College Fund's Crimson Callers, Associates Team member of the Senior Class Committee, Executive Producer of the Eleganza Show, and Co – Founder / Head of Design of digital health start up Hurt Technologies. She spent last summer at Microsoft as a Product Marketing Manager intern for the Surface developing holistic revenue maximization strategies for their consumer division. She also spent a week in Jakarta, Indonesia as one of the five student leaders selected to represent Harvard's IOP at a week-long leadership conference featuring other student leaders from Georgetown, University of Chicago, and Jakarta's BINUS University.

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

SA: What surprised me the most, interestingly enough, was the normality of it all. Sure, you have the girl who cured her own strain of cancer or the guy who is literally a modern prince; however, these are the same people who join dance groups and play in intramural sports. We all laugh at silly jokes, cry from stress in the library, dance the night away on weekends, and misjudge whether to push or pull doors. While there are perhaps more casual dining hall philosophical debates on the existence of free will or the impact of artificial intelligence on emerging economies than your average school, we still do our laundry last minute, complain about homework, and gossip about crushes like everyone else. I have been truly surprised by the way Harvard has continually reminded me of my own humanity.

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

SA: I visited Harvard's storied campus for the first time on a windy spring day my sophomore year of high school, and I was almost intimidated by the breathtaking architecture and the sheer weight of the history all around me. I remember loving the feeling of standing in Harvard Yard and taking in the constant stream of bustling students, friendly professors, and curious tourists. At the information session, I was lucky enough to bond with other prospective students who had alumni parents and siblings that readily shared with me their unique perspectives on their time at Harvard. Their warmth and openness with me truly shaped my impressions of what the Harvard community was like - magnetic, magnanimous, and most of all, motivated. What finally sealed the deal for me was receiving a recruitment letter later that year that was signed by President Drew Faust herself, which epitomized all those qualities I had felt when I was on campus.

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

SA: My first year seminar, Muslim Voices in Contemporary World Literature, taught by the indomitable Professor Ali Asani, was one my best experiences at Harvard. He educated us on the text of Qur'an and the spirit of Islam as a whole, comparing it with the Islamophobic propaganda that permeates our society. We spent time reading books from modern Muslim authors writing from a non-Western perspective, providing a variety of viewpoints on Muslim feminism, Middle Eastern power relations, the cosmopolitan ethic, and more. Instead of having us write traditional responses on the readings, Professor Asani required us to create artistic renditions of our responses to the literature - original songs, paintings, poems, etc. I am forever grateful to him for exposing me not only to the multifaceted nature that is Islam but also to a radically different form of teaching that has stayed with me ever since.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

SA: My funniest moment at Harvard (now) is severely spraining my ankle by falling down the stairs on my way to class. It is so funny to me now I could not last a full month before tripping over something, and I had to spend a majority of my first semester in a boot and crutches. Best of all, it was a great way to make friends!

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

SA: Harvard does a great job at attracting wonderful applicants from around the world and establishing resources for its students; therefore, as President of Harvard I would focus on transforming the way we recruit from low income, first generation, and racially marginalized communities and the way we connect these types of students to all the great resources Harvard has to offer. For many students, simply getting into Harvard is not enough for them to feel welcome on campus; they feel that they do not have the "right" pedigree for inclusion into places like the Institute of Politics or *The Harvard Crimson*, that they must have a "smart" enough question for office hours and cannot just go for general help or simply to chat, and that the only way they can participate in programming such as unpaid DC internships or international travel is through paying out of pocket. By organizing a task force to work with local officials and public schools in places like El Paso, Detroit, and Appalachia, we would expose bright students to Harvard's opportunities who otherwise never would have considered applying. I would change the way students are incorporated into the campus culture once they arrive by setting up small discussion groups between first years and diverse, esteemed professors, establishing monthly entryway meetings on international travel and internship funding, and working with hallmark institutions like the IOP and the *Crimson* to create targeted welcome events for various first year demographics. In this way, I could hopefully encourage greater collaboration between different organizations, between students and professors, and between the administration and their populace, such that we can all avail of the amazing people and programs Harvard has to offer.

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

SA: One of my favorite things about Southern California is that no matter what time of day or year, there are sure to be a million exciting places to go, activities to do, things to see. There is a mind-boggling diversity of opportunities to engage with different aspects of yourself; from sunrise yoga in your quieter moments to pop up art shows when you're feeling adventurous, nothing beats Southern California as your own personal playground.

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

SA: I have truly enjoyed seeing so much of the United States and the world over the years, and I definitely plan to continue traveling and experiencing new and exciting adventures; however, Southern California will always have a warm, sunny place in my heart, and I could imagine no better place to settle down with a family of my own than back here with the perpetual summer, gorgeous natural landscapes, robust food culture, and effervescent people.

HCSC: What is your senior thesis?

My thesis looks to answer the question of: to what extent did race and racialized attitudes in the immediate post-WWII landscape influence how the U.S. foreign policy apparatus leveraged sociopolitical turmoil in developing nations to improve its geopolitical position, pursue sustained international stability, and inhibit the spread of communism? In analyzing U.S. public rhetoric, private papers, intervention logistics, and more, in Indonesia, Guatemala, and South Africa, with Greece as a counterpoint, I hope to uncover the fact that despite their calls for self-determination and liberal democracy, the United States could not shake its 300+ year racialized past, resulting in a racialized political calculus that countenanced the subjugation, disenfranchisement, and indiscriminate death of non-white lives under the broad claim of anti-communism.

HCSC: What are your plans after graduation?

SA: Before starting full time as a Product Marketing Manager for Microsoft in August, I look forward to traveling for a few weeks around the Mediterranean (Southern Spain, Italy, Greece / Greek islands, and Cyprus) and Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand).



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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