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Virtual event via Zoom

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\$20, members; \$30, nonmembers

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Location given after RSVP (in San Gabriel Valley)

\$45, members; \$50, nonmembers

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No charge

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MON, JAN 30 @ 7:00PM

Virtual event via Zoom

No charge



## Harvard Kroks, Radcliffe Pitches, and Din & Tonics Perform at LA and OC Concerts

On January 14, 2023, Los Angeles alumni will be treated to a first-rate a cappella triple feature. The Harvard Krokodiloes, Radcliffe Pitches, and the Harvard Din & Tonics will perform at the Westwood Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles at 8 pm. This sold-out event returns after a two-year hiatus.

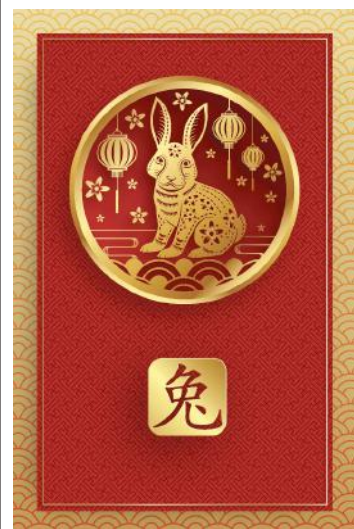
The following day, on January 15, the Din & Tonics will perform with Orange County's All-American Boys Chorus at St. Mark Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach at 4 PM. Tickets for both events are available for purchase on the Club's website.





## Shostakovich and Weinberg: Recovered Voices Event

On January 29, 2023, the Club and the Colburn School are co-hosting a performance of music by composers Dimitri Shostakovich and Mieczysław Weinberg. The performance is part of the Ziering-Conlon Initiative for Recovered Voices, which encourages greater awareness and more frequent performances of music by composers whose careers and lives were disrupted or ended during the years of the Nazi regime in Europe. The performance at Thayer Hall in the Colburn School is free to attend and will be livestreamed.



## Harvard Family Event - Lunar New Year Brunch

On Sunday, January 22, 2023, join fellow alumni to celebrate the Lunar Year of the Rabbit. Channel your inner rabbit with fellow Harvard alumni eating delicious Chinese food. All degree types, family of current students, and alumni welcome! This event will be held at a family-friendly location. Seating is limited, so please register soon.

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# Harvard Club of Southern California's Holiday Party

The '80s were back in style at this year's holiday party for the Board of the Harvard Club of Southern California. Board members dressed the part and enjoyed an '80s costume contest, trivia quiz and Name that Tune competition while dining on delicious tacos from Nana's Kitchen and grooving to Madonna and Michael Jackson. In attendance were Crockett and Tubbs from "Miami Vice", the creepy twins from "The Shining" and other notables from the era. It was totally rad!



## Recent Events

### Harvard Recent Grads December "First Mondays" Happy Hour

On December 5, Harvard Recent Grads met in Santa Monica at Osteria Del Fornaio for one last Happy Hour before the holidays. We would highly recommend it! Our favorite items included: Cocktails: Westside Medicine, Dad's Vacation Shirt, Boulevardier. Appetizers: Pizza Cacio y Pepe, Macaroni, Margherita Pizza. Join us next time for a special edition first Monday's happy hour on Monday, February 6.



### HCSC/ANHW Beverly Hills Brunch

On December 11, thirty alums braved the rain for a festive holiday brunch at Gourmando Restaurant in Beverly Hills. Attendees enjoyed lively conversation along with coffee, mimosas, and delicious brunch entrees. We look forward to hosting similar events in the future.



# Upcoming Events

## HCSC Crimson Book Club - *March* by Geraldine Brooks

Do you love literature? Join us for a discussion of *March* by Geraldine Brooks. The acclaimed author gives us the story of the absent father from Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*—and conjures a world of brutality, stubborn courage and transcendent love.

**TUE, JAN 10 @ 7:00PM**

Online via Zoom

No charge



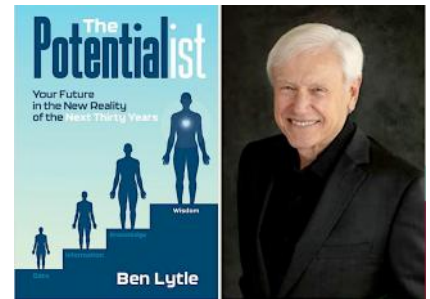
## THE POTENTIALIST - Your Future in the New Reality of the Next Thirty Years

Transformational disruptions are coming. Instead of having your head in the clouds, the cloud will be in your head – thanks to brain-to-computer interface (BCI) – leaving you with just two choices, adapt or be left behind. Ben Lytle lays out what's next and how to get ready for it.

**WED, JAN 11 @ 9:00AM**

Online via Zoom

No charge



## A Cappella Triple Feature - The Dins, Pitches and Kroks Return to L.A. (SOLD OUT)

After a two-year hiatus, one of the Club's most popular events returns, even better than before. The a cappella event is now a triple feature as we welcome the Harvard Din & Tonics, the Harvard Krokodiloes, and the Radcliffe Pitches.

**SAT, JAN 14 @ 8:00PM**

Westwood Presbyterian Church (Los Angeles)

\$20 members, \$30 non-members



## A Cappella Event - The Din and Tonics in Orange County

The Din & Tonics are Harvard University's signature jazz a cappella group. Their repertoire centers around American jazz standards, but also frequently includes pop, disco, and folk music. The Dins will be joined by Orange County's own The All-American Boys Chorus.

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Hybrid Event - Live (The Colburn School) and Online  
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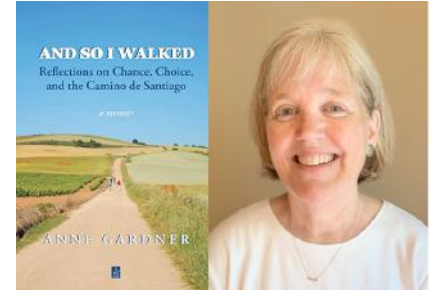


## Alumni Book Talk with Anne Gardner Div '05

Join us as fellow Harvard alumna Anne Gardner Div. '05 recounts the story of her 500-mile walk across Spain on the famed Camino de Santiago. Her 37-day journey inspired her debut book, *And So I Walked* (Adelaide Books, NY/Lisbon).

**MON, JAN 30 @ 7:00PM**

Online via Zoom  
No charge



## Allen and Lee-Hwa Chao Lectureship in Cancer Research - Community Lecture

The Allen And Lee-Hwa Chao Lectureship in Cancer Research is hosted by the Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center. This year's honoree is George Q. Daley, MD, PhD. George Q. Daley, Dean of Harvard Medical School (HMS) and the Caroline Shields Walker Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, is an internationally recognized leader in stem cell science and cancer biology. He is also a longtime member of the HMS faculty whose work spans the fields of basic science and clinical medicine. Daley has been professor of biological chemistry and molecular pharmacology at HMS since 2010.

**WED, FEB 1 @ 7:00PM**

Beckman Center of the National Academies (Irvine, CA)  
No charge



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Q & A from 02138:

Steve Cox '23



Steve Cox '23, a concentrator in Applied Math, was born in Los Angeles, CA and graduated from Loyola High School in 2018. He is a senior residing in Dunster House. At Harvard, Steve is a rower on the Men's Varsity Heavyweight Rowing team. Off the water, he is the former Chairman and President of the Harvard Investment Association, a 3-year representative on the Harvard Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and a Portfolio Manager for Black Diamond Capital Investors. This past summer, he worked as a Private Equity Summer Analyst at Ares Management Corporation in Los Angeles.

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

SC: When I arrived at Harvard freshman year, I was surprised by how warm and welcoming the community was. Between the upperclassmen on my team, the group of classmates on my FOP trip, and new friends in my Wigglesworth entryway, I felt right at home around campus. The friendships that formed in the fall of 2018 still remain strong today.

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

SC: I first visited Harvard during my high school winter in 2017. I recall feeling excited to see how happy everyone looked around the Yard; all the people I met were involved in so many great groups and activities. During that trip, I took a campus tour which really helped me gain insight into what life looked like around the Square. The most exciting part, however, was getting the chance to meet my current coaches on the rowing team and walk through Newell Boathouse.

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

SC: My favorite class was Contemporary Developing Countries, co-taught by Professor Tarun Khanna from Harvard Business School and Dr. Satchit Balsari from Harvard Medical School. The course was centered around finding entrepreneurial solutions to social and economic challenges and included guest lectures by professors in the Engineering and Design schools. Additionally, the class was divided into group work, and since the course was taught for both undergraduate and students across the Business, Law, and Kennedy Schools, this was my first opportunity to work closely with graduate students. This class was an excellent way to see how technical material from my classes could make a real world of difference.

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

SC: My freshman year, I remember rowing on the water in some of the worst conditions I have ever seen. The rain was coming down very heavily and waves were hitting the boats from all sides, but the rowers in my boat were holding strong and enjoying the inclement

weather. Our coxswain was leading us through a racing workout side-by-side with another boat when all of a sudden everyone in our crew (and for sure the neighboring crew too) heard yelping and shouting from the stern of the boat. It turned out that in one of the waves, a live fish came overboard and was flopping around in our coxswain's lap. When we got back to the dock, we very proudly saw our coxswain display his "Catch of the Day" — which ultimately turned out to be the world's smallest fish. He was very proud of his new fishing abilities and our whole team got a good laugh that morning.

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

SC: If I were President of Harvard, I would increase student interaction with professors outside of the classroom. My roommates and I invited one of our computer science professors to a dinner in Dunster House and that was an excellent experience. Additionally, one of my freshman seminar instructors took our whole class to lunch on the final day to talk about where he thought the future of math was headed, a very cool topic for an aspiring math major. I think hearing about my professor's research and life outside of the classroom really helped me to make a connection and relate with his experience. More opportunities and events designed for this type of interaction would be a great add to campus life.

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

SC: One surprising thing I miss about Southern California is the driving. Throughout high school and over the summers, driving was a time for me to listen to music or hang out with my family and friends. The periods of time I spent in the car really were uninterrupted times to relax and decompress. I definitely miss those long peaceful moments around Los Angeles.

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

SC: After college, I am returning to Los Angeles as a private equity analyst at Ares. I am looking forward to returning to see friends from high school as well as new friends I have made in Boston who have moved out to the West Coast. I also look forward to hosting visitors and showing them why I love SoCal. I am a true Californian at heart and I am excited that I will be back near my family in the near future.

*HCSC: How did you manage the transition to virtual classes?*

SC: I thought the transition was brutal even though Harvard did everything it could to make things work. I learned that to succeed in a virtual environment, I needed to go to more online office hours and get to know the teaching staff more to help replace the conversations after a normal lecture that supplement the material. On a logistical level, my two sisters were also taking online courses at school, my parents were working from home, and our wife frequently cut out or could not support the entire family at once. I am grateful that my final two years were on campus, in person, and back to a relatively normal instructional format. I actually took a gap year due to Covid during 2020-2021 and moved to London with some of my teammates. I lived in a boathouse there and worked for a local company. It was a brutal year but it was definitely better than it might have been because I was with my team.



*Steve Cox '23 is a rower on the Men's Varsity Heavyweight Rowing team.*



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