



THE HARVARD CLUB *of* SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Upcoming Events.

Sunday, May 31, 2015 @ 5:00 P.M. *The 2015 Harvard Club Annual Dinner & Awards*

Location: Madera Kitchen (Los Angeles)
Cost: \$80/members & guests; \$90/non-members;
\$70/Recent Grads (Classes of '11 – '15)

Tuesday, June 9, 2015 @ 8:00 P.M. *Waterfall, The Musical at the Pasadena Playhouse*

Location: Pasadena Playhouse (Pasadena)
Cost: \$40 per person

Monday, June 22, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M. *Harvard Global Networking Night in Los Angeles*

Location: Viceroy (Santa Monica)
Cost: No charge, RSVP requested

Wednesday, June 24, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M. *"Harvard Serves" Wrap Party*

Location: Season's 52 (Century City)
Cost: Cash bar

Sunday, June 27, 2015 @ 11:00 A.M. *Tenth Annual Radcliffe College Alumnae Luncheon*

Location: California Yacht Club (Marina del Rey)
Cost: \$40 per person

July 9 and 10, 2015 @ 8:00 P.M. *Harry Connick, Jr. at the Hollywood Bowl*

Location: Hollywood Bowl (Hollywood)
Cost: \$115 per ticket (G Level)

Friday-Sunday - July 17-19, 2015 *Inter-Ivy & MIT Young Alum Camping Trip*

Location: Bluff Mesa Group Camp (San Bernadino)
Cost: \$35 per attendee

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"Harvard Serves" Wrap Party — You're Invited!

Harvard's Global Month of Service project "Harvard Serves" took place in April, as local alumni volunteered to give back to their communities alongside fellow participants. SoCal Harvard Alumni Association Director Liz Ryan, AB '81, chair of the Club's Public Service Task Force, continued in her role as the event organizer. The Club's Public Service Task Force will hold its annual "Harvard Serves: Wrap Party" to meet volunteers, representatives of the non-profits, and Alumni Volunteer Coordinators who facilitated this year's 11 volunteer opportunities throughout local organizations during the month of April.



Volunteers model teamwork at Kids Enjoy Exercise Now, organized by Amy Chou.

When: Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 6:00 PM
Where: Season's 52 - Century City Mall
Cost: Cash bar
Register: RSVP at <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>

Look for the folks wearing red near the bar. Friends, family and future volunteers are all invited! Alumni interested in volunteering in future public service activities can register on the Club's website at www.harvard-la.org, under the tab "Service."

RECENT EVENTS...



Walking Tour of Little Saigon - April 25, 2015

The walking tour of Little Saigon in Westminster was well attended with participants from all over Orange County and LA County. We were delighted to have good company and good weather, making the event quite memorable. Kathy Buchoz, a former mayor of Westminster, served as our tour guide. We gathered in front of the Asian Garden Mall (Phuoc Loc Tho) for a history of how a small farming town became a mecca for Vietnamese refugees. Today, Little Saigon has the largest Vietnamese population outside of Vietnam.

The tour continued across the street to the Asian Village, where we toured various shops, including supermarkets specializing in Vietnamese delicacies, the first Vietnamese bakery, and a tea shop. After dining on pho and spring rolls, we walked around the mall and learned about the history of Vietnamese-Americans as immigrants as well as the future plans to expand Little Saigon. We concluded the tour with free time to explore the shops and get reacquainted with the famous Vietnamese ice coffee.



Left to right: Erfan Mojaddam, EdM '07, Carrie Zulanis, Katharine Young, AM '60, Miral Kim-E (MIT), Robert Young, MD '61, Michael Dogali, AM '60, Chi Bui, DMS '02, Matthew Temple, AB '86, Kathy Dogali, Jeanne Mantell, JD '81, Michael Eastman, AB '79, JD '83



HCSC Group Visits Heatherwick Exhibit at the Hammer

On May 19, 2015, a group of twelve Harvard Club of Southern California members and their guests toured the exhibition *Provocations: The Architecture and Design of Heatherwick Studio* at the Hammer Museum in Westwood. The exhibition featured a selection of large-scale models, prototypes, designed objects, and drawings of the London-based office of Thomas Heatherwick, a rising star in the international design world. Guided by Hammer docent Nick Barlow, the group viewed a full-scale mock-up of London's newly redesigned double-decker buses, models of the sea urchin-like UK Pavilion from the 2010 Shanghai Expo, and details from London's 2012 Olympic Cauldron, among many other exhibits.

Hammer docent Nick Barlow discussing the work of Thomas Heatherwick with HCSC members

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Waterfall, The Musical at the Pasadena Playhouse

Join us at WATERFALL at The Pasadena Playhouse. The performance will be followed by a Post-Show Talk with the Artists and Dr. Wenli Jen, EdM '06.

WATERFALL is a new musical headed to Broadway with a majority Asian American cast. Catch it now before it goes to New York, and support the APFC community. Check them out at their Facebook event: APFC Night at WATERFALL at The Pasadena Playhouse.

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2015
Time: 8:00 P.M.
Location: Pasadena Playhouse (Pasadena)
Cost: \$40 per person
Contact: Dr. Wenli Jen at wjen@pacificclinics.org



Tenth Annual Radcliffe College Alumnae Luncheon

The Harvard Club of Southern California welcomes you to the tenth annual Radcliffe Alumnae Luncheon. Let's reminisce, eat, and keep abreast of our current plans, passions, or concerns.

Date: Saturday, June 27, 2015
Time: 11:00 A.M.
Location: California Yacht Club
Cost: \$40 per person
RSVP: Harvard Club of Southern California, HarvardSoCal@gmail.com
Register: <http://www.Harvard-LA.org> or send a check payable to HCSC to Harvard Club of Southern California, 1020 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Suite 204, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Global Networking Night - June 22nd

Join fellow local alumni for Global Networking Night on Monday, June 22, 2015. Global Networking Night is a great opportunity to explore and expand your Harvard Network; the last event drew more than 5,500 alumni in 72 cities!

Date: Monday, June 22, 2015
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Viceroy Hotel
Cost: No charge, RSVP requested
Contact: Jordan Reddout Wilhoit, jordan.reddout@gmail.com



Harry Connick, Jr. at the Hollywood Bowl (Two Nights)

Harry Connick Jr. and his big band kick off the Hollywood Bowl's Weekend Spectacular series with romantic ballads and pop classics. Join us for this incredible event!

Showered with awards and recognition for his live and recorded musical performances, and for his achievements on screens large and small and the Broadway stage, Harry Connick, Jr. has exemplified excellence in every aspect of the entertainment world.

Date: Thursday and Friday, July 9 and 10, 2015
Time: 8:00 P.M.
Location: Hollywood Bowl (Hollywood, CA)
Cost: \$115 per ticket (G Level)
Contact: Eva Plaza, plaza@theplazalawgroup.com



Q&A from 02138... Juliet Spies-Gans '15

Juliet Spies-Gans '15, a concentrator in English Literature, was born in Los Angeles and graduated from Crossroads High School, where she was a member of both the Cum Laude Honors Society and the Community Service Honors Society. She was captain of the girls' basketball team, which won the CIF championship in 2008, and was named Female Student Athlete of the Year in 2011. Juliet was the co-president of Crossroads's Students for Environmental Action Club along with its Mediation Club, and was a research assistant for a professor at UCLA Medical School. She is currently a senior residing in Lowell House. Her mother is Amy Spies '75 and her sister is Paris Spies-Gans '09. Her grandmother, Virginia Eiseman, graduated from Radcliffe in 1941.

At Harvard, Juliet was Chair of The Harvard Crimson Newspaper's sports section. She has been an editor of and staff writer for The Crimson since 2011, and is the men's basketball beat writer. In November, she won the Associated Collegiate Press's national Story of the Year award in the sports category for a longform feature entitled "Disorderly Conduct." The story investigated the unfortunate prevalence of eating disorders within the Harvard athletics community.

Her internship experiences have also been largely related to the field of journalism, as she has worked for ESPN's Grantland, FOX Sports, and the National Basketball Association the past three summers.

Elsewhere on campus, Juliet is a member of the Harvard University Women in Business organization, a writer for the Harvard College Stories for Orphans community service group, and has volunteered for Lowell House Serves, performing outreach activities in the local community.

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

JSG: Looking back on my college experience, I think the aspect of Harvard life that surprised me the most was how impactful it can be to find your niche on campus. While the Yard itself may be small, Harvard is a place where you can easily get lost between the bustle of classes, the hundreds of organizations, and the bevy of opportunities if you don't have a place or a group that you can truly call your own. For me, The Crimson was this place—this niche—and my time on the paper has enabled me to become part of an incredibly tight-knit community and has given me experiences that are undoubtedly once in a lifetime.

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

JSG: I first came to Harvard in the fall of 2005, when I visited my sister, who was a freshman at the time. I stayed with her in Weld, and stayed up late talking to her roommates and friends. I loved it. I proceeded to visit her for a week at a time the following three years as well, transitioning with her from the Yard to Dunster House. It was through these stays, through these snapshots of campus life, that I knew I wanted to attend Harvard when my time came.

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

JSG: It's hard to pick just a single class, but one of my absolute favorite courses was English Cijr, "Introduction to Journalism," taught by Jill Abramson '76 [former executive editor of the New York Times]. Professor Abramson was fantastic; she brought a vivacity to the seminar every week, exemplifying what it means to be passionate about one's craft. She worked with each of us on our own reporting skills, coupling her lectures with incredible anecdotes from her experiences at The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. For instance, on the first day of our seminar, Professor Abramson lectured on what she viewed as the common characteristics of literature and journalism. She handed out copies of F. Scott Fitzgerald's short story "Winter Dreams,"

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and we had an hour-long discussion in which we viewed Fitzgerald's famous lyrical prose through the lens of "profile" journalism. How Fitzgerald framed his characters—the sharp observations, the subtle nuances of his description—and how he framed his narratives on a greater level mirrored the stylistic tendencies and structural choices of some of journalism's greatest profile writers, including Gay Talese. As both an English concentrator and a journalist, I loved this intersection of novels and newspapers, this synthesis of reading and reporting. Ever since that first class, I have continually sought to find the literary in the lines of the Times, or the editorial on the earmarked pages of my favorite short stories.

HCSC: What has been your favorite moment at Harvard?

JSG: Through my work on The Crimson, I was fortunate enough to attend the 2014 and 2015 NCAA Tournaments, covering the men's basketball team's March Madness games against Cincinnati, Michigan State, and North Carolina. I will never forget what it felt like to be in the arena in Spokane, Washington on March 22, 2014, when Harvard fought back from a 16-point deficit, inspired by an emotional halftime speech from then-co-captain Brandyn Curry '14. Against perennial powerhouse Michigan State and on the biggest stage of collegiate hoops, Harvard outscored the Spartans by 18 points in just an eight-minute span in the second half, taking a two-point lead before eventually falling to the team that many predicted would win the national title. I've attended quite a few sporting events over the last 21 years, and never, never have I so tangibly sensed momentum switching sides. It seemed as if I could actually feel the energy shifting to the Harvard bench, and when the Crimson fan section began its "I believe that we will win" chant, the arena seemed ready to burst. Harvard, the ever-academic school, suddenly became a sports school as well—being there for that moment was incredible. This experience truly typified the 'madness' inherent in March Madness, the thrill intrinsic to post-season play.

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

JSG: Other than moving Harvard Yard three thousand miles to the west? I'd have to say that I'd work on expanding the budget for the humanities. Many of my friends in the sciences speak of receiving grants for thesis research or funds for new lab initiatives. In the English department, grants are all but nonexistent, and our research is mainly done from the depths of the Widener stacks, with no funding whatsoever in our back pockets. I really believe that an increase in funds allotted to humanities departments would enable interested students to work with and experience their scholarly material—whether that be literature or the law, archives or architecture—in an entirely new way, allowing these undergraduates to delve into their studies in a manner that was previously close to impossible.

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

JSG: I think that Southern California has an energy about it that is unique to its beaches and palm-bordered boulevards. There's something different about reading a book in a place where the sun is always shining, and, as an English concentrator, there's something special about walking the streets of a town where so many great writers have strode in years past—F. Scott Fitzgerald, William Faulkner, Joan Didion...the list goes on. While, of course, Harvard, too, has been home to many of the finest storytellers of any and every generation, being able to go back to sunny Los Angeles and still be surrounded by literary history is something I look forward to every time I make my way towards Logan Airport.

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

JSG: I hope to return to Southern California in the coming years. I am not sure yet when that will be, but, when I do, it will be in the hope of synthesizing my passion for storytelling with the sun and sand native to Los Angeles, and in the aim of bringing all that I have learned about writing, journalism, and literature at Harvard back to the familiar twists and turns of the Pacific Coast Highway.



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**All checks for events are non-refundable unless explicitly stated otherwise. Unless specifically noted, RSVPs are not confirmed.*

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May 31, Sunday 5:00 P.M.	The 2015 Harvard Club Annual Dinner and Awards	Madera Kitchen Los Angeles, CA	\$80, members/guests \$90, non-members \$70, recent grads	Eva Plaza, plaza@theplazalawgroup.com
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June 13, Saturday 9:00 A.M.	Ivy Pride Alliance LA... LGBT Mt. Baldy Summit Hike	Meet at Mt. Baldy Ski Lifts Mt. Baldy, CA	\$25 per person Round trip lift ticket	Kevin Wegener, kevin.wegener@gmail.com
June 22, Monday 7:00 P.M.	Harvard Global Networking Night in Los Angeles	Viceroy Santa Monica, CA	No charge RSVP requested	Jordan Reddout Wilhoit, jordan.reddout@gmail.com
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July 17-19 Friday-Sunday	Inter-Ivy & MIT Young Alum Camping Trip in Big Bear	Bluff Mesa Group Camp San Bernadino, CA	\$35 per attendee	Yale Club Website www.yalela.org