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Madeleine\_Mejia@post.harvard.edu

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**Cost:** Entrance is Free

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**Cost:** \$20 per person, \$30 at the door

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#### ***Harvard Jeremy Lin Clippers Event***

**Location:** Staples Center, Los Angeles, CA  
**Cost:** TBA

Please visit [www.Harvard-LA.org](http://www.Harvard-LA.org) for a complete list of upcoming events and to register.



## **Harvard Admissions Comes To Southern California In Advance of Record Number of Applicants**

As the work begins in assembling the Harvard Class of 2018, four Harvard Admissions Officers paid a visit to Southern California during the week of October 7, 2013. More than 400 high schools students and their parents, representing 50 high schools, were visited by Harvard Admissions Officers Lucerito Ortiz ('10), Kaitlyn Howrigan ('05), Charlie Kim (a graduate of Hamilton High School and University of California Berkeley), and Niki Johnson. Topics included SAT scores, Harvard's financial aid opportunities, as well as questions about Cambridge. Lucerito Ortiz said, "It's been a few years since Admissions has had a presence in Los Angeles and we wanted to meet with as many high schools and their students and counselors as we could. We met some great candidates!" In addition to meeting with high school students, four interviewer training sessions were held throughout the greater Los Angeles area and Orange County. Howrigan emphasized the importance of the alumni. "Alumni interviews are so helpful to the Admissions Committee in the decision making process, and we rely so much on local alumni. Their input is crucial to those of us in Admissions."

The deadline for Early Action is November 1, 2013, with the Regular Action deadline January 1, 2014. As in prior years, Admissions is expecting a large number of applicants from Southern California. Southern California had a record number of applicants last year (2,713, of which 192 applied early.) Last year, interviewers from around Southern California met with virtually all of the applicants from our area, providing Admissions with insights and viewpoints essential in putting together the Class of 2017. The Harvard Club is always in need of alumni interviewers and if you are interested, please contact Dan Medina, Vice President of Schools and Scholarships, at [dan@capknowledge.com](mailto:dan@capknowledge.com).



## 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](mailto:pverrone@aol.com). You can also submit a proposal directly to OCS online at <http://tinyurl.com/WinternshipProposals>.

Students begin searching for Winternships in early November so submit your proposal today!



## Harvard-Columbia Networking Event - October 17th

About 100 alumni from Columbia and Harvard mingled at Trattoria Neapolis in Pasadena during our joint happy hour on October 17, 2013. Guests enjoyed specialty drinks and appetizers on the balcony and in the Wine Room inside the gorgeous restaurant.

Pictured above are recent Kennedy School graduates enjoying a mini-reunion (first person asked that he not be identified by name, Piyush Tantia and Sam Ward).

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## Interview with Alumni Interviewer... Susan St. Louis, A.B. '81

*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.*

Susan St. Louis, A.B. '81, has been the Area Chair for the Inland Empire (Riverside and San Bernardino counties) for the past seven years, and has been an alumni interviewer for 14 years (except the years when her children were applying to college.) Susan has interviewed over 100 applicants.

Susan resided in Leverett House and majored in History. She played varsity soccer (four years), varsity lacrosse (two years) and varsity track and field (one year). She also held a term-time job throughout all four years.

Following graduation, Susan worked in various positions in the software industry, starting as a computer programmer, moving on to provide technical sales support for software startups, and finally spending about four years as a management consultant before leaving the workforce to raise and homeschool her children. She has also been coaching youth and/or high school soccer for about 16 years.

Susan loves to read, but struggles to find time to keep up with her two book clubs, in addition to reading books she herself chooses. She is rediscovering her love for folk art and craft, especially crafts involving fabric. She loves to cook and is an avid though not particularly discerning wine enthusiast. She plans to attempt some writing now that all of her children have gone on to college and grad school. Her three daughters have all attended Harvard (classes of '12, '15, and '17).

Interviewing students for admission to Harvard has given her the opportunity to see what the coming generation is like - to know what really bright high school students from communities all over Southern California are thinking about and doing with their time. She says it has been fascinating over the years to see the changes technology has wrought in both the students and their concerns, as well as in how they express themselves to their peers and others. It has also been enlightening to talk to these young people and get a sense of how they see the world, what they want to change, and what they want to protect or improve.

Susan usually asks students a few standard questions to help frame the discussion: Tell me about your family. What books have you read, not for classes but for yourself, in the past few years? Which of those books really stood out as memorable, and why? And academically, was there a school project that you did during your high school years that was compelling and truly special, and why? But mostly, she just tries to draw the student out, asking about their activities and interests, and letting them talk. Interviewing is a pleasure she looks forward to each year.



## A Day at the Races - Santa Anita

Isn't it time life got a little racy? Come enjoy the "Sport of Kings" at Santa Anita with the Harvard Club of Southern California's Day at the Races on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 11:30 a.m.

This will be a chance to experience the beauty of thoroughbreds performing in a beautiful setting with the San Gabriel Mountains as a backdrop. The \$60 cost includes lunch, excellent seating and an entertaining explanation of the sport and its wagering by handicapper Ty Alexander, who will inform us of the Strategy Aspects of Betting.

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**Cost:** \$60 per person  
**Contact:** Eva Plaza, plaza@theplazalawgroup.com



## A Night with Robert Kraft at Largo at the Coronet

Join us for this special performance with Robert Kraft AB '76, former President of 20th Century Fox Music.

Award-winning composer and musician Robert Kraft will perform, celebrating the release of the Robert Kraft Boxed Set, plus the never-before-released Robert Kraft Live at Town Hall, NYC 1980. Robert will play the piano, sing songs and tell stories covering his colorful and exciting career.

**Date:** Tuesday, November 5, 2013  
**Time:** 8:00 P.M.  
**Place:** Largo at the Coronet (Los Angeles)  
**Cost:** \$25 each (register through theater)  
**Contact:** Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net



## Hammer Forums with Harvard Alumnus Robert Thurman

Please join us for this FREE event at The Hammer Museum. The title of the talk is "How to Break the Anger Habit and Be a Whole Lot Happier."

**RSVP required. A group will meet before the talk at the café, Dutch treat**

**Date:** Thursday, November 7, 2013  
**Time:** 7:30 P.M.  
**Place:** The Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
**Cost:** No charge  
**Contact:** Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine\_Mejia@post.harvard.edu  
**Register:** www.Harvard-LA.org



## New Science Pub Series - Mathematics: Biology's New Microscope?

This session will feature German Enciso, HMS Postdoctoral Fellow '07 to '09, an Assistant Professor in Mathematics and Cell & Developmental Biology at the University of California, Irvine. Professor Enciso studies cellular decision-making processes and collaborates with biologists in a range of subjects including signal transduction, cancer modeling, protein networks and neuroscience.

**Date:** Sunday, November 17, 2013  
**Time:** 3:00-5:00 P.M.  
**Place:** Trattoria Neapolis (Pasadena)  
**Cost:** \$25 per person  
**Contact:** Ethel Seminario Laczko, etheledu@gmail.com

# The 130th Harvard-Yale Football Game

## (Saturday, November 23, 2013)

### NEW LOCATION! (Bru Haus)

Can Harvard extend its winning streak to seven in a row and 12 out of the last 13 years?



Will Yale play spoiler to Harvard's run for the Ivy title?

**Time:** Doors open at 8:45 a.m., kick-off is at 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Bru Haus Pub, 11831 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025, ([www.bruhauspub.com](http://www.bruhauspub.com))

**Parking:** Street parking and valet.

**Cost:** By Nov. 21st: \$25 per person members/guests; \$30 for non-members; \$23 for recent grads and children under 12

After Nov. 21st and at the Door: \$30 per person for **ALL at door** (adults/children/recent grads)

**Register:** <http://www.Harvard-LA.org> or complete the form below.



## Be a Part of the 130th Edition of The Game!

We have another great Harvard-Yale football telecast planned for 2013, as the Crimson look to continue their longest winning streak over the Bull Dogs since The Game started in 1875.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Los Angeles telecast has a new venue and will be held at the Bru Haus in West LA, located 11831 Wilshire Blvd, (310) 473-2337.

Add 150 cheering Harvard and Yale alumni, and a memorable experience is all but ensured (if not a Harvard win!). Families are always welcome. Breakfast, coffee, tea and juices/sodas are included with the ticket price.

For more details or questions, contact Franklin Barreno at (626) 536-6079 or email [fsbarren@ix.netcom.com](mailto:fsbarren@ix.netcom.com). Registration can also be conducted online at [www.harvard-la.org](http://www.harvard-la.org)



### 2013 HARVARD-YALE FOOTBALL GAME REGISTRATION: Los Angeles Venue

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve: \_\_\_\_\_ Members/guests @ \$25 each  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Non-members and All Attendees at the Door @ \$30 each  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Children/Recent Grads @ \$23 each  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

Please make checks payable to the the Harvard Club of Southern California and mail along with this form to **Harvard Club of Southern California, c/o Franklin Barreno, 704 San Antonio Drive, Covina, CA 91723**

**Orange County Location:**  
 The Shady Canyon Golf Club in  
 Irvine @ 9AM. Entrance is free.  
 AJ Rogers, [rxsurgeon@aol.com](mailto:rxsurgeon@aol.com)



## Annual Harvard Holiday Salon

Join us for the liveliest Holiday Performance Party and Mixer in LA. Do you sing? Play? Perform? Dance? Or have another unique talent that would entertain others? This is your chance for fame, if not fortune!

**Deadline to register is December 10, 2013.**

**Date:** Saturday, December 14, 2013  
**Time:** 7:00 - 11:00 P.M.  
**Cost:** \$20 per person, \$30 at the door  
**Location:** The Home of a Club Member in LA  
(Address to be sent after registration)  
**Contact:** Madeleine Mejia,  
Madeleine\_Mejia@post.harvard.edu  
**Register:** <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>



## 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  
**Cost:** \$83 (new - Orch Ring section)  
**Contact:** Kay Park, [kayparkmd@yahoo.com](mailto:kayparkmd@yahoo.com)



## Harvard Jeremy Lin Clippers Event

Join fellow Harvard Alums to see the LA Clippers take on the Houston Rockets. Houston is currently led by Harvard Grad Jeremy Lin (AB '10) and the Clippers are among the most exciting and best teams in the NBA.

Each ticket includes early entry (5:30 PM for a 7:30 game) and a special post-game event on the famous STAPLES Center court.

**Date:** Wednesday, February 26, 2013  
**Time:** 7:30 P.M.  
**Cost:** TBA  
**Location:** Staples Center (Downtown LA)  
**Contact:** Maurice Levin, [maurice@cycads.com](mailto:maurice@cycads.com)



## 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](mailto:kayparkmd@yahoo.com)



## Q&A from 02138... Spenser Goodman '15

*(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.)*

Spenser Goodman '15, resides in Eliot House and majors in Government with a secondary in economics. He was born in Laguna Beach, California. He graduated from Capistrano Valley High School in Mission Viejo, California where he was the captain of the water polo and swim teams in his senior year. The team won the California State Championship in 2010 and was the CIF-Southern California Section Division 1 champion in 2009 and 2010. Goodman swims on the Harvard varsity team. In his freshman year, Goodman chaired Yardfest, the annual spring concert in the Yard. He was a member of the Undergraduate Council (UC), the student government, and the College Events Board. He chaired the UC's Social Programs Committee that planned social inclusive events, including an all-school dance in the basement of one of the new science buildings, giving away cotton candy and ice cream on the last day of classes, and bringing in the cast of "The Buried Life," an MTV show, to speak about living life to the fullest and taking advantage of every opportunity. Goodman has served on the Eliot House Committee and the student-faculty committee on Student Life. He studied abroad in London through Harvard Summer School and has been a proctor for the Harvard Summer School. His passions at Harvard have been swimming and improving student life through college-wide event planning and meetings with deans and administrators on student life policy. His father, Davis Goodman, '77, as well as aunts and uncles attended Harvard.

### **HCSC: What surprised you most about Harvard?**

**SG:** I was surprised at how much of a presence Southern California had at Harvard when I arrived as a freshman. The summer before my freshman year, I planned several outings for the SoCal prefrish to get to know each other before we arrived in Cambridge. The summer events culminated with a "send off" party at my house. By the time we arrived in Cambridge, we felt like we knew everyone (in reality, just about 15% of the class), but to everyone else, it appeared that everyone at school was from California and knew each other!

### **HCSC: What was your first memory of Harvard?**

**SG:** My first memory of Harvard was visiting during my Dad's 25th reunion (2002). I was 10 years old, and remember being amazed by how much Harvard put into its reunions. Having been involved with reunions as a camp counselor for a couple of years, I realize that most of the wow factor is just a show aimed at soliciting donations from alumni, but for me, it still shows what a powerful institution Harvard is and why I first fell in love with it 11 years ago.

### **HCSC: Describe a typical week.**

**SG:** A typical week for me during the swim season (September 1 through April 1): I have 10 practices a week, 4 doubles (M, Tu, Th, F), Wednesday afternoon only, and Saturday morning only. I have class 10-1 each day except Friday when I only have 1 hour of class usually. Add an hour here or there for section and I usually find myself with an hour or two to study after dinner each night before bed. Due to the busy schedule during the week, and my three-hour post-practice nap on Saturdays, I usually find myself spending all day in the library on Sundays doing readings and finishing papers before the week starts again the following morning.

### **HCSC: How has your participation in Harvard athletics contributed to your development?**

**SG:** I've learned a lot from being a member of Men's Swimming and Diving. Character and work ethic are two notable benefits. Working out with 40 other guys going 100% every practice is a pretty intense environment to be in. I never experienced anything like it before coming to Harvard. I've also had great success with my swimming here, and it just goes to show that when you work hard and dedicate yourself to something, you can accomplish your goals. I feel like being on the team has also made me a better person. During the past few years, there have been incredible role models on the team for the underclassmen to look up to and incredible coaches to help guide us toward our goals in and out of the pool. Through my interactions with the team members and our coaching staff, I've learned more about myself and the important role that character plays in our daily lives and life in general.

### **HCSC: What would you change if you were Athletic Director?**

**SG:** I would build a new pool. We swim in an outdated dungeon with no outside lighting. I don't think that the pool has been drained since the 70's. I would also push the administration to bring back "hot breakfast." You won't find any scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, or anything that needs to be cooked in the houses anymore for breakfast. During the economic crises, Harvard had to cut back and this was one of the things to go. They haven't brought it back because then-Harvard College Dean Evelyn Hammonds said that only athletes used it. (She came to a UC meeting and I asked her about this).

### **HCSC: What has been your favorite class?**

**SG:** My favorite class at Harvard is "The American Presidency." Roger Porter, IBM Professor of Business and Government (also the Dunster House Master) teaches the class and he is an amazing lecturer. He tells war stories from his extensive work on several administration's White House staffs. He's engaging, the readings are interesting, and I feel like I really got to have the "Harvard experience" when taking his class because it is truly an experience that one can only get at Harvard!

### **HCSC: How will Southern California figure in your future?**

**SG:** Boston is great, but I'd like to live in Southern California after Harvard. There just isn't another place like it. The beaches, the people, the weather, the attitude; Southern California is the best place to live.



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**HARVARD-YALE GAME  
 TELECAST (TWO LOCATIONS)  
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[www.harvard-la.org](http://www.harvard-la.org)

## 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.

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Nov. 3, Sunday 11:30 A.M.	A Day at the Races - Santa Anita	Santa Anita Racetrack Arcadia, CA	\$60 per person	Eva Plaza, plaza@theplazalawgroup.com
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Nov. 7, Thursday 7:30 P.M.	Hammer Forums with Harvard Alumnus Robert Thurman	The Hammer Museum Los Angeles, CA	No charge, RSVP required	Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu
Nov. 17, Sunday 3:00 P.M.	New Science Pub Series Mathematics...	Trattoria Neapolis Pasadena, CA	\$25 per person	Ethel Seminario Laczko, etheledu@gmail.com
Nov. 23, Saturday 8:45 A.M.	130th Harvard-Yale Football Game Telecast - (LA)	Bru Haus Pub Los Angeles, CA	\$25, Members/Guests \$30, Non-members \$23, Recent Grads/Kidsfsbarren@ix.netcom.com	Franklin Barreno, 626-536-6079
Nov. 23, Saturday 9:00 A.M.	130th Harvard-Yale Football Game Telecast - (OC)	Shady Canyon Golf Club Irvine, CA	Entrance is Free	A.J. Rogers, rxsurgeon@aol.com
Dec. 14, Saturday 7:00 P.M.	Annual Harvard Holiday Salon	The Home of a Club Member Los Angeles, CA	\$20 per person	Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu
Feb. 26, Wed. 7:30 P.M.	Harvard Jeremy Lin Clippers Event	Staples Center Los Angeles, CA	Cost TBA	Maurice Levin, maurice@cycads.com
Mar. 28, Thursday 7:30 P.M.	L.A. Opera: Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor	Dorothy Chandler Pavillion Los Angeles, CA	\$83 per person (orch ring section)	Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com
<b>Ongoing</b>	Volunteer in a School	32nd Street/USC Magnet School Los Angeles, CA	N/A	Priscilla Heim, priheim@verizon.net