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NOVEMBER 2021

## Upcoming Events

### Inter-Ivy Event: Regal Africa Cultural Fest

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Downtown Culver City  
No charge

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Virtual Event  
No charge - RSVP required

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## President's Message from Joan Chu Reese

With Halloween come and gone, and Southern California warm days changing into cool weather and even the occasional rain, it seems a good time to comment on another change – the shift (however gradually) to in-person events. With vaccines thankfully plentiful, your Harvard Club has started offering a variety of ways we can get together that don't involve clicking little microphone and video camera icons or pajama pants (you know who you are).

Please take a moment to look at our website ([hpsc.clubs.harvard.edu/events.html](https://hpsc.clubs.harvard.edu/events.html)) – to see if there is something appealing to your own level of comfort and interest – alongside our many virtual programs you will now find in-person events – gathering together to see a Crimson victory at the Harvard-Yale Game, enjoying a Huntington Library and Museum special exhibit tour, celebrating at an African Cultural Fest, or other exciting event!

The HCSC Board also moved in this direction, with our first in-person board meeting since March 2020 at a beautiful venue in Newport Beach. The board conducted its business, members emerged into the sunshine to generate some much-needed Vitamin D, and everyone was able to reconnect in a much-missed but not forgotten way – face to face.

It was wonderful to see old friends and welcome new board members after a long hiatus from in person meetings. Our Orange County Board members, led by Betsey Gillis '82, provided a remarkable experience both at the meeting and after the meeting on the bay. The club is supporting a pro-

gram enabling veterans and those with disabilities to enjoy a day on the water. Some of us were even lucky enough to get to sail the bay.

Please note indoor events will adhere to the new club COVID-19 Policy that all attendees show proof of vaccination, wear a mask if required by health authorities, and cooperate if contact tracing is necessary. Venues may have additional requirements, and the policy will likely evolve.

As always, if you'd like to become more involved, there are so many ways to do so, including becoming a board member! If interested, please reach out to [harvardsocal@gmail.com](mailto:harvardsocal@gmail.com). Be safe and hope to see you (perhaps in-person) soon!



*The Harvard Club of Southern California Board of Directors enjoy their first in-person meeting since March 2020.*



*The board, hard at work while enjoying the sunshine and Newport Harbor.*



*Courtesy of Corey Mazza '08*

## Corey Mazza '08 Helps Afghan Interpreters

Board Member and Vice President Finance Corey Mazza '08 has been featured in multiple media outlets for his efforts to assist his former interpreter and other Afghan refugees. Corey is a former Harvard football player who joined the U.S. Marines and served in Afghanistan in 2011. After retiring from the Marines in 2014, Corey pursued a career in finance and is currently a senior vice president at UBS in Los Angeles.

While Corey was in the Marines, he met an Afghan interpreter named Zabi, who worked with him when Corey led a platoon in Sangin's Northern Green Zone for the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Zabi was a young kid when he walked through minefields in the most dangerous place in the world to help our Marines. The Taliban have been hunting him and his family for years while he has worked to evade them. Corey connected Zabi to immigration attorney Darius Amiri to start the Special Immigrant Visa process in 2015. After the fall of Kabul, Corey led a dramatic effort to help Zabi escape the country with his wife. They are now in New Mexico and are in the long process of getting resettled.

Corey has started a fundraising campaign on GoFundMe to raise funds for Zabi and other Afghan interpreters, and has raised almost \$30,000 so far. To learn more about Corey's efforts, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/zabi-and-afghan-interpreters>.

## Recent [Virtual] Events

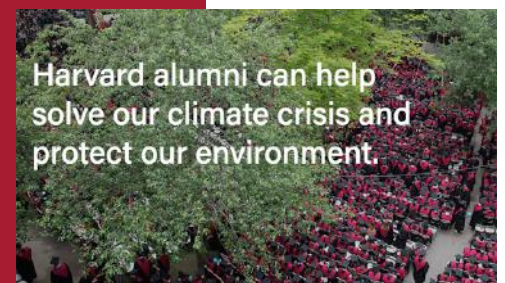
### American Women and the Ongoing Battle to Save Democracy

On October 7th, the Harvard Radcliffe Institute hosted a Zoom lecture on *American Women and the Ongoing Battle to Save Democracy*. Jennifer Rubin, a *Washington Post* opinion writer and the author of *Resistance: How Women Saved Democracy from Donald Trump*, discussed how American women are essential to defending the rule of law and multiracial democracy. The lecture was part of the Kim and Judy Davis Dean's Lecture Series, which invites leading figures from across the arts, humanities, sciences, and social sciences to share their expertise and diverse perspectives with the Harvard community and the broader public. The lecture is available online.



### Climate Boot Camp

On October 14th, Harvard's virtual Climate Boot Camp began with the first of five online 90-minute sessions. The Climate Boot Camp is designed for people who are deeply concerned about the climate crisis and want to take action, but need to know more about planning and implementing sustainability strategies in their organization and/or community. It goes beyond the science of climate change to introduce participants to proven strategies, approaches and tools that support win-win-win climate action plans. The five online 90-minute sessions are complemented by an online eWorkbook and course materials designed to help participants identify effective strategies relevant to their organizations. The other sessions will continue through the end of October. Registration is now closed, but the program will be offered again soon, and information will be available on the HCSC website.



### *The Enigmatist* and Special Post-Show Conversation with Magician David Kwong '02

On October 21st, 35 Harvard Club members and guests showed their vax cards and entered the magical world of the Geffen Playhouse to attend *The Enigmatist*, an immersive experience of puzzles, cryptology, and illusions by renowned magician, *New York Times* crossword constructor, and Harvard graduate David Kwong '02. After wowing the crowd with his sleight-of-hand skills, Scrabble skills, and crossword puzzle skills, David joined us for a Q & A. He discussed his journey from Harvard history major to working magician, how this particular show has evolved over time, and how many words a competitive Scrabble player must memorize. If you were unable to join the HCSC at this performance, we highly recommend you attend another performance! The show will be playing at the Geffen until November 14.



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## Inter-Ivy Event: Regal Africa Cultural Fest

Please join us for a FREE 2-day outdoor fest celebrating African culture and promoting diversity, unity, and community.

**SAT, NOV 6 and SUN, NOV 7**

Downtown Culver City

No charge

Madeleine Mejia, madeleine\_mejia@post.harvard.edu



## Beyond the Headlines: What the Media Won't Tell You about Latinos and the 2020 Census

Join Laura Gomez (AB '86, Stanford Law, MA '88, JD '92, PhD '94 Stanford University) for a discussion on how the complexities of the Latino population in the United States combined with a census instrument designed to allow for detailed race data challenge the media and all of us to think more deeply about the Latino population of the U.S.

**TUE, NOV 9 @ 5:30PM**

Virtual Event via Zoom

No charge (pre-registration required)

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## [Members Only] Museum Tour: Kehinde Wiley's "Portrait of a Young Gentleman"

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California in this unique experience to view Kehinde Wiley's *Portrait of a Young Gentleman* and Thomas Gainsborough's *Blue Boy* in its world debut at The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens.

**SAT, NOV 13 @ 9:45AM**

The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens

\$25 per person (members only)

Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi, marsha\_hirano-nakanishi@post.harvard.edu



## "The Game" Viewing Party – Orange County

Come to the Elks Club on the waterfront in Newport Beach to watch Harvard beat Yale again at the 137th version of "The Game." Enjoy fellow Harvard alumni and cheer our Crimson on to Victory. This event is set up as a potluck – bring to share with fellow alums. We look forward to seeing you there!

**SAT, NOV 20 @ 8:30AM PT**

Elks Lodge in Lido Marina Village

\$10 for members, \$20 for non-members

Matthew Stasior MBA '87, mstasior@gmail.com



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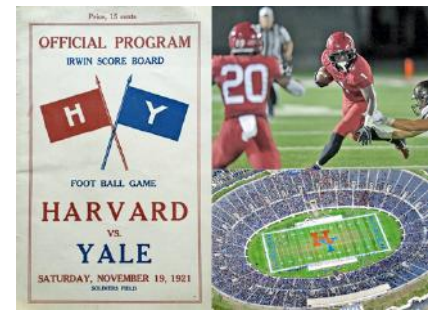
Join fellow alumni (and some Yalies) at Barney’s Beanery in Westwood on November 20th to cheer on the Crimson. We anticipate kickoff at around 9:15 AM, with doors opening at around 9:00 AM (please check our website for updates.) We will even provide expert halftime commentary from former Harvard and Yale football players, and a raffle of Harvard and Yale memorabilia.

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Barney’s Beanery Westwood

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Maurice Levin, maurice@cycads.com



## Partner Club Event (HCSC): Human Advantage in an Age of Technology and Turmoil

Many think that humanity’s power rests on our ability to make decisions and worry that machines may increasingly make decisions for us. But this misses the most important point: the power of human cognition lies in our ability to imagine actionable options beyond the obvious. It’s the secret of great innovators in business, science and the arts.

**THU, DEC 9 @ 4:00PM**

Virtual Event via Zoom

No charge (pre-registration required)

Human Advantage in an Age of Technology and Turmoil

**framers**



Kenneth Cukier Viktor Mayer-Schönberger Francis de Véricourt



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### Harvard Alumni in Healthcare

Harvard Alumni in Healthcare is a Harvard Special Interest Group connecting Harvard students and alumni to one another and reconnecting alumni to Harvard. Over 2000 members across the globe can connect via the Facebook group and share ideas and resources within medicine, science, and healthcare. Undergraduate students are welcome to post inquiries about connecting with alumni in a specific field of interest, and alumni are encouraged to make and sustain these connections through a mentorship program run through this Facebook group. To learn more, or join, go to: <http://harvardalumnihealthcare.com/>

## Welcome to New Members...

The Harvard Club of Southern California welcomes the following new members:

James Holloway ’16, ’JD ’21

Joshua Klobas AM ’12, PhD ’18

Michael Robinson MDV ’18

Pedro Huertas PhD ’93, MD ’93

Aman Manhas ALM ’21

Mariel Sena ’13

Katalin Janosi-Fair DMD ’97,  
MPH ’98

Daniel Parmet

Emily Short EdM ’21

Adam Phillips JD ’21

Johnny Zeidan ALM ’21

Otoniel Jimenez Morfin EdD ’00

Q&A from 02138:

## Chase Bookin '23



Chase Bookin '23 grew up in Manhattan Beach, California and graduated from Brentwood School, where he was the captain of Brentwood's baseball team, a cellist in Brentwood's Orchestra, and the President of the Model United Nations team. At Harvard, he is a pitcher on the Varsity Baseball team and a member of the Harvard Sports Analytics Collective and the Harvard Investment Association. He concentrates in Economics with a minor in Computer Science. He lives in Mather House. Last summer, he worked for the Oakland Athletics in their Baseball Operations Group. This past year he worked for Electronic Arts on their Tap Sports Baseball mobile game.

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

CB: I was happily surprised by how approachable the professors are. Whether I'm grabbing a meal with one or discussing something interesting I read about with another in office hours, I've enjoyed seeing how genuinely enthusiastic Harvard professors are about getting to know their students.

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

CB: I think I was eight when I first visited Harvard. I remember my Dad showing us around the Yard and Winthrop House, running around the baseball field, and feeling a combination of comfort and awe. Not much has changed now that I'm a student - Harvard feels like home and simply the sights and interactions I have walking to class each day remind me what a special place it is.

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

CB: My favorite class was my freshman seminar called *Dreams: Our Minds by Night* taught by Dr. Deirdre Barrett. We spent the semester discussing and analyzing each other's dreams in a tiny room surrounded by stained glass at the top of Memorial Hall. I really enjoyed becoming more familiar with the subconscious mind and what we can learn about ourselves from dreams and other subconscious processes. We visited a dream lab at MIT and Dr. Barrett even walked the class through a guided dream one day. I also met some close friends in the seminar, including one of my future roommates.

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

CB: It's hard to choose one - I'm just excited to get back to the always-entertaining banter with my teammates and friends around campus.

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

CB: I would encourage students to leave Cambridge more often and go explore. There are so many interesting cities and beautiful places to get to know in New England. It's very different from SoCal, and I've really enjoyed getting to know it better.

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

CB: I miss the ocean. I really enjoy fishing and surfing, and the beauty of the Pacific coastline brings about a feeling of ease and presence whenever I'm around it.

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

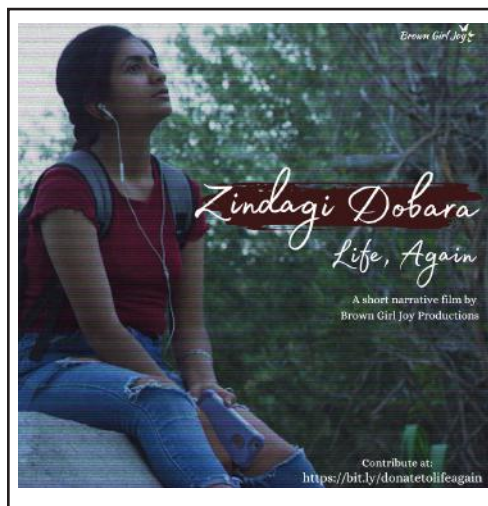
CB: Southern California, particularly my hometown of Manhattan Beach, will always be very special to me. I don't know where I'll end up after college and beyond, but I'm sure I'll stay connected to SoCal with all the family, friends, and memories I have there.

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

CB: The transition to virtual classes wasn't too bad, other than having to switch out of a couple sections that suddenly went from 9am ET to 6am PT. No one's that much of an early bird...

**HCSC: How did you spend fall and spring semesters of 2020-2021?**

CB: I took a gap year and lived with some Harvard friends in California. I worked at Electronic Arts, played baseball, explored California, and spent a lot of time enjoying the beach with my buddies. It was a lot of fun, and we couldn't wait to get back to Cambridge in August.



## Jazz Kaur '21 Writes and Produces New Film

*Zindagi Dobara* is a short film Jazz Kaur '21 is co-writing and producing. Jazz is the only Sikh graduate in the Harvard Class of 2021. The narrative short film centers intergenerational healing with Sikh and LGBTQ+ protagonists who must decide whether to embark on a lifelong journey to coexist and perhaps one day, love one another. The film script just won the Netflix x Tasveer Film Fund grant. For more information or to support Jazz, contact her by email at [jaspreet\\_kaur@college.harvard.edu](mailto:jaspreet_kaur@college.harvard.edu).

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## *Calendar of Upcoming Events*

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