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Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 2, 2014 @ 12:00PM

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Cost: \$35 per person

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Cost: \$20, members; \$25, non-members

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Cost: \$50, members; \$55, non-members
\$35, recent grads (early bird rates)

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Cost: No charge, RSVP requested

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Cost: \$40, members/guests; \$45, non-members

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Cost: \$5 for the salsa lesson paid at the venue

Please visit www.Harvard-LA.org for a complete list of upcoming events and to register.



"HARVARD SERVES"

Kick-Off Event on March 26, 2014!

Once again this year, Harvard's **Global Month of Service** invites you to join other alumni in giving back to our communities. Last year over 100 local alumni volunteered, and this year we hope to increase that number.

Join us on Wednesday, March 26, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., at our Kick-Off in the stunning architectural offices of Michael Lehrer, GSD '78. Come meet up with classmates, fellow alumni and representatives of the organizations that will be teaming with us for an exciting range of projects. Local alumni have already signed up area volunteer opportunities ranging from the arts, to education, to the environment, to human rights. So far, the list includes:

- 826LA
- Afghanistan Women's Pre-Natal Project
- American Youth Symphony
- Cabrillo High School Mentorship Program
- Catholic Big Brothers/ Big Sisters
- Collective Voices
- Community Lawyers, Inc.
- Dancing Classrooms Los Angeles
- Dress of Hope
- Global Education, Peru
- Heal the Bay
- Kids Enjoy Exercise Now
- LA's Best
- LA Works
- Los Angeles Leadership Academy
- Monday Night Mission
- Reach to the Stars
- RK Squared

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Come shopping for a volunteer opportunity, and do good! Register at <http://www.harvard-la.org>. And please keep checking the website for more volunteer opportunities.

If you are part of a non-profit organization and would like to participate, please contact Liz Ryan at lryan.ryan-works@gmail.com, who again this year has kindly volunteered to coordinate our efforts in Southern California. **The deadline for organizations to participate is March 15.**



*Organizer Liz Ryan
clowns around at
Peace4Kids*

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This newsletter accepts items for publication. Materials must be submitted by the 12th of the prior month to appear in the following newsletter. Please include a phone number or email address with all submissions. Email submissions to: HarvardSoCal@gmail.com



**Networking Event with
Columbia - 2/13/14**

On February 13, 2014 a large crowd of Harvard alums networked with the Columbia Club of Southern California. The event was held at The Lexington Social Club, located in the heart of Hollywood. The group enjoyed specially drinks and appetizers as they met new people and reconnected with old friends. Many Harvard Alumni new to Los Angeles attended for the first time and enjoyed meeting new friends. There networking events occur on a bi-monthly basis. Please join us for the next networking event in March; check our website for details.



**Ivy Alumni Dim Sum
Event - 2/15/14**

On Feb. 15, about 70 Asian American alumni and guests from Harvard, Brown, UPenn, Princeton, and Dartmouth enjoyed all-you-can-eat dim sum at the NBC Seafood restaurant in Monterey Park in celebration of the Lunar New Year. This was the second annual joint event coordinated by the five schools and the turnout was almost double the number from last year. Afterward, those with room leftover for dessert went to nearby Fluff Ice for shaved ice. (photo: clockwise from left: Cindy Nguy, Karen Chang, Jay Chen, Minna Ha, Lisa Richter, Sandra Park, Kay Park, Sonia Molina and Tobe Ogundele)



Lunar New Year Banquet

Join the Wellesley Club of LA and the Harvard Club in celebrating the Lunar New Year at Chosun Galbee, a popular Korean barbeque restaurant in Koreatown.

We are pleased to welcome as our guest speaker Dr. Virginia Moon, newly-appointed Assistant Curator for Korean Art at LACMA. She received her B.A. in art history at Yale, her Master's in East Asian Studies at Harvard, and wrote her Ph.D dissertation at USC on the system for designating Korean National Treasures.

- Date:** Sunday, March 2, 2014
- Time:** 12:00 Noon
- Location:** Chosun Galbee Restaurant (Koreatown)
- Cost:** \$35 per person
- Contact:** Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com

Dinner and Discussion: "Film Making in China and Hollywood" with Janet Yang



Please join us for a dinner discussion of "Film Making in China and Hollywood" with noted film producer Janet Yang. Her work includes Joy Luck Club, Empire of the Sun, and the most recent Shanghai Calling. Ms. Yang will speak generally about the exploding film industry in China. She received a BA from Brown, and an MBA from Columbia.

- Date:** Monday, March 3, 2014
- Time:** 6:30 P.M.
- Location:** Golden Dragon Restaurant (LA)
- Cost:** \$20 members, \$25 non-members
- Contact:** Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net
- Register:** <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>



Saturday, March 8, 2014

Harvard in Los Angeles - A ReConnect and Your Harvard Program

Join us for a daylong program, presented in partnership by the Harvard Alumni Association and the Harvard College Fund, that will bring together alumni, faculty, parents, and friends as we celebrate The Harvard Campaign and The Harvard Campaign for Arts and Sciences.



Featured speakers include **Drew Gilpin Faust** (pictured left), *Harvard University President and Lincoln Professor of History*, **Michael D. Smith**, *Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences* and **John H. Finley, Jr.**, *Professor of Engineering and Applied Sciences*, and other outstanding faculty members.

Please visit www.Harvard-LA.org for complete details and to register.

- Date:** Saturday, March 8, 2014
- Time:** Noon - 6:00 PM
- Place:** The Music Center, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in downtown Los Angeles
- Price:** \$50 members; \$55 non-members; \$35 recent grads
- Contact:** Harvard Events Office, 617-496-2464
- Register:** <http://alumni.harvard.edu/harvard-in-la>

About Harvard College ReConnect

Presented in partnership by the Harvard Alumni Association and the Harvard College Fund, the fourth annual ReConnect is a campaign event that gathers together alumni, faculty, parents, and friends of the College, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and School of Engineering and Applied Sciences on the West Coast.



Sunday Musicale: Trio Céleste

Featuring Handbell Ensemble from Concordia University led by Nancy Jessup. Admission is free. A no-host reception follows.

Sunday Musicale Presents Trio Céleste:

- Haydn: Piano Trio No. 39 in G Major, Hob. XV: 25 “Gypsy”
- Jalbert: Trio for Violin, Cello, and Piano
- Beethoven: Piano Trio in D Major, Op. 70, No. 1 “Ghost”

Date: Sunday, March 9, 2014
Time: 3:00 P.M.
Place: The Newport Beach Public Library
Cost: No charge, RSVP requested
Contact: Betsey Gillis, newport1@flash.net



LA Phil: Colburn Celebrity Recitals - SOLD OUT!

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



LA Opera: Lucia di Lammermoor - SOLD OUT!

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

Save the Date - April 8th...



Alumni Talk: David Schaberg PhD '96

Please join us for a talk entitled *Humanities Beyond the Crisis*, with David Schaberg, Dean of the Humanities and Professor of Chinese Literature, UCLA.

Dr. Schaberg has published articles on early Chinese literature, historiography and thought, as well as Greek–Chinese comparative issues, focusing more recently on the history of oratory in early China. He received a Ph.D. in comparative literature from Harvard University and a B.A. in comparative literature from Stanford University. He also studied Chinese literature at National Taiwan University from 1986 to 1988. **Deadline to register is April 1, 2014.**

Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2014
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Location: UCLA Faculty Center
Cost: \$40 members/guests; \$45 non-members
Contact: Priscilla Heim, priheim@verizon.net



Salsa Dancing in Orange County

Come network and dance with fellow Harvard grads over mojitos at Tapas Flavors of Spain, a Spanish restaurant that turns into a Latin dance venue in the evening. We will meet around 8:00 p.m. for light dinner at a reserved table, followed by an introductory salsa lesson at 9:00 p.m. Around 10:00 p.m. the floor opens to general dancing. The basic step can be learned in the same evening, and you can also watch other people dance from the table.

Date: Friday, April 11, 2014
Time: 8:00 P.M.
Location: Tapas Restaurant (Newport Beach)
Cost: \$5 for the salsa lesson paid at the venue. Cover charge of around \$8 after 10pm.
Contact: Chi Bui at orthochi@yahoo.com, or German Enciso at enciso@uci.edu

Save the Date - April 17th...



Harvard Faculty Talk and Dinner: Dr. Andrew Berry

Please join us for a discussion and dinner with Dr. Andrew Berry. **Andrew Berry** is a British evolutionary biologist and historian of science with a particular interest in Alfred Wallace. He was a Junior Fellow at the Harvard Society of Fellows and is currently a lecturer in Organismic and Evolutionary Biology at Harvard University. His research combined field and laboratory methods to detect positive Darwinian selection (i.e. adaptive evolution) at the molecular level in natural populations.

Date: Thursday, April 17, 2014
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: USC Faculty Center
Cost: TBA
Contact: Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com



Science Pub Series #3 - Climate Change: Warming Up to a Heated Topic

Join us to celebrate EARTH DAY with this climate talk by Wayne Hayes, UC Irvine professor and visiting scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA. Climate change has become more than just an interesting scientific curiosity. It is becoming a matter of policy, and even a matter of global urgency. Professor Hayes will discuss both the scientific issues and how scientists today are working to better understand climate change in order to make informed policy recommendations.

Seating is limited. Ticket price includes Chef Wigger's gourmet pizzas, house wine and/or non-alcoholic beverages (free parking).

Date: Sunday, April 20, 2014
Time: 3:00-5:00 P.M.
Place: Trattoria Neapolis (Pasadena)
Cost: \$25 per person
Contact: Ethel Seminario Laczko, etheledu@gmail.com



A Harvard Class Comes to Your Home

This spring, Harvard will be launching a new program – HarvardX for Alumni. Alumni everywhere will be joining one or more classes from Harvard professors that have been created just for this program. A key feature of the program is collaboration and discussion within local discussion groups. We're looking for volunteers who would like to facilitate these discussions.

You don't need to be an expert to lead a discussion group – you just need to have an interest in exploring the topics and themes of the classes with your fellow alumni.

For more information on HarvardX, please visit: <http://alumni.harvard.edu/x>

If you are interested in learning more about leading a local discussion group, please contact Aaron Wilson (ajwilson@post.harvard.edu) or Madeleine Mejia (madeleine_mejia@post.harvard.edu).



Q&A from 02138... Jamie Williams '14

(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.)

Jamie Williams '14, a resident of Pforzheimer House, is a concentrator in Human Evolutionary Biology with a secondary in Global Health and Health Policy. She enjoys the spacious accommodations and camaraderie of Quad life. She was born in Long Beach, California and graduated from Wilson High School where she swam and played water polo. She received All-American honors in both sports and captained the water polo team during both her junior and senior year.

Jamie was recruited to play water polo at Harvard, but unfortunately was sidelined due to injuries after her freshman year. At Harvard, she served as the Publicity and Media Director for the non-profit MEDLIFE ("Medicine, Education, and Development for Low-Income Families Everywhere), which seeks to bring medical care to low-income families in South America, and traveled to both Peru and Ecuador for medical brigades with this group. Jamie has served as the Panhellenic Delegate and Director of Recruitment for her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma. This past summer, Jamie interned with the Marwood Group, doing healthcare consulting in New York City. She will return to work for the company after graduation.

HCSC: What were your impressions when you first visited Harvard?

JW: One thing that really struck me after my first visit to Harvard was how down to earth the students are. Even though everyone is extremely accomplished, Harvard students are just like students at other schools. Like most other Californians at Harvard, I miss authentic Mexican food and being able to drive to the beach whenever possible. I hope to live in Southern California after spending a few years in New York.

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

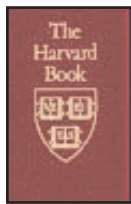
JW: My favorite class has been Sociology 190 with Professor Christakis. This class changed the way I look at providing healthcare and served as an introduction to public health. At the time, Professor Christakis was also the housemaster of Pfoho so I really enjoyed being able to see him around the house and talk about what we discussed in class.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

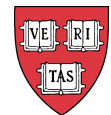
JW: For housing day my sophomore year, Professor Christakis gave his entire lecture wearing a polar bear suit. I don't think anyone could take him seriously that day.

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

JMS: If I were Athletic Director, I would try to find a way to make it more convenient to get to the athletic facilities (especially from the quad!)



The Harvard Prize Book Program Needs Your Contribution



The Harvard Prize Book Program is underway! Each year the Harvard Club of Southern California administers the Prize Book Program for the greater Southern California area, encompassing the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, San Bernardino and Riverside. The Club awards *The Harvard Book*, a collection of insightful essays penned by distinguished Harvard alumni over the centuries, to outstanding high school students in their junior year. The winners are selected by their respective schools. Please continue your generous support of the Harvard Club Prize Book Program. Our Prize Book Program is one of the largest in the world, and last year came close to supplanting the Boston Club as the biggest. With your help, the Harvard Club of Southern California will be the most successful!

This year, our goal is to increase sponsorship to allow us to distribute over 200 Prize Books. **As was the case last year, donors are invited to contribute to a particular school for 1, 3, 5 or 10 years.** If you have already donated to sponsor a Prize Book this year, the Prize Book Committee deeply appreciates your support. If you wish to sponsor a Prize Book, please register through the club website (<http://www.Harvard-LA.org>) before April 15, 2014. Or contact Curtis Jang, our Harvard Prize Book Committee chair, by telephone at (626) 300-0818. Your tax deductible contribution to our program will allow us to reach an ever-widening pool of young scholars in Southern California.



Interview with Alumni Interviewer... Harry Kim '86 - San Fernando Valley Chair

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.

Harry Kim '86 is the Area Chair for the San Fernando Valley. This is Harry's first year as Area Chair, and he has been an alumni interviewer for 11 years.

Harry lived in Dunster House and majored in Social Studies while an undergraduate. He was a Dunster House representative to the Undergraduate Council, wrote for the Independent and participated in the Dunster House Film Society.

After graduating from Harvard, Harry worked as a paralegal at the New York County District Attorney's Office, and then attended the NYU School of Law, where he obtained his JD in 1991. He is currently a partner at the law firm of Lee Anav Chung White & Kim LLP, where he practices corporate, securities and transactional law.

Harry is married to Kay Park '87, Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons '91, who lived in Mather House. Kay has been an alumni interviewer for 7 years.

Kay is co-chairperson of the Club's Programs Committee and previously served as the Club secretary.

Kay and Harry live in Glendale with their 12-year-old daughter and 8-year-old son and an adopted mixed breed dog.

Interviewing Harvard applicants over the years has given Harry an appreciation for how much more accomplished today's students are than when he was as a teenager, and how much more challenging the world has become for them in terms of expectations. It is gratifying to find and advocate for the students who are truly exceptional and show the promise of future achievement that will benefit Harvard and society at large.

Harry finds that he learns most about a student by talking about his or her extracurricular interests, both at school and outside school, which leads to their academic interests, their commitment to public service and their way of looking at the world. The applicants that Harry finds most impressive and memorable are the ones who are persistent in the face of challenges, like a girl who became captain of the volleyball team despite her lack of height, because she made up for it with determination and long practices, or the applicant from an immigrant family who applied to Harvard in spite of parental and peer pressure and expectations that she would go to a community college.



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 ~ MARCH 8, 2014 ~**

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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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April 20, Sunday 3:00 P.M.	New Science Pub Series #3 Climate Change	Trattoria Neapolis Pasadena, CA	\$25 per person	Ethel Seminario Laczko, etheledu@gmail.com