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NOVEMBER 2018

Upcoming Events

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Santa Monica Public Library

No charge, RSVP required

instaHarvard at E.P. & L.P. Rooftop

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E.P. & L.P. Rooftop Bar

No charge, cash bar

“The Game” Viewing Party – Los Angeles

SAT, NOV 17, 2018 @ 9:00AM

Barney's Beanery Westwood

\$0, members; \$10, non-members

“The Game” Viewing Party – Orange County

SAT, NOV 17, 2018 @ 9:00AM

Newport Beach Tennis Club

\$0, members; \$10, non-members



“The Game” Viewing Parties

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Harvard's 29-29 “win” over Yale at free viewing parties hosted by the Harvard Club of Southern California. The Crimson will face the Bulldogs in the 135th Harvard/Yale Game, which will be played at historic Fenway Park. This is the first time since 1912 The Game has been held in a venue other than Harvard Stadium or the Yale Bowl.

Join your fellow alumni (and yes, some Yalies) at Barney's Beanery in Westwood starting at 9am to cheer on the Crimson (kickoff is at 9:30am). We will even provide expert in-game commentary from former Harvard and Yale football players. The event is free for Club members and their guests, with advanced registration at the HCSC website (harvard-la.org). Admission for non-members, or members at the door, is \$10. If you are not yet a member of the Club, this is a great time to join.

For those living in Orange County, the Club will be hosting a viewing event at the Newport Beach Tennis Club, starting at 9am. This event is also free for members, \$10 for non-members. Attendees who wear Harvard gear will be eligible to win prizes.

We hope you will join us at one of these events as we watch the Crimson tame the Bulldogs.



Recent Events

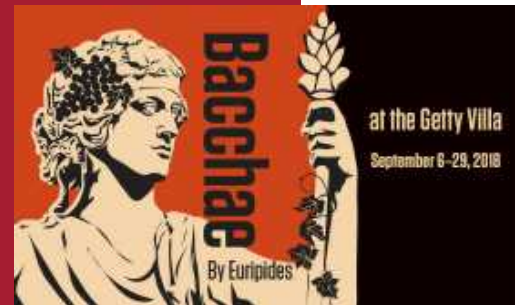
Los Angeles Launch Party: FGHA and HAEd Shared Interest Groups

On September 13, almost 60 Harvard alumni gathered at Church & State in downtown Los Angeles to mark the launch of the Los Angeles chapters of the Harvard Alumni for Education (HAEd) and First Generation Harvard Alumni SIG. Attendees represented Harvard College, the Graduate School of Education, School of Public Health, Divinity School, and Business School. On one of the last beautiful summer evenings of the year in Los Angeles, it was great to engage with new connections and reconnect with old friends and colleagues.



The Bacchae by Euripides at the Getty Villa

On the balmy night of September 20, a group of twenty-three Harvard alumni and friends gathered at the Getty Villa's outdoor amphitheater to enjoy a performance of *The Bacchae*, an ancient Greek tragedy (ca. 400 B.C.) written by Euripides. Prior to the performance, a few in the group enjoyed food, wine, and conversation at the Villa's café. We were pleasantly surprised and honored to be joined by Dr. Jeffrey Spier '77, Senior Curator of the Getty Villa, and Dr. Kathryn Morgan, Chair of the Department of Classics at UCLA. Thus, a fun night out with alumni ended up being stimulating and educational as well as entertaining.



Disenchantment: Episode Screening + Discussion

On Wednesday, October 17, a group of alumni gathered at the Emerson College LA Center to have an intimate and exclusive conversation with Patric M. Verrone '81, David X. Cohen '88, and Bill Oakley '88, executive producers and writers of the hit animated show *Disenchantment*, now streaming on Netflix. The crowd enjoyed a private screening of an episode, followed by a panel discussion moderated by Maurice LaMarche, voice actor extraordinaire. The talented writers shared the process of creating *Disenchantment*, from coming up with characters and storylines, to writing episodes, to the cyclical revising and editing process, to directing the talent — which was complete with a William Shatner impression. If you have not seen this show yet, it is truly binge-worthy. Pictured left to right: Mia Riverton '99, Dona Le '05, Oz Pathare '93, David X. Cohen '88, Patric M. Verrone '81, Madeleine Mejia EdM '00.



“Welcome to Your City” Recent Grads Event

On Thursday, October 18, about 100 alumni from the classes of 2006 to 2018 gathered at 6th and La Brea Brewery for the annual Welcome to Your City event. The sleek-looking brewery, its private area for groups, and excellent service and food combined to create a perfect atmosphere for alumni to enjoy libations, reunite with friend and mentors, meet new people, make plans for the weekend, and expand their networks.



Upcoming Events

Los Angeles Chinese Film Festival

The Los Angeles Chinese Film Festival (LACFF) showcases and promotes excellence in Chinese language and heritage films, fostering cultural exchange through curated screenings and industry panels. Harvard Club members receive a 20% discount on all tickets.

THU, NOV 1 thru SUN, NOV 4

Downtown Independent

Ticket prices vary

Contact HarvardSoCal@gmail.com for promo code



East West Players' LA Premiere of *Vietgone*

Please join us for the LA Premiere of *Vietgone* – a show that spins a modern twist on the classic boy-meets-girl story. Discounted orchestra seating. Limited tickets.

SAT, NOV 3 @ 8:00PM

The David Henry Hwang Theatre

\$39 per person (discounted from \$50)

Peter Shimamoto, pshimamoto2@gmail.com



HBSASC Event: A.I. and the Future of Business

Join us for a thought-provoking discussion with a panel of innovative entrepreneurs and business leaders who are reinventing the traditional ways of doing business, using A.I. from product design to consumer acquisition to process automation.

THU, NOV 8 @ 6:30PM

ExpertDOJO Santa Monica

\$25, members; \$40, non-members.

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Upcoming Events

Private Tour of the Wallis Annenberg Pet Space

PetSpace is designed to be a destination for people of all walks of life to learn about our unique relationship with pets, and it is also a center for discussion about the rapidly growing interdisciplinary field of Human-Animal Studies.

SAT, NOV 10 @ 11:00AM

Annenberg Pet Space

\$10, members; \$20, non-members. Limited to 16 people.

Pooja Nair, pnair@troygould.com



Piano Recital: Great Bs Through the Ages

You are cordially invited to Dr. Alan Shewmon's piano recital in Santa Monica. An accomplished pianist and pediatric neurologist, Dr. Shewmon will treat us to an all "B" program, featuring composers such as Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms.

SUN, NOV 11 @ 4:00PM

Santa Monica Public Library

No charge. RSVP required (seating is limited)

Ethel Laczko, etheledu@yahoo.com



instaHarvard at E.P. & L.P. Rooftop Bar

Calling all alumni of the graduate and professional schools. Please join us for the 4th instaHarvard event, designed to bring us all together for a night of networking. Business card exchange encouraged.

MON, NOV 12 @ 6:00PM

E.P. & L.P. Rooftop Bar

No charge, RSVP Requested

Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu



Harvard Serves: DTLA Mini-Maker Faire at the Central Los Angeles Library

If you want that feel-good volunteer experience that has you up and moving, working with people, and engaged in a family-friendly event – this is the one for you!

SAT, DEC 1 @ 7:30AM

Los Angeles Public Library – Central Library

No charge, registration required

Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi, mjhnakanishi@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

In Support of Diversity: A Panel Discussion About the Harvard Lawsuit

Join us for an informational panel that will discuss the current Harvard admissions lawsuit that went to trial on October 15. Seven Harvard affiliated organizations who understand the importance of this issue to the university have come together to co-sponsor this event.

SUN, DEC 2 @ 7:00PM

Location TBA

\$15 per person

Maiya Williams Verrone, maiyawv@aol.com



Holiday Volunteer Lunch Service to the Homeless in the Skid Row Community

Please join fellow Harvard alums for an afternoon of service this holiday season. We will prepare and serve lunch to the homeless in the Skid Row community in downtown Los Angeles at the Midnight Mission.

FRI, DEC 7 @ 10:45AM

The Midnight Mission

No charge, registration required

Lisa M. Watanabe-Peagler, lmwpeagler@gmail.com



Save the Date! - Harvard Global Networking Night in Los Angeles

Twice a year, thousands of Harvard alumni make new connections at Global Networking Night (GNN) events in cities across the globe. The last GNN drew more than 5,000 alumni in 85 cities worldwide.

WED, JAN 9

Time and location TBA

Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu



Save the Date! - A Cappella Double Feature - The Dins and Kroks Return to L.A.

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California in welcoming two of Harvard's most prestigious a cappella groups, The Din & Tonics and the Krokodiloes, as they return to Los Angeles for their third annual Wintersession concert.

SAT, JAN 19 @ 7:30PM

Westwood Presbyterian Church

\$15 members, \$30 non-members

Ken Williams, kenneth_s_williams@hotmail.com



Elizabeth Thomas '18



Lizzy at Trafalgar Square

Elizabeth “Lizzy” Thomas '18 resided in Currier House. She was born in Los Angeles and graduated from Harvard-Westlake School in 2014, where she ran track and cross country, leading the track team to two CIF championships. She was also an executive editor of the school's *Chronicle* newspaper. At Harvard, she concentrated in Human Development and Regenerative Biology with a minor in Moral and Political Philosophy. She ran on the varsity track and cross country teams through her sophomore year. She was a Peer Advising Fellow (PAF) sophomore through senior years and a head PAF her last two years. Lizzie also was an undergraduate researcher in the Melton Lab, performing experiments to find a stem cell-based Type 1 diabetes cure. Her brother Matthew Thomas '21 resides in Kirkland House and plays on the varsity baseball team.

This past summer, following graduation, she returned to Los Angeles, where she worked as a hostess at Ashland Hill, an extremely dog-friendly restaurant in Santa Monica, and tutored elementary school-aged kids. Her time in SoCal was particularly precious, as she began packing for the next two years she will be at Oxford University studying for a master's in Practical Ethics.

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

ET: There were a number of professors who lastingly changed the way I thought, about both academic and life topics. That said, I think I would be remiss in not talking about Professor Alison Simmons. Taking her *Intro to Early Modern Philosophy* class at the end of my sophomore year changed my academic trajectory, not just in college, but beyond -- I am doing post graduate study in philosophy topics, and think there is a reasonable chance I would like to pursue a philosophy-related PhD. Professor Simmons is an exceptional lecturer, mentor, and person. It is abundantly clear from any lecture she gives how much the material has enriched her life. After a semester of lectures like that, I was sold on learning more about a subject that had given so much to someone I so admire.

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

ET: On a college-level, I think I would implement a residential system like the one Yale has (sacrilegious though that may be to say). [Editor's Note: Her father graduated Yale and attended Oxford University as a Marshall Scholar.] I am not a big fan of the blocking group system (as much as I loved my block mates) -- I think it hinders continuing to meet new people beyond freshman year, and there are so many interesting people to meet! I like that the Yale system, which gives students housing affiliations at the outset, doesn't require blocking decisions.

HCSC: What was your funniest moment at Harvard?

ET: My senior year, one of my best friends and I went to a Halloween party in Boston that featured a blindfolded “dining in the dark” dinner. We put a lot of effort into our Disney villains costumes - Queen of Hearts for me, Cruella de Vil for her. We arrived late to the dinner and so didn't get to see others' costumes as we were promptly blindfolded and ushered to our seats. It became increasingly clear over the course of the dinner that there were no costumes to see - what we had thought was a sophisticated Halloween party was actually a charity fundraiser for an organization that sent disabled children in the Middle East to summer camp. The blindfolds were meant not to be spooky, but to simulate blindness. Having to take our blindfolds off toward the end of dinner and reveal our costumes/mistake was one of my all-time most embarrassing moments. One year later it is one of my funniest ones, too.

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

ET: I missed the mountains. I love hiking, with friends but also (and maybe especially) by myself, and hills - let alone mountains - are hard to come by in Cambridge. I tried to

hike while in college but it did not always go so well - I broke my left wrist quite badly during a White Mountains hiking trip during Columbus Day 2016. I have a plate and nine screws in it forever now! Hiking was much smoother this summer, I am gratified to say.

HCSC: How is Oxford Univesity?

ET: Adjusting to Oxford is ... an adjustment. I oscillate between being so excited about the academic work I am doing and the people I am meeting here, and so wistful for my friends from college or home. It has been a while since I have been in an environment where I did not have close friends - I feel much like I did at the start of college in that sense.



*Pictured left to right: Margaret Wang, Cynthia Torres, and Phillip Lovejoy.
Photo by Richard Friedman*

Past Harvard Club President Cynthia Torres Receives HAA Award

On September 27, former Harvard Club of Southern California president Cynthia Torres '80, MBA '84 received a 2018 Harvard Alumni Association Award. These awards were established in 1990 to recognize outstanding service to Harvard University through alumni activities. In addition to her years as Club president, and even more years as a Club board member, Cynthia served as president of the HAA from 2014-2015. While HAA executive director Phillip Lovejoy presented Cynthia with the award, current HAA president Margaret Wang described her as "a loyal alumna who has dedicated decades of service and leadership to Harvard." The board of the Harvard Club of Southern California congratulates Cynthia on this well deserved honor!

Harvard's Shared Interest Groups - *Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance*



The Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance is a Harvard Shared Interest Group for all Asian American alumni. Founded in 2008 by Eric Yeh, its board members include Chinese, Taiwanese, Korean, Japanese, and Indian ethnicities and would welcome involvement from Asian Pacific Islander alumni. Board members are also alumni of Harvard Law School, Harvard Business School, and Harvard Medical School. Chapters are located in Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, Boston, and DC.

Its goals are to develop and sustain a growing network of Harvard Asian American alumni and foster a sense of community and shared common experience. Part of its mission is to encourage involvement in university affairs, advocate for Asian Americans in university issues, and to enhance visibility and promotion of Asian American alumni. The SIG also supports the university in recruitment and retention of Asian American students and faculty. Membership is open to all alumni, faculty, and employees of all schools and institutes of Harvard University.

H4A has a summit that meets every 4 years in Boston where programs connect students with mentors from all over the country. The third summit was held October 26-28, 2018, and connected innovators, instigators, and inspirers in our community.

For further information about the Los Angeles branch of H4A, please email h4asocal@gmail.com or join the Facebook Group H4A SoCal Chapter.



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