Harvard alumni in Orange County celebrate an exciting game.


The Harvard Club of Southern California was honored to host two in-person events to watch the triumphant Harvard Crimson defeat the Yale Bulldogs in the teams’ 137th meeting. The game ended with a thrilling 34-31 victory for Harvard, scored in the last seconds.

Here is an update from the Orange County event, which took place at the Elks Lodge on the Waterfront in Newport Beach:

Orange County had a boisterous and fun group of Harvard faithful cheer the Crimson on to victory in the 137th Harvard-Yale football game. With 1 minute left in the game, Harvard’s 4th down play was a fade pass in the endzone to win THE GAME. In attendance were HCSC board members John McHugh MD ’94 (VP Communications), and co-hosts A.J. Rogers MD ’79 (VP Orange County) and Matthew Stasior ’87 (VP Membership). See you all next year!

And from our Los Angeles event, which took place at Barney’s Beanery in Westwood:

The Los Angeles watch party for the 2021 edition of “The Game” drew nearly 100 people, roughly 50% Harvard, 50% Yale. It was a great way to renew acquaintances and meet new friends, both
Crimson and Blue. We filled the entire 2nd floor of Barney’s Beanery in Westwood, and enjoyed plenty of food and drink. Wonderful co-hosts were Eva Plaza ’80, Ken Williams ’78, Patric M. Verrone ’81 (who hand-delivered 2021 game programs, leaving his COVID-19 post-vaccine sick bed), and Maurice Levin ’78, MBA ’84. Yale and Harvard Clubs both contributed raffle items, and people were really excited to win a number of rare memorabilia items!

We thank all of you who followed club guidelines to help us return safely to in-person events! Plans are in the works for more joint events with Yale, including a viewing party for the February 5 Harvard-Yale basketball game.
Recent Events

Alumnae-i Network for Harvard Women (ANHW) November Lunch

On November 6, ANHW organized a luncheon in Santa Monica attended by alumnae from several Harvard schools: Eva Plaza ’80, Ashley Turner ’13, Lina Zourna MPH ’09, Kay Park ’87, Tanya Bentley SM ’98, PhD ’06, Chi Zou JD ’14, Liz Double ’14, Florence Lin ’79, PhD ’84 and Lena Benson MPP ’10. Look for future lunches on the HCSC website. Join ANHW at harvardwomensig.com. Questions may be directed to Kay Park at kayparkmd@yahoo.com.

Beyond the Headlines: What the Media Won’t Tell You About Latinos and the 2020

On November 9, HCSC hosted a virtual Zoom lecture with UCLA law professor and Harvard Club board member Laura Gómez ‘86, JD ‘92, PhD ‘94 Stanford University. Club member Madeleine Mejia hosted the event, which included a live Q&A. Professor Gómez discussed how preliminary results from the 2020 U.S. Census showed that the second-largest racial category after “White” is “Other.” While the media has characterized this result as indicating growth in the proportion of the population identifying as multi-racial, Professor Gómez explained that given past trends, this simplistic characterization likely does not capture the true demographics of the nation, particularly when considering the history of how the census has approached counting Latinos.

School Choice Panel Sessions at the Kennedy School

The Taubman Center for State and Local Government at the Kennedy School continued its weekly virtual panel discussion on school choice. This webinar series runs every Friday from October 8 through December 10. Each of the nine sessions features leading policymakers, practitioners, scholars, and experts in the field of school choice. The conference is sponsored by the Program on Education Policy and Governance at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. To register for the remaining events, please visit https://harvard.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fprUI9T0Q10wFPxhRa9sFw
Virtual Event (Radcliffe) - Artificial Intelligence for Pathology

Pathology plays a critical role in the diagnosis of disease and the development and implementation of tissue-based prognostic and predictive biomarkers. In this talk, Andrew H. Beck will discuss the potential for recent advances in artificial intelligence to significantly advance the accuracy, reliability, and predictiveness of pathology with applications to both clinical research and practice.

THU, DEC 9 @ 1:00PM
Virtual Event via Zoom
No charge (pre-registration required)

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)

HACE Career Transitions: Environmental Law and Policy

Join us for a conversation about work in different areas of environmental law and policy. Our panelists, Dale Bryk of the Harvard Environmental and Energy Law Program and Michael Wall of the NRDC, have had careers spanning nonprofit, government, private practice, academia, and policy and research.

THU, DEC 9 @ 4:00PM
Virtual Event via Zoom
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Harvard Recent Grads New Year Happy Hour

Come ring in the new year with new friends! We’ll be meeting at North Italia for Happy Hour. The Happy Hour menu ends at 6PM, so arrive early if you’d like to take advantage of the prices! We will be outside on their patio. Please wear layers. Just a reminder to please bring proof of vaccination to comply with Los Angeles County rules. Hope to see you!

MON, JAN 3 @ 5:00PM
North Italia, 1442 2nd Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
No charge, no host food and drinks
Harvard Men’s Tennis Visits Southern California

Building on a successful fall campaign, the Harvard men’s tennis team will return to competition this winter, with a special tournament invite to play the top-ten ranked USC Trojans on January 29-30, 2022 at the ITA Kickoff Tournament at USC Marks tennis stadium. The Harvard men’s tennis team is coming off of an excellent fall season, in which the Crimson saw multiple top finishes at tournaments.

SAT, JAN 29 @ 1:00PM AND SUN, JAN 30 @ TIME TBA
David X. Marks Tennis Stadium at USC
Prices vary

Recent Event:

Members Only Event with Kehinde Wiley’s “A Portrait of a Young Man” at the Huntington Library

The Harvard Club hosted a seminar-sized event led by the Huntington Library’s Chief Curator Dennis Carr and Associate Curator Yinshi Kerman-Tan. Both shared their wonder when Kehinde Wiley’s “A Portrait of a Young Man” arrived. As the portrait was inspired by Thomas Gainsborough’s “Blue Boy,” both were surprised to discover an orange themed portrait of a Senegalese surfer in an explosive, tie-dyed t-shirt. While the pose explicitly refers to “Blue Boy,” it is relaxed and engaging, his musculature contrasting with the flat, but detailed, pallor of the other portraits in the room. We discussed how “California” the portrait is, but also the international nature of the installation with the African model and the replica of the Gainsborough frame made from woods and shaped by hands from around the world. Kehinde Wiley attended the Los Angeles County School of the Arts; his mother would often bring him to the Huntington Gardens, Library, and Galleries:

“I loved The Huntington’s galleries; the paintings by Joshua Reynolds, Thomas Gainsborough, and John Constable were some of my favorites, I was taken by their imagery, their sheer spectacle, and, of course, their beauty. When I started painting, I started looking at their technical proficiency—the manipulation of paint, color, and composition. These portraits are hyperreal, with the detail on the face finely crafted, and the brushwork, the clothing, and the landscape fluid and playful. Since I felt somewhat removed from the imagery—personally and culturally—I took a scientific approach and had an aesthetic fascination with these paintings. That distance gave me a removed freedom. Later, I started thinking about issues of desire, objectification, and fantasy in portraiture and, of course, colonialism.” Kehinde Wiley, Artist

The exhibit closes on January 3rd, when “Blue Boy” goes on loan. Carr and Kerman-Tan plan to move Wiley’s portrait to the American Gallery where they serve as curators. Be sure to see the new exhibition, “Borderlands” that opens next week in the American section.

To learn more about the Huntington Library, go to www.huntington.org.
Q&A from 02138:

Clara Nevins ’23

Clara Nevins ‘23, a concentrator in Social Studies, was born in Los Angeles and graduated from the Marlborough School. She is a junior residing in Dunster House. At Harvard, she is a Peer Concentration Advisor for Social Studies, a member of the Franklin Fellowship, and part of the Harvard Technology Innovation Fellowship. The Fellowship is a partnership between HBS, Harvard College, and SEAS. Last year she was the Director of Design for Harvard Women in Business. For the past two summers, Clara has worked at Gatheround, a venture-backed startup that helps remote and hybrid teams at work build culture and connection. She hopes to combine her passion for community building with her interest in design and technology. Her mother is Andrea Blaugrund Nevins ‘84, a documentary film writer and director, who also majored in Social Studies.

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

CN: I’m not sure if this surprised me, but what I find so amazing about the Harvard community is that you can learn so much from every single person. There are a lot of people here that have incredible side projects in addition to their academic and extracurricular work at Harvard. I love figuring out what my friends are really excited about!

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

CN: My favorite class was Conflict Resolution taught by Daniel Shapiro. I took it my freshman year and I don’t think I’ve been the same since! The class made me a better person because it armed me with the skills to have difficult yet meaningful conversations. It gave me confidence and a new understanding of empathy.

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

CN: While online learning can’t compare to in-person learning, I actually really enjoyed the virtual semester. Because I wasn’t as busy with extracurricular or social activities, I was able to work part-time for a startup. It was really interesting to be both a student and a team member at a fast growing company.

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

CN: Last fall I lived in a house near Venice Beach in Los Angeles with my friends from Harvard. It was amazing to be able to show them Los Angeles, as well as explore a new neighborhood. We made incredible meals together and took lots of long walks on the beach — not a bad place to take virtual classes! In the spring I lived in New York City.

HCSC: What did you do last summer?

CN: For the past two summers I worked at Gatheround, a startup that helps remote and hybrid companies build culture and community. I was the 6th employee and watched the company grow to 14. I worked as the bridge between the users and the product. I conducted user research interviews, designed product screens, and built a community around the product.
The Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance

The Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance is the only Harvard-wide Latino Alumni SIG, and is approved by the Harvard Alumni Association. Its mission is to build community, foster mentorships, and improve the quality of life of Latinos at Harvard and across its broader community. Since the HLAA’s inception, its leaders have collaborated with the HCSC in organizing Global Networking Nights, Welcome to Your City events, Education Forums and Tardeadas that honor local Harvard Latino students and alumni leaders. We have also collaborated in organizing Early College Awareness Programs to help motivate local middle and high school students to attend top American colleges and universities. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the HLAA’s leaders also organized events to ensure the health, safety and success of current Harvard students. Today, the HLAA has evolved into the premier Harvard Latino alumni organization with chapters in Boston, Southern California, New York, Texas, and the United Kingdom. To learn more, or join, go to: https://harvardlatino.sigs.harvard.edu/
## Calendar of Upcoming Events

For more information on events and general club news, visit the club website at [www.harvardsocal.org](http://www.harvardsocal.org).

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