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MARCH 2021

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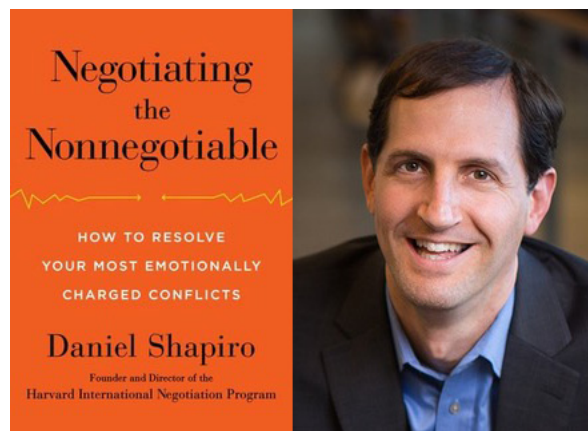
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Harvard Speakers Bureau: Professor Dan Shapiro on "Negotiating the Nonnegotiable"

Please join the Harvard Club of Southern California, along with the Harvard Clubs of Hawaii, Maui, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Singapore, and Australia, as we welcome Harvard professor Dan Shapiro to discuss his timely book, *Negotiating the Nonnegotiable: How to Resolve Your Most Emotionally Charged Conflicts*.

Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Time: 5:00PM

Cost: Free (registration required)

Location: Zoom invitation provided after registration

The founder and director of the Harvard International Negotiation Program, Professor Shapiro teaches a highly evaluated course on negotiation at Harvard College, and he has been named one of the top 15 professors at Harvard University. He specializes in practice-based research: building theory and testing it in real-world contexts. He has launched successful conflict resolution initiatives in the Middle East, Europe, and East Asia; and for three years he has chaired the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Conflict Resolution. Focusing extensively on the emotional and identity-based dimensions of negotia-

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tion and conflict resolution, Shapiro led the initiative to create the world's first Global Curriculum on Conflict Management for senior policymakers as well as a conflict management curriculum that now reaches one million youth across more than 20 countries. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the American Psychological Association's Early Career Award and the Cloke-Millen Peacemaker of the Year Award. In May of 2019, Shapiro received the Joseph R. Levenson Memorial Teaching Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Harvard's oldest teaching award, given by the Undergraduate Council.

Maiya Williams Verrone Runs for HAA Director



Congratulations to HCSC board member Maiya Williams Verrone '84, who has been nominated to run for election as a Harvard Alumni Association director. If elected, Maiya would serve on the HAA Board, an advisory board that guides the fostering of alumni community building. The board's work focuses on developing volunteer leadership while increasing and deepening alumni engagement through an array of programs that support alumni communities worldwide. Voting begins April 1. Eligible voters will have the option of voting either online or by paper ballot. Completed ballots must be received by 5 p.m. (EDT) on May 18. All holders of Harvard degrees may vote for HAA elected directors.

Welcome to New Members...

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

Princess Daisy Akita '15, JD '20 James Korris MBA '76
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2021-2022 CLUB ELECTION SLATE

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Club By-Laws, the Nominations Committee presents the following nominations for officers and directors of the Harvard Club of Southern California for the year 2021-2022:

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<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
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VP Schools	Harry Kim '86
VP Schools	Eva Plaza '80
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Secretary	Lisa Watanabe-Peagler '02
Past President	Patric M. Verrone '81

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Term Ending 2022

Director	Joanna Chan '02
Director	Michael Kline '88
Director	George B. Newhouse, Jr. '76
Director	Joe Rogers '86
Director	Ethel Seminario-Laczko GSE '84
Director	Peter Shimamoto JD '85

Term Ending 2023

Director	Karen Hernandez MBA '00
Director	Maurice Levin '79, MBA '84
Director	Adia Matthews '10, MBA '15
Director	Sonia Molina DMD '89, MPH '89
Director	E. Dryden Pence III '82
Director	Brittany Wang '17

Term Ending 2024

Director	Steven M. Arkow '84
Director	Jonathan R. Aibel '91
Director	Jade Le '10
Director	Laura Gomez '86
Director	Andy Riemer EdM '18
Director	Kenneth S. Williams '78

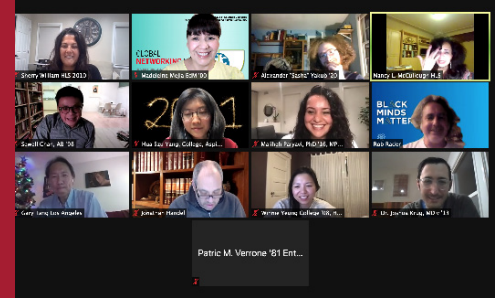
This slate of candidates has been approved by the Board of Directors. All candidates are running unopposed. On or before April 15, 2021, any 25 or more active members of the Club are entitled to file a nomination of any other eligible member for any office. Nomination petitions should be sent to Club Secretary Jennifer Hsu at jenniferhsula@gmail.com. The ballot will be sent out with the May newsletter. Members may vote for every candidate on the election slate should they choose to do so.

Note: Applicants for the Harvard Club of Southern California Board of Directors are welcome. Please write to Harvard Club of Southern California Nominations Committee at HarvardSoCal@gmail.com.

Recent [Virtual] Events

Harvard [Virtual] Global Networking Night

Global Networking Night (GNN), held on January 21, took on a different platform this year. It became virtual and allowed us to meet with alumni from across the country. Several recent grads who are living in Boston, D.C., New York, and Hawaii joined our GNN to meet others, learn more about Southern California, and make connections with alumni across different areas of interest. We had a great turnout and were able to offer several rounds of “group networking” in breakout rooms. After the official GNN was “over” (even virtual GNNs don’t end on time), a number of alumni stayed on to discuss more ways to reach their goals in 2021.



Myron Kayton Science Pub #18 - The Search for Life in the Universe

On Sunday, January 24, the Harvard Club of Southern California, along with our affiliates at MIT and the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society (PBK), brought over 130 Club members and guests from around the world together to listen to a spectacular presentation by Dr. John Mulchaey, director of the Carnegie Observatories. Dr. Mulchaey discussed the search for life in the universe, beginning with the SETI program. He then described our recent success finding planets in other solar systems, and how, for the first time in history, we may be about to determine if there is life on other planets. By studying the light spectrum in these planets, we can determine the presence of water and key gases in the atmosphere, as well as planet size and distance from their sun. If you are interested in giving a future Science Pub talk, please contact Ethel Laczko (etheledu@yahoo.com) or German Enciso (enciso@uci.edu).



Lunar New Year [Virtual] Celebration

On Saturday, February 6, Kay Park, Joanna Chan, Sheila Sun, Edward Chen, and Jennifer Hsu hosted a virtual Lunar New Year event on behalf of the Harvard Club of Southern California, the Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance, and the Harvard Business School Association of Southern California. Thirty-five attendees learned about the Lunar Race of the Animals, played a trivia game, and learned how to make Lychee cocktails. A book of recipes and recommended Asian restaurants was shared as well as a children’s craft activity to make red envelopes and lanterns. Attendees socialized in smaller break out groups. Members joined from Los Angeles, D.C., Philadelphia, New York, Austin, Oregon, San Diego, Palm Springs, and Hawaii. We hope to have an in person event next year!



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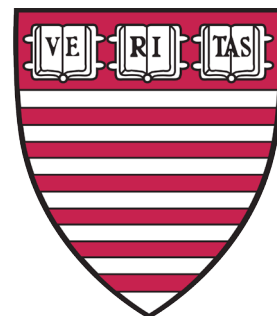
Harvard Kennedy School Event: International Women's Day

Join the Women and Public Policy Program for an enlightening conversation on the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. The discussion will be led by Ambassador Melanne Vermeer, the first U.S. Ambassador on Global Women's Issues, and Rangita de Silva de Alwis, Senior Adjunct Professor of Law and Global Leadership and Associate Dean at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

MON, MAR 8 @ 12:00PM

No charge, registration required

Harvard Kennedy School



Virtual Event (Radcliffe): Harvard and the Legacy of Slavery

Explore work under way to understand and address Harvard's historical entanglements with slavery and its legacies, along with efforts to support student and community engagement.

FRI, APR 23 @ 9:00AM

No charge, registration required

Harvard Graduate School of Education, gse_alumni_services@harvard.edu



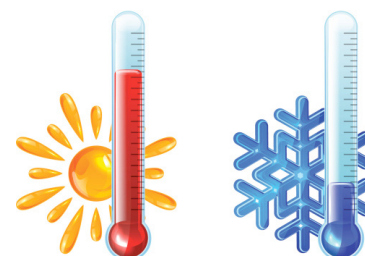
Online Mixer with the Harvard Club of Chicago

Craving Chicago deep-dish pizza? Wondering what 12 degrees feels like? Please join fellow Harvard alumni here and in the Windy City for a casual online mixer co-hosted by the Harvard Clubs of Southern California and Chicago.

THU, MAR 25 @ 5:00PM

No charge, registration required

Gary Barkin, garybarkin@gmail.com



Save the Date! - Myron Kayton Science Pub #19: Dr. Andrea Ghez, 2020 Nobel Prize Winner

Join us for a fascinating talk about our understanding of the Milky Way with Dr. Andrea Ghez, winner of the 2020 Nobel Prize in Physics. Dr. Ghez is one of the world's leading experts in observational astrophysics and heads UCLA's Galactic Center Group. Photo courtesy of *The New York Times*.

SUN, APR 25 @ 3:00PM

No charge, registration required

Ethel Laczko, etheledu@yahoo.com



Photo: *New York Times*

Q&A from 02138:

Matt Thomas '21



Matt Thomas '21, a concentrator in Social Studies, graduated from Harvard-Westlake High School, where he led the student government as one of the two head prefects. He was captain of the baseball team, played french horn for the school's orchestra, and was co-chair of the school's Honor Board. He is a senior residing in Kirkland House. At Harvard, he is captain of the baseball team, co-president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, one of the student-leaders of the Peer Advising Program, taught civics to local fifth graders with the Institute of Politics, and was elected as one of the program marshals for his senior class. He spent last summer working remotely as a campaign fellow and community organizer for the Joe Biden campaign. He spent the last week before the election in Philadelphia canvassing and organizing on the ground. He is writing his senior thesis examining why minor league baseball players have not unionized. His sister, Elizabeth "Lizzy" Thomas '18, was profiled in the November 2018 newsletter.

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

MT: I have been most surprised by how friendly the student body has been. I was afraid that students would be competitive with one another, but I have formed some of my closest relationships that I know will last for life.

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

MT: I first visited Harvard at the beginning of my sophomore year in high school when I helped move my sister in. Other than noticing how hot and humid it was in mid-August, I was struck by the energy of the campus. Harvard Square was buzzing with nervous energy from first-years and nostalgic energy from parents.

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

MT: My favorite class was The Democracy Project taught by Jill Lepore. She gave an incredible overview of U.S. history, and the class was taught so that we had structured debates while in class that revolved around whatever era we studied that week. Learning in that way demanded that we engage with and take ownership over the material. On top of that, my class grew really close. It was an incredible experience.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

MT: Aside from all of the shenanigans my teammates have pulled, my funniest memory was sledding down the Widener steps on dining hall trays after a snow storm. While previous sledders had left a grooved, packed-down trail in the snow, I tried to blaze my own path as I sled into some powder. The powder bested me, though, as I faceplanted immediately.

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

MT: I would commit more resources to the mental health of the student body. Students are struggling with mental health more than ever, and the pandemic has only exacerbated this dilemma. Second, I would

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divest our endowment from the fossil fuel industry. When it comes to the climate crisis, we have to be part of the solution. We cannot be part of the problem.

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

MT: I miss being in the same time zone as the Dodgers and Lakers. Home games for those two teams frequently start past 10pm on the East Coast. Luckily, the Dodgers have played deep into the playoffs in October every year that I have been at school, and I have proudly watched every game. Unfortunately, my sleep schedule has suffered as a result!

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

MT: At first, I struggled with being easily distracted by surfing the web or checking my cell phone. Instead of trying to ignore these distractions, I removed them entirely. When in online class, I now leave my cell phone in another room entirely. That way, I cannot go on it even if I want to. Additionally, I no longer take notes on my laptop. Instead, I use spiral notebooks with different colored pens. That way, I don't even touch my computer, so I'm not tempted to look at other websites.

HCSC: How did you spend fall semester?

MT: During the semester, I lived with two roommates in an apartment off campus in Cambridge. That way, I didn't have to take East Coast classes from a West Coast time zone. Although it was not what I envisioned for my senior fall, my roommates and I made the most of the semester while remaining safe and responsible.

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

MT: I will always call Southern California home. I could absolutely see myself moving back to SoCal, but if I don't I will still spend holidays in the region with my family and I will never stop rooting for the Dodgers and Lakers.



SoCal Club Wins HAA's Outstanding Alumni Community Award

On February 10, the Club was honored virtually with the Harvard Alumni Association Clubs and Shared Interest Groups' Outstanding Alumni Community Award. President Patric M. Verrone '81 proudly and humorously accepted the award while surrounded by cardboard cutouts of board members, instantly

dubbed "the Cardboard Board." Former Club and HAA president Cynthia Torres '80, MBA '84 presented the award and read a citation which noted: "Serving a diverse community of more than 16,000 alumni across a sprawling and densely populated region, the Harvard Club of Southern California creates and maintains alumni engagement opportunities of impressive scope while remaining ever nimble and responsive.... With deep commitment to Harvard, the Harvard Club of Southern California builds resilient bonds across generations of alumni." We thank the HAA for this award and thank all of those in our community for making our Club all that it is.



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