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JUNE 2021

Upcoming Events

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SUN, JUN 27 @ 6:00PM

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President's Message

To My Fellow Alumni,

As I near the end of the third year of the traditional two-year term as Club president, I find myself wondering where that other year went. Unfortunately, I think we all know. (For the benefit of scholars who unearth this document in some future age, we were in quarantine from a global pandemic.) I would like to say it was time well-spent but, in fact, it was time... well, spent.

Looking back at the goals and ambitions from when I took the job, it was definitely a good thing that we still don't have a clubhouse. And that membership card we planned would have only lay fallow in everyone's wallet. Plus, not having any programs or meetings in our Club's far-reaching geographical expanse meant not incurring any far-reaching geographical expense.

Nevertheless, we actually accomplished a lot in spite of the pandemic (or was it "because of the pandemic?") Our COVID-19 Response and Harvard Student Emergency Fund Committees raised tens of thousands of dollars to feed first responders and bridge financial gaps for unexpectedly-displaced Harvard students. We maintained a full slate of virtual events featuring best-selling authors, Nobel laureates, and a faculty lounge-worth of Harvard professors (many of those programs were recorded and are available on our website). We rewrote the Club's By-Laws; established a Code of Conduct; passed a diversity, equity, and inclusion policy; and implemented anti-harassment training. But perhaps the proudest achievement was the work of our Anti-Racism Committee which created an extensive list of resources for our website and programmed an ongoing series of Zoom meetings on the most vital topics of the day. Is it any wonder that the Club was selected as this year's HAA Alumni Community Award winner?

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Fortunately for all, I leave the Club presidency in the best of hands. Joan Chu Reese '85 has served as the Club's Finance VP and Executive Vice-President, chaired the COVID Response and By-Laws Committees, and, most importantly, after three years, she's... not me.

But you're not done with me yet. My final required duty under the By-Laws (both old and new) is to call to order the Club's annual meeting on Sunday, June 27 via Zoom. There will be a few speeches (you'll hear me say a lot of the words you just read) and we'll make some presentations. Don't expect much but, if you do join us, dear reader, it is sure to be time well spent.

Patric M. Verrone '81
President, Harvard Club of Southern California

Recent [Virtual] Events

Stop the Spread: The Challenge of Equitable Vaccine Distribution

On April 12, Harvard alumni gathered for this lunchtime Zoom webinar to hear from a panel of experts who gave presentations on how various communities of color are receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. First, Sharon Knight, interim director of the Stop The Spread organization, gave an overview of the current situation. She was followed by Dr. Olajide Williams, who described the history of health care hesitancy among black and brown communities and his work with Hip Hop Health, which uses culturally tailored videos and other media tools to reach these communities. Finally, Alexandra Valdes spoke about how Native populations have fared during the pandemic, attributing their willingness to receive the vaccine to the communal nature of Native American culture. This event was hosted by the Anti-Racism Committee.



Myron Kayton Science Pub #19 - Dr. Andrea Ghez, 2020 Nobel Prize Winner

On April 25, over 200 Harvard alumni and friends gathered virtually to attend a talk by UCLA astronomy professor and 2020 Nobel Laureate Andrea Ghez. Professor Ghez gave a lively presentation about a series of technical and scientific discoveries that led to the confirmation of a supermassive black hole being present at the center of the Milky Way, with millions of times the mass of our sun. This discovery is evidence that such black holes are present in most other galaxies. Professor Ghez and two of her colleagues received the Nobel Prize in Physics for this groundbreaking discovery. She also expressed a strong interest in encouraging the scientific careers of young women, several of whom were invited to and honored at this event.



More Recent [Virtual] Events

Harvard Law Professor Michael Klarman on “The Degradation of American Democracy—And the Court”

On May 5, members of the Harvard Club of Southern California joined hundreds of Harvard alumni from all over the country for a talk by Harvard Law Professor Michael J. Klarman sponsored by Harvard Club of Minnesota. Professor Klarman is the Kirkland & Ellis Professor at Harvard Law School, where he joined the faculty in 2008. Professor Klarman’s lecture topic was the “Degradation of American Democracy—and the Court.” The lecture highlighted the degradation of American democracy caused by the deterioration of voting rights, and the Supreme Court’s upholding of laws that restrict voting rights. Professor Klarman spoke for about 45 minutes and then answered questions from the audience. The lecture was recorded and is available on YouTube.



Bystander Intervention Training

On May 5, the Harvard Club hosted a Bystander Intervention training session to stop harassment against the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community. The session was presented by Emily May, Executive Director of Hollaback! The session covered Hollaback!’s 5D methodology of bystander intervention: Distract, Delegate, Document, Delay, and Direct. Specific and proven strategies as well as case scenarios were discussed, which were followed by questions from those in attendance.



The Undertold Stories of the Asian American Movement for Liberation

On May 14, the club hosted a speaker event to discuss the undertold stories of the Asian-American Movement for Liberation. The panel of experts included Dr. Jane Hong, Associate Professor of History at Occidental College; Vivek Bald, Associate Professor of Comparative Media Studies and Writing at MIT; Dr. Kimberly A. Troung, Executive Director of Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) at MGH Institute of Health Professions; and Marcus Benigno, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer at the ACLU of Southern California. The panel discussed their relationship with the term “Asian-American.” They also shared stories of collaborative activism in which Asian-Americans have helped undo structural racism and contrasted those with stories that have further marginalized others when only Asian-American liberation was in mind. The panel then discussed policies that pit Asian-Americans against other communities and solidarity work that we can take in our own communities to address interpersonal racism. Each panelist shared the different forms of healing they engage in to support their own mental health. The talk was moderated by Andy Riemer EdM ’18.



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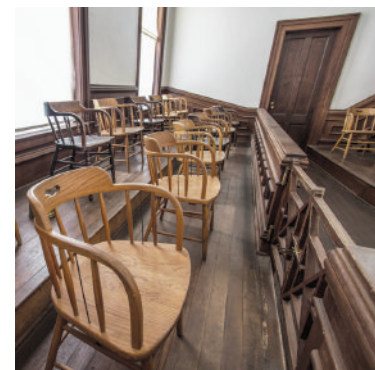
Radcliffe Event: Twenty Million Angry Men

Offered in collaboration with the Institute to End Mass Incarceration at Harvard Law School, this program will explore questions of jury service, civic participation in the criminal legal system, and the importance of such participation by people with prior convictions.

WED, JUN 2 @ 1:00PM

No charge, registration required

Harvard Radcliffe Institute



Harvard Event: The Navalny Phenomenon—A Self-Made Hero

How has Alexey Navalny, currently jailed as a prisoner of conscience in Russia, evolved from an anti-corruption blogger to the leader of the Russian opposition, the one person willing to publicly challenge Vladimir Putin? Is he capable of becoming a Russian hero of history, an “event-making man” as Timothy Colton labeled Boris Yeltsin in his ground-breaking biography?

WED, JUN 2 @ 1:00PM

No charge, registration required

Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies



151st Annual Meeting of the Harvard Alumni Association

We hope you join us Friday, June 4, as we celebrate our global alumni community during Harvard’s largest virtual gathering of alumni yet. The program will include remarks by Harvard University President Lawrence S. Bacow JD/MPP ’76, PHD ’78 and featured speaker Kevin Young ’92, the Andrew W. Mellon Director of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture.

FRI, JUN 4 @ 9:00AM

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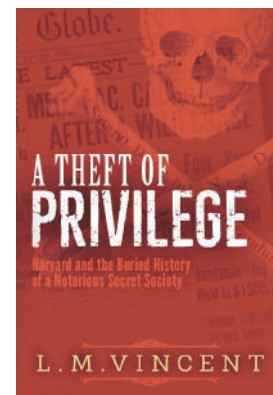
A Theft of Privilege: The History of “Med. Fac.” Harvard’s Lost Secret Society

Join us as author Larry Vincent ’73 shares a fascinating account of buried Harvard history. Meticulously researched and relying on primary correspondences as well as the actual records of the Med. Fac., *A Theft of Privilege* is a tale of social privilege and deceit involving the scions of the most prominent New England families.

WED, JUN 9 @ 7:00PM

No charge, registration required

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Upcoming [Virtual] Events

A Lecture by *A Red Line in the Sand* author David A. Andelman '66

Please join us as we welcome veteran *New York Times* and CBS correspondent and CNN columnist David Andelman '66 for an evening lecture followed by a Q&A session. He draws upon original research, interviews with key players, previously classified materials, and reportage from over 80 countries across five decades to help us understand the growth, successes, and failures that have shaped our world today.

THU, JUN 17 @ 5:30PM

No charge, registration required

The Harvard Club of Sacramento



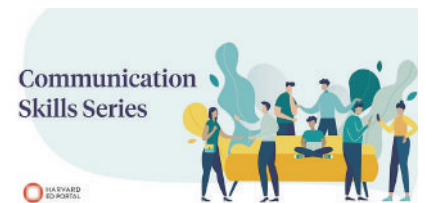
Harvard Ed Portal Communication Skills Workshop Series: Conflict Resolution with Sharon Edwards

What does conflict mean to you? Arguing, partisanship, discomfort? Conflict is actually productive, creative, and necessary. It surfaces different ideas, perspectives, and solutions—and can be an artful form of communication. This workshop offers a highly interactive approach for participants to better understand conflict and its causes, and to resolve workplace situations through effective communication strategies.

THU, JUN 24 @ 9:00AM

No charge, registration required

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The Harvard Club of Southern California Presents...

The Harvard Club of Southern California's 120th Annual Meeting

A By-Laws Requirement Featuring New By-Laws.

Sunday, June 27 at 6 pm Pacific.

Register at www.HarvardSoCal.org.

Q&A from 02138:

Reed Farley '21



Reed Farley '21 is a resident of Mather House, who was born in La Jolla, California and graduated from La Jolla High School where he was captain of the basketball team for three years, All-Academic Team Captain for San Diego Section senior year, and second-leading scorer in the school's history. At Harvard, he majors in History with a minor in Psychology. He plays on the basketball team which won two Ivy League titles. He spent last summer taking a Harvard Business School course and being a strength and conditioning coach in San Diego.

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

RF: How down-to-earth and friendly my fellow peers and professors were.

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

RF: I visited Harvard once when I was in 8th grade but do not remember any real details of the trip. When I returned on my official visit during the fall of my senior year of high school I felt overwhelmed by the size of the school. That feeling has definitely subsided since then.

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

RF: My favorite course has been HIST 1001 The War in Vietnam which I took my junior spring. The course covered all aspects of the Vietnam War militarily along with the sociocultural and political impacts the conflict had stateside. I thoroughly enjoyed the content of the course as well as the professor, Fredrik Logevall, who is a professor at the Kennedy School.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

RF: I am not sure I can think of one moment specifically, but I would say that my time on the basketball team has brought some great, funny moments in general.

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

RF: I would make it so that people could more easily opt into and out of the quad for housing. While I did not get quaded, I have seen too many Housing Days ruined by one of Pfoho, Cabot or Currier showing up to a person's door.

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

RF: I definitely miss the warm weather the most. But other than that, I would say I also miss the cleaner streets and generally nicer people. That's not to say Boston and Cambridge don't have their charm, but they don't stack up to La Jolla.

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

RF: I could certainly see myself coming back to SoCal after graduation because I am a warm weather person through and through.

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

RF: I actually managed alright because my courses, which are mostly just lecture courses, translated well to an online format. The biggest drawback was losing access to Harvard's immense archives.

HCSC: How did you spend fall semester?

RF: I spent the fall semester at home in La Jolla taking classes in the morning and enjoying the weather and sunshine in the afternoon by playing a lot of golf.

Welcome to New Members...

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

John Asker AM '02, PhD '04	Noah Helpert JD '07	Eric Sefton '10
Kai Ambrose '13	Manuel Ossa Hurtado MBA '21	Jarele Soyinka '20
Bitia Assad '11	Sharon Kunde '96	Thor Steingraber MPA '09
Rodrigo Azambuja ALM '16	Yacoub Kureh '13	Jimmy Thai '20
Joel Ball '81	Adam Lowy '83, MD '88	Kristie Tom MBA '21
Maria Burzillo '20	Jaya Nayar '24	Malka Zeefe '00
Brandon Earl	Jonathan Ross '85, MBA '92	

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