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SEPTEMBER 2018

## Upcoming Events

### Los Angeles Launch Party: FGHA and HAEd Shared Interest Groups

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Church & State

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Time and Location TBA

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Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

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## Message from Club President Patric M. Verrone

Welcome to a new school year for Harvard and a new fiscal year for the Harvard Club of Southern California. As it happens, we both have new presidents. I will leave it up to you to learn about Lawrence S. Bacow on your own but allow me to introduce myself.

Hi. I'm a member of the Class of 1981. I lived in Winthrop House. I graduated with an A.B. in American History. I met my wife at Harvard (Maiya Williams '84), my time at the *Lampoon* was basic training for my career as a television writer, and most of my lifelong friends are fellow alums (three members of our freshman rooming group in Canaday F-44 still live within a two-mile radius in Pacific Palisades. If only they would join the Club). I have been a member of this Club for 32 years, on the board of directors for eight, and served as vice president of communications for two (mostly making sure that the newsletter had the apostrophes preceding graduation years properly oriented). Suffice it to say, as a Harvard grad, spouse, and (most proudly) parent, I bleed crimson (also, because I am a human being). I just have to keep the dog from howling when I sing "Fair Harvard."

It is the longstanding tradition of the new president's message to commend the outgoing president (Steven M. Arkow '84, who did a marvelous job putting the Club on a firm financial and organization footing), look forward to an exciting year working with the newly composed board of directors (certainly among the most diverse and experienced boards with whom I've served), and invite the membership to review and attend the terrific assortment of events and programs the Club will be offering in the weeks and months to come (cf. the rest of this newsletter).

But I want to begin my term by looking beyond our traditional goals and accomplishments in the hopes of creating

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new ones. There are over 21,000 Harvard alumni in Southern California and our Club's boundaries stretch from North San Fernando Valley to South Orange County, from Malibu to Indio - nearly a zillion square miles (remember, I studied history, not geography). There are more than two dozen other Harvard-affiliated associations, Shared Interest Groups, and graduate school alumni organizations operating within our terrain, competing for your valuable Harvard alumni attention. The leadership of this Club must do all it can to engage with these groups, as well as with reunion committees and other Cambridge-based initiatives, to coordinate and maximize the Harvard alumni experience in the Southland.

It is my firm belief that the best way to give the Harvard alumni community exactly what it wants is to find out exactly what it wants. To do that, we will be sending out a survey (to Club members and all SoCal alums). Please respond to it as thoroughly and thoughtfully as you can and encourage your fellow alums to do the same. In addition, feel free to contact me directly. My email address is pverrone@aol.com (yes, I still have an AOL address) and I will do my level best to respond to comments and concerns, and, most importantly, to implement your ideas and suggestions.

Now if you'll excuse me, it's time to make the dog howl.



*Pictured from left to right are Natalie Swartz, Jacqueline Kellogg, HCSC board member George Newhouse, and Brandon Martinez.*

## 2018 Summer Scholarship Recipients

Each year, the Harvard Club of Southern California provides scholarships to Harvard undergraduates interested in pursuing public service internships in Los Angeles. This year, the Board had a chance to meet with our worthy recipients to hear how they spent their summers making a difference in our community.

Brandon Martinez '20, hailing from Tustin, had the opportunity to return to Orange County while he worked at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. Under the supervision of top-notch lawyers, he provided counsel and legal services to low-income individuals around issues of government benefits (especially for those with disabilities), and record expungement.

Natalie Swartz '20, a Los Angeles native, interned at the Los Angeles Department of Public Health, where she helped with policy research and communications relating to health equity issues. She helped the department write an internal guide for communicating about public health issues from a health equity perspective and supported policy research about food security, public hygiene access for people experiencing homelessness, and public health prevention funding.

Jacqueline Kellogg '19, originally from Poughkeepsie, New York, interned at Peace Over Violence, an anti-sexual assault and domestic violence agency. She had the opportunity to work with the Legal Advocacy Project helping clients seeking legal assistance relating to their circumstances of interpersonal abuse; to work with the Education and Prevention teams about facilitating conversations with youth about preventing violence in their communities; and to be a part of this incredible, inclusive, and groundbreaking organization that is doing much work to help people find access to resources and safety.

Seokmin Oh '21, from Cypress, worked with the Legal Aid Society of Orange County, helping people without attorneys in the greater Los Angeles Area. He assisted individuals in Compton with restraining orders (elder abuse, domestic violence, and civil harassment), divorces, custody hearings, evictions, and other lawsuits. He assisted in workshops, attended various court hearings, and helped out in the domestic violence clinic.

Special thanks to HCSC Board Member George Newhouse for coordinating this program. Check this newsletter at the start of 2019 for information on applying for next summer's scholarships.

## Recent Events

### Harvard Speakers Bureau Event with Professor Jonathan Grindlay

On June 24, Harvard astronomy professor Jonathan Grindlay discussed how 130 years of glass plate photographs of the night sky at the Harvard College Observatory have led to many momentous discoveries. In his fascinating and wide-ranging lecture, he explained the nature of stellar black holes, how they differ from other types of black holes, and why black holes are important. “I received many compliments about his riveting presentation,” said event organizer Herb Goldman '76. “Besides discussing black holes, he clarified many other topics in astronomy. Sonia Molina [DMD '89, MPH '89] deserves a very special thank you for graciously volunteering her beautiful home for this marvelous event.”



### Global Networking Night - Summer 2018

On July 12, the Harvard Club of Southern California teamed up once again with Harvardwood to bring you Global Networking Night. The event was held at The District by Hannah An and over 300+ alumni from the college, graduate and professional schools attended. We will be hosting a few more networking events this year. Make sure to join us in October for our Welcome to Your City event and in November for instaHarvard.



### Hammer Museum *Made in LA* Tour

On July 21, a dozen Harvard alumni met at the Hammer Museum for a private tour of the museum's *Made in LA 2018* biennial exhibit. The exhibit features the works of 32 artists who are working throughout Los Angeles and the surrounding areas. The artists range from age 29 to 97 and have contributed works engaged with issues of contemporary culture. Alumni received an in-depth tour of three featured artists' work and had a lively discussion sparked by the artwork. After the tour, some alumni continued the conversation with brunch at the nearby Napa Valley Grille.



### Send-Off Party for Class of 2022

On Sunday, August 5, Daniel A. Medina '79, MBA '83, a former HCSC president and current Vice President for Schools and Scholarships, joined his wife Laura Martin MBA '83 and their daughter Alexandra Medina '22 in welcoming approximately 20 incoming freshmen for a send-off pizza party before the students' departure for Cambridge. HCSC Past President Steven Arkow '84 and Schools Committee Chair Harry Kim '86 also attended the event. The students acquainted themselves with each other and compared notes about their freshmen housing assignments, which they received earlier in the week. Move-in day for the Class of 2022 is August 27, with Convocation on September 3. Classes begin the next day. “Harvard is expecting another record year for applications this year, and we anticipate Southern California to exceed last year's level of interview requests,” said Dan Medina. “The Admissions Department views the alumni interview as a critical component of a candidate's application, making it crucial for our area to have sufficient numbers of interviewers to meet the demands of the applicant pool.” Alumni interested in serving as interviewers should contact Dan at [dan@capknowledge.com](mailto:dan@capknowledge.com). See page 5 for Southern California's Class of 2022.





# Upcoming Events

## Los Angeles Launch Party: FGHA and HAEd Shared Interest Groups

If you're a first-generation college graduate, if you work in the field of education, or if you're just interested in meeting folks from either group, come celebrate the launch of two local SIG chapters. All are welcome!



**THU, SEP 13 @ 5:00PM**

Church & State

\$5 per person, to help cover the cost of appetizers

Christine Gentry, christine.gentry@post.harvard.edu

## *The Bacchae* by Euripides at The Getty Villa

Please join us for this special performance at the famous Getty Villa. *The Bacchae* is perhaps the most popular of Euripides' surviving plays. Not recommended for children under 12 years. Limited space.

**THU, SEP 20 @ 8:00PM**

The Getty Villa

\$36, members; \$46, non-members

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## *Save the Date!* - 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. Card exchange encouraged.

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## Southern California's Harvard Class of 2022

### Central Los Angeles

- Catherine Beddingfield, Marlborough School
- Beatrice Castillo-Sahagun, Bell High School
- Shirley Chen, Los Angeles County High School for the Arts
- Rose Collier, Marlborough School
- Stephen Cox, Loyola High School
- Makenna Famulari, Home School 01110402
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- Yara Shahidicoll, Dwight School
- Xiaoying Zhu, Mark Keppel High School

### West Los Angeles

- Josette Abugov, Harvard-Westlake School
- Jordan Barkin, Harvard-Westlake School
- Chase Bookin, Brentwood School
- Celine Cuadra, Culver City High School
- Judy Durkin, Santa Monica High School
- Noah Evers, Crossroads School
- Anna Gong, Harvard-Westlake School
- Daniel Gottesman, Palisades Charter High School
- Angel Hoyang, Harvard-Westlake School
- Melanie Madrid, Alexander Hamilton High School
- Georgia Messinger, Brentwood School
- Isabel Musselman, Culver City High School
- Denise Navarro, Harvard-Westlake School
- Indu Pandey, Harvard-Westlake School
- Dominique Petrie, Beverly Hills High School
- Jaimie Rao, Harvard-Westlake School
- Oliver Richards, Harvard-Westlake School
- Mason Rodriguez, Harvard-Westlake School
- Kathryn Tian, Harvard-Westlake School
- Brycen Tremayne, Venice High School
- Anthony Weinraub, Harvard-Westlake School

### San Fernando Valley

- Wilhelm Christiansen, Crespi Carmelite High School
- Jean-Luc Henraux, North Hollywood High School
- Jonah Lipel, Chaminade College Preparatory
- Jonathan Ragheb, Burbank Senior High School
- Micaela Soria Robles, Van Nuys High School
- Rebecca Schusterman, Valley Torah High School
- Felix Bulwa, North Hollywood High School
- David Cho, Cleveland High School
- Itay Dvir, Oak Park High School
- Benjamin Levy, Valley Torah High School
- Ella Michaels, North Hollywood High School
- Marlena Skrabak, John Burroughs High School

### South Bay

- Aaron Hai, Gretchen Whitney High School
- Shavonna Jackson, Cal. Academy of Mathematics and Science
- Ha (Caitlin) Lam, Long Beach Polytechnic High School

### San Gabriel Valley

- Diana Agdashian, Ribet Academy
- Kemi Ashing-Giwa, Mayfield Senior School
- Ye Chua, Workman High School
- Samantha Herrera, Northview High School
- Matthew Ho, Diamond Bar High School
- Renee Hua, Walnut High School
- Areni Markarian, Clark Magnet High School
- Pablo Martinez, Diamond Bar High School
- Alexandra Medina, Polytechnic School
- Nicolas Medrano, Polytechnic School
- Maranda Ngue, Temple City High School
- Elizabeth Wang, San Marino High School
- George Whitford, Polytechnic School

### San Bernardino/Riverside

- Aspen Buck, Home School
- Matthew Chang, Palm Desert High School
- Anan Hafez, Upland High School
- Joshua Kim, Santiago High School
- Esther Koh, Martin Luther King High School
- Anissa Medina, Vivian Webb School
- Selorm Quarshie, Redlands High School
- Christine Song, Los Osos High School
- Mikki Thompson, Ruben S Ayala High School

### North Orange County

- Brenda Ceja, Cornelia Connelly School
- Andrew Courtney, Orange County High School of the Arts
- Sedona Farber, Pacific Coast High School
- Spencer Freedman, Mater Dei High School
- Kiara Gomez, El Dorado High School
- Brianna Jewett, Los Alamitos High School
- Simon Lamar, Sonora High School
- Grace Thawley, Mater Dei High School
- Brandon Won, Sunny Hills High School
- Timothy Li, Troy High School
- Sharleen Loh, Troy High School
- Kristine Okereke, Foothill High School

### South Orange County

- Annika Basse, Corona del Mar High School
- Anushka Bhaskar, Aliso Niguel High School
- Sara Du, Arnold O. Beckman High School
- Trina Hoang, Irvine High School
- Noah Hodge, Santa Margarita Catholic High School
- Sahar Khashayar, Saint Margaret's Episcopal School
- Daniel Kim, Tesoro High School
- Grace Krantz, San Clemente High School
- John Marlo, Corona del Mar High School
- Samantha Shelton, Santa Margarita Catholic High School
- Kexin Sun, University High School
- Evan Tingler, Laguna Beach High School
- Michael Wu, University High School

Q&A from 02138:

## Teresa Rokos '19



Teresa Rokos '19 was born and raised in Pasadena and graduated from Polytechnic High School in 2015. At Polytechnic, she was class president junior and senior years, played volleyball and soccer, and took AP Studio Art junior and senior years. Outside of school, she played cello with the Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra and Pasadena Young Musicians Orchestra, tutored math, and volunteered with the Pasadena Job Center. At Harvard, Teresa lives in Leverett House and is an Economics concentrator with a secondary field in Government. She also has completed her pre-medical studies as she hopes to pursue a career in medicine. She plays cello with the Mather Chamber Music Program and tutors through the Bureau of Study Counsel and the Economics Question Center, but she spends most of her time rowing for the Harvard-Radcliffe Women's Heavyweight Crew after learning to row during her freshman year as a walk-on. This summer, she was selected for the U.S. U23 team and raced at the Henley Royal Regatta in England and then at the World Championships in Poznan, Poland. Teresa plans on writing a thesis on the inefficiency of hospital administration.

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

TR: I was surprised by the diversity of people I met here who come from all different backgrounds and yet manage to have a deep passion for something, whether it be a sport, their research, music, or social justice.

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

TR: I first visited Harvard on a very cold spring day and met up with a Poly alum who had been a senior mentor for me when I was a freshman in high school. The first place he showed me was Widener library, taking us in through the little back entrance. I remember going through the cavern-like underground portion and then coming up to the second floor and the Loker Reading Room and just being awed by the sense of intellectual pride and history radiating from every part of the building. We then met a couple of his friends, all of whom were extremely kind and enthusiastic about what they were studying or doing, and something just felt right about the place.

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

TR: My favorite class so far has been Empirical Economic Issues in Healthcare, which was my sophomore economics tutorial, and it was taught by two people who worked at a health economics consulting group in Boston. They brought a unique perspective to the issues surrounding health economics because unlike many other professors and classes, they didn't just operate in a world of theory and could provide specific real-world examples of just how complex the issues facing the U.S. healthcare system are. Our professors would bring in legal cases they had worked on for us to read (with the names of the company or drug censored), and the cases often made me further appreciate the complexity and politics of the pharmaceutical drug industry. The industry incorporates a vast array of people from the academic, finance, clinical, and policy worlds, and the incentives of each must align to produce effective drugs and innovation, which can be extremely challenging.

*HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?*

TR: There have been many many funny moments, but I would say rowing with the men's team together in mixed boats the Monday before Thanksgiving is always a hilarious annual tradition filled with much banter and fierce competition.



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

TR: I would try to foster a better sense of school spirit by making it easier to know what events are going on and where on campus, and doing more to strengthen the alumni/undergraduate relationship. I think that people should be proud to be a part of what makes and what has made Harvard such a great place.

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

TR: I miss the people honestly. People in Boston always have places to be, but Californians just take life at a little slower, more appreciative pace.

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

TR: I hope very much to return to Southern California in the long term. Of course, I love the weather and the food and feel it is important to be close to family, but I also think California is a leader among the states and the world and therefore if I want to help change the world one day, I think California is a great place to be.

## Harvard's Shared Interest Groups - *Harvard Alumni for Education*



The newly launched Los Angeles chapter of Harvard Alumni for Education (HAEd) provides opportunities for local alumni interested in educational issues to enrich their connections to each other and to the field. Our SIG exists as a local extension of the Harvard community, supporting and advancing the various interests of its membership.

Though Harvard alumni have been doing important work in domestic and international educational affairs for over a century, there were limited opportunities for them to connect and collaborate with each other. Thus, Harvard Alumni for Education was born. HAEd received its charter in November 2015 and became one of the Harvard Alumni Association's newest Shared Interest Groups. Since then, our founding team and executive board have been hard at work setting goals and establishing priorities for growth, with the mission of creating a strong, connected, collaborative community of Harvard University alumni who are practitioners, researchers, and leaders in the field of education. Los Angeles is the newest of nine HAEd chapters across the globe.

In fulfillment of our mission, we will offer local networking opportunities, intellectual enrichment activities, and cross-sector collaborations. We are committed to organizing frequent, purposeful gatherings of L.A.'s sharpest and most dedicated minds. If you are interested in joining us, please attend our launch party on Thursday, September 13, from 5:00PM to 7:00PM at Church & State in the Arts District. Tickets are available on the Harvard Club of Southern California's website. You can become a member of HAEd on our website: [www.harvardaed.org](http://www.harvardaed.org). For more information, you can contact Los Angeles co-chairs Ghazal Gulati EdM '15 at [ghazal.gulati@gmail.com](mailto:ghazal.gulati@gmail.com) or Christine Gentry EdM '05 at [christine.gentry@post.harvard.edu](mailto:christine.gentry@post.harvard.edu).



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 To recommend an event or volunteer for one, contact one of our Programs VPs.

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