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NOVEMBER 2019

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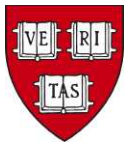
## “The Game” Viewing Party

One hundred years ago, Harvard’s football team won the Rose Bowl, defeating the University of Oregon Webfoots 7-6 (technically, the game was then known as the Tournament East-West Football Game). In celebration of this historic event, the Harvard Club is offering our members a chance to watch the 2019 Crimson team take on the Yale Bulldogs right here in Southern California. No, the two teams won’t be playing here. But you can watch them here... at our viewing party!

Join your fellow alumni (and yes, some Yalies) at Barney’s Beanery in Westwood on November 23rd to cheer on the Crimson. We anticipate kickoff at 10:00 AM, with doors opening at 9:30 AM (please check our website for updates). We will even provide expert in-game commentary from former Harvard and Yale football players, and a raffle of Harvard and Yale memorabilia. Admission is \$5 in advance for members and family (includes juice and coffee, and one raffle ticket), \$10 for non-members or at the door. If you are not yet a member of the Club, this is a great time to become one.

We hope you will join us as we watch the Crimson tame the Bulldogs at the 136th playing of The Game.





# Call to Submit Nominations for the 2020 Annual Dinner Honorees

The board of the Harvard Club of Southern California is now soliciting nominations for the “John Harvard Award for Distinguished Service to the Community” and the “Excellence in Education Award” to be presented at next spring’s Annual Dinner. We will use the following criteria to select the awardees:

## The John Harvard Award for Distinguished Service to the Community

- Active in public service
- Significant, innovative work to improve SoCal society
- An outstanding leader in his/her field
- Has high personal integrity
- Harvard connection a plus but not necessary

## Excellence in Education Award

- Direct involvement in the field of education in SoCal, or in a role that affects the education of children or young adults
- Demonstrates excellence and substantial achievement in the field of education
- Has high personal integrity

The John Harvard Award has been given annually by the Club since 1974, and the Excellence in Education award has been given since 1992. Recent winners include:

### The John Harvard Award:

- 2019: Supervisor Sheila Kuehl JD '78, who represents Los Angeles County’s Third District  
 2018: Honorable Carlos Moreno, retired California Supreme Court Justice and US Ambassador to Belize  
 2017: Morgan Chu JD '76, Partner at Irell and Manella, LLP

### Excellence in Education Award:

- 2019: Dr. Francis Su PhD '95, Benediktsson-Karwa Professor of Mathematics at Harvey Mudd College  
 2018: Fidel A. Vargas '90, MBA '99. President and CEO of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund  
 2016: Anthony Yom, Abraham Lincoln High School Math Teacher

**Nominations for the John Harvard Award should be sent to Maiya Williams Verrone at [MaiyaWV@aol.com](mailto:MaiyaWV@aol.com). Nominations for the Excellence in Education Award should be sent to Joan Chu Reese at [joanchu8@gmail.com](mailto:joanchu8@gmail.com). The deadline for nominations is November 15, 2019.**

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## Recent Events

### All Ivy Trivia Night

On Wednesday, September 25th, a dozen Harvard alumni joined several Stanford alumni to fill up two tables for a roaring fun, entertaining, and educational trivia night at GOAL Sports Cafe. Actress/host/writer Sanyee Yuan '12 led the groups through seven rounds of trivia chock-full of general knowledge, pop culture, history, cartoons, sports, and even high school musicals. The two teams comprised of Harvard and Stanford alumni went head-to-head against each other, as well as the other six regular trivia teams in the bar. Sanyee fused together her love of entertainment and storytelling to hold a special Oscar-themed Drinking Round, where a representative from each team tried to name Best Picture winners (without any repeats) to win a free round of drinks for their table. It was the perfect way to unwind in the middle of the week – and we look forward to more trivia nights at GOAL in the future.



### Class of 2019 *Welcome to Your City* Events

On October 2nd, the Club co-sponsored two *Welcome to Your City* events for members of the class of 2019 who have made the move west. The eastside event was also sponsored by the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) and three Shared Interest Groups: the Southern California chapter of the Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance, the First Generation Harvard Alumni SIG, and the Harvard Alumni in Education SIG. Graduates of the college, the Kennedy School, the Design School, the Extension School, and the Graduate School of Education gathered at Tamayo's Restaurant in East Los Angeles for dinner, drinks, welcoming speeches, and networking. The westside event was co-sponsored by the HAA, Harvardwood, and the First Generation SIG. Graduates of the classes of 2007, 2013, and 2015-2019, representing the college, Business School, Extension School, School of Public Health, Extension School, and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences gathered at the 6th and La Brea Brewery. Special thanks to Albert Maldonado MTS '14, Gus Frias EDM '94, Christine Gentry EDM '05, and Brittany Wang '17 for helping organize these great events.



### The Great Pacific Air Show

On October 5th, Club members attended the Great Pacific Airshow in Huntington Beach, an exhilarating display of aerobatics by some of the best military and private pilots around the world. This year was the first time three jet teams performed – the Thunderbirds, Snowbirds, and Royal Air Force Red Arrows, from the U.S., Canada, and Great Britain, respectively. Despite the throngs of spectators looking skyward, the Harvard crew was able to meet up and enjoy the amazing performances, as well as the beautiful, sunny weather in Huntington Beach.





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### Free Kids' Foil Fencing Class

On Saturday, October 12th, more than 90 children of Harvard alums visited the Elite Fencing Club in Los Angeles for a free class taught by Tarek Ayad, a two-time Olympian and member of the Egyptian National Team since 1998. Elite is a state-of-the art, 10,000-square-foot training facility that just opened near Marina Del Rey, and Tarek opened his doors for the Harvard community to experience this unusual sport. After some warm-ups, the kids advanced, retreated, and lunged as they learned the basics of fencing footwork. Next they strapped on chest protectors and masks to engage in some one-on-one dueling. The afternoon finished with a demonstration of fencing by two of Elite's teenage competitors.



### An Evening at the Magic Castle

On October 20th, ninety Harvard Club members and their guests enjoyed an evening of magic and mystery at the historic Magic Castle in Hollywood. After a delicious meal in the dining room, guests were whisked to a magic show in the largest theater in the mansion, the Palace of Mystery, featuring performances by Larry Wilson, Steve Owens, and Jody Baran. Afterwards, guests attended performances in smaller rooms, including the Close-Up Gallery, the Parlour of Prestidigitation, and the experimental Peller Theater. People also explored the building (filled with artifacts and posters) and met the resident ghost pianist Irma, who takes requests. Guests stayed past midnight, closing out a spectacular evening. With such a strong response from the membership for this event, which sold out almost instantly, "An Evening at the Magic Castle" will likely become an annual occurrence. See you next year! Pictured to the right are Sandra Howe '60 and Professor Daniel Howe '59 before entering the secret passage that takes you into the Magic Castle.



## Upcoming Events

### Holiday Party for H4A - Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance

Join the H4A for a fun evening of dinner and drinks celebrating its first year of events in Los Angeles. Meet the current board members. Come if you would like to meet more H4A alumni and suggest events for next year.

**SAT NOV 2 @ 6:00PM**

Private residence in Beverly Hills

Cost: \$20, members; \$30, non-members

Jennifer Kim Zeller, [jenniferkzeller@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferkzeller@gmail.com)



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### Architecture and Coffee with notable Architect Edwin Chan of EC3

Join us for brunch and a presentation by architect Edwin Chan in his office, EC3. Edwin will share his behind-the-scenes design process and his firm's architectural work. Questions, a discussion, and an informal networking session will follow.



**SAT NOV 9 @ 12:30PM**

EC3

Cost: \$20, members; \$30, non-members

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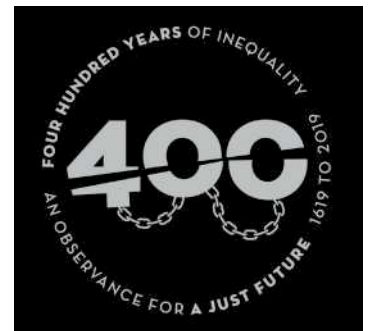
### UCLA Hammer Museum Forum: What Would Reparations Look Like?

This is a free event featuring V.P. Franklin MAT '70. Hammer Forum is an ongoing series of timely, thought-provoking events addressing social and political issues.

**TUE NOV 12 @ 7:30PM**

Hammer Museum

Cost: No charge; first come, first served



### Annenberg Photo Space Tour and Optional Lunch (Members Only)

Join us for a members-only group tour of the Annenberg Photo Space's new exhibit *W|ALLS: Defend, Divide, and the Divine*. The photo exhibit provides a historical look at civilization's relationship with barriers, both real and imagined. Space is limited.



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Pooja Nair, pnair@troygould.com

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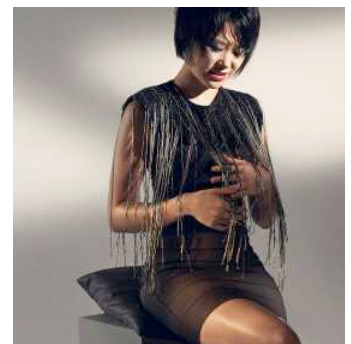
Join the HCSC to witness the fiery pianist Yuja Wang perform with the LA Philharmonic. Wang has been described as "a phenomenon, a virtuoso of staggering abilities who can take one's breath away with the shape of a gentle phrase or with unbelievable power at supersonic speed." Limited seating.

**TUE, FEB 18 @ 8:00PM**

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Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com



Q&A from 02138:

## Jake Suddleson '20



Jake Suddleson '20, a concentrator in History, was born in Los Angeles and graduated from Harvard-Westlake High School, where he played baseball and participated in the theater program. He was captain of the baseball team that made it to the CIF championship in 2016 and was named both an all-state and all-CIF honoree that same year. Jake is a senior residing in the newly renovated Lowell House. At Harvard, he is a member of the baseball team. As clean-up hitter, Jake ended last season with a .416 batting average against conference opponents, earning him the Ivy League Player of the Year award, in addition to being named an All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association. Last year's team was the first Harvard squad since 2005 to make an appearance at the NCAA Regionals. Jake spent last summer splitting his time between playing for the Northeast Collegiate Baseball League and the Cape Cod Baseball League.

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

JS: The biggest surprise for me at Harvard was the amount of care the professors put into teaching many of the courses. At a university like Harvard, I imagined that many of the professors' primary focus would be on their respective research interests. So I was pleasantly surprised by how much pride the professors take in fostering a superb learning environment for their students.

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

JS: I first visited Harvard in the junior fall of high school. Immediately I was struck by the majesty of it all; from Memorial Church, to the leaves falling in Harvard Yard. And the Charles River snaking beautifully between the main campus and the athletics complex. I've found that Harvard gives off an aura that is enthralling and impossible to replicate. My first time feeling that was overwhelming, but in the best possible way. I can vividly remember the excitement growing inside me as I realized Harvard was where I wanted to be.

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

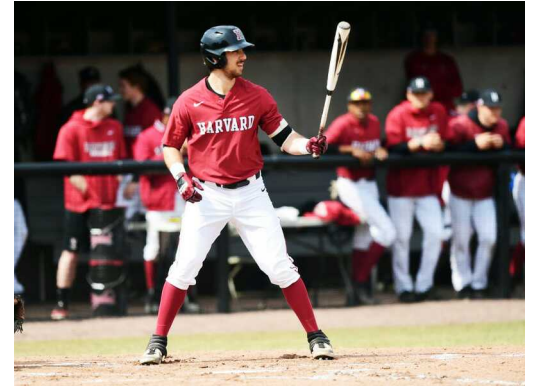
JS: My favorite class so far at Harvard was called "What is Urban History?" In it, we delved into the study of metropolitan centers and, more specifically, how they foster relationships between individuals and institutions. This class was taught by the incomparable Professor Elizabeth Hinton, who has done groundbreaking studies into the U.S. criminal justice system, among others. I'd say my favorite part about this class was the intimate setting in which we were afforded the opportunity to learn about the unique relationship between cities and individuals, and how they shape one another.

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

JS: My funniest moment at Harvard was probably freshman year, and it is a really quintessential warm-weather-kid story. I was leaving my dorm the morning of one of the first cold days of the winter. Unbe-



knownst to me, however, it had rained ferociously the night before, so there was a ton of black ice on the ground all over campus. I literally took one step outside the building and immediately hit a patch of ice. I wiped out pretty spectacularly in front of a crowd of people who, to their credit, immediately ran over to help me up. Luckily, I only had a few scrapes and bruises, but I was seriously embarrassed. After they all realized I was fine a few couldn't help but chuckle. Now that I've adapted to being in the northeast winter, I look back on that memory and chuckle, too. That memory will definitely stay with me for a long time.



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

JS: That's a good question. One of the most prominent issues we as a society are facing today is climate change, and I'd like to see Harvard divest from their investment in the petroleum industry. This is a really hot topic on campus right now, especially since water saving and energy saving technology is used in most Harvard buildings. However, this runs up against where Harvard invests a good portion of its money. I think by divesting, Harvard will not only be able to say it has truly gone green, but they will be able to promote a consistent message on environmentally conscious practices.

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

JS: I miss the beaches most. One of my favorite pastimes when I'm at home is going to the beach with friends and just lounging. Being able to relax with nothing more than the sound of the waves and some good company on the pristine California coastline is a luxury I have surely come to appreciate more while being on the East Coast.

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

JS: While Southern California will always hold a special place in my heart, I am perfectly content to see where life takes me. I recognize that there are several paths that could take me elsewhere, but also many that could take me back. My goal is to continue playing baseball after college, and if that happens, I wouldn't have any say as to where I go. So, I'm okay riding it out for now and seeing where life takes me.

## *Welcome to New Members...*

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

Pilar Gonzalez '01

Dana Hansen '01

Jonathan Fernandez '89

Joanne Koo JD '13

Joyce Lo MDS '16

Andrew Macklis MBA '19

Vladimir Manuel '99

Christine Oddo ALM '19

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