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APRIL 2021

Upcoming Events

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

SUN, APR 25 @ 3:00PM

Virtual Event

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Harvard Recent Grads Networking Happy Hour

THU, MAY 6 @ 4:30PM

Virtual Event

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Myron Kayton Science Pub #19:



Photo: *New York Times*

2020 Physics Nobel Prize Winner Dr. Andrea Ghez

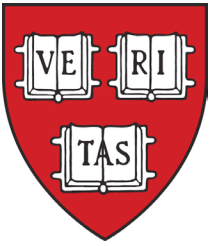
Join the Harvard Club of Southern California for "From the Possibility to the Certainty of a Supermassive Black Hole," a fascinating talk about the Milky Way presented by Dr. Andrea Ghez, 2020 Physics Nobel Prize winner and director of the UCLA Galactic Center Group. This free Zoom event will be held Sunday, April 25 at 3PM.

Andrea M. Ghez is one of the world's leading experts in observational astrophysics and heads UCLA's Galactic Center Group. She has received numerous honors and awards, including the 2020 Nobel Prize in Physics with Reinhard Genzel and Roger Penrose. She is the fourth woman to have received the Physics award. Dr. Ghez is committed to the communication of science to the general public as well as inspiring young girls into science.

Through the capture and analysis of twenty years of high-resolution imaging, the UCLA Galactic Center Group has moved the case for a supermassive black hole at the center of our galaxy from a possibility to a certainty and provided the best evidence to date for the existence of these truly exotic objects. These measurements have provided new insights on how gravity works in extreme circumstances, how black holes grow, and the role that they play in regulating the growth of their host galaxies.

This event is the Harvard Club of Southern California's 19th Science Pub. The long-running series has been named for former club president Myron Kayton MS '56, a regular attendee of the pub talks who had a deep commitment to science, having served as Deputy Manager for Lunar Module Guidance and Control at NASA's Johnson Space Center in the 1960s.

Dr. Ghez's appearance was made possible with the generous help of Phi Beta Kappa Alumni in Southern California, the Alumnae-i Network for Harvard Women, the Carnegie Observatories, and the MIT Club of Southern California.



Message from the President and Executive Vice President

Dear Fellow Members of the Harvard Community in Southern California,

We write to you in light of the disturbing rise of anti-Asian violence, not only in Atlanta, but also in our own backyard in Southern California. Our Club stands united with our Asian-American and Pacific Islander alumni, friends, and community. We cannot be idle in the face of these events as we firmly believe that silence is tantamount to complicity.

In response to the tragic events in Atlanta, Harvard Professor Ju Yon Kim wrote, “We have spent the last year worried about going out... not just because of the pandemic, but because of the anti-Asian racism... It is one thing to feel trapped and isolated by a virus; it is another to feel trapped and isolated by other people. The first we can bear for the common good; the second is unbearable.”

In his message to students, faculty and alumni, Harvard president Lawrence Bacow affirmed that “Harvard must stand as a bulwark against hatred and bigotry. An attack on any group of us is an attack on all of us—and on everything we represent as an institution.”

As true as this is for Harvard as an institution, so must it be for our part of the Harvard alumni community. We must condemn bigotry and racist attacks in the strongest possible terms and defend the safety and welfare of all who face bias, intimidation, and hatred.

We know that words are not enough and that effective actions are always stronger collectively. In keeping with our Club’s mission of advancing the lifelong learning of alumni, we are providing a list of recommended reading and resources on our website. Further, our Anti-Racism Committee has a slate of virtual events scheduled for April and May including programs on Anti-Asian Racism, Teaching Children to Be Anti-Racist, Bystander Training, and Ethnic Studies.

We hope you can attend one or more of these events. Please check our website in the weeks to come for dates and times. Also, if you’re interested in joining the A.R.C. or have an idea for a program, please write to us at harvardsocal@gmail.com.

It is only by coming together that we keep from breaking apart.

Patric M. Verrone ’81
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Joan Chu Reese ’85
Executive Vice President

Recent [Virtual] Events

Bending the Arc of History Toward Justice

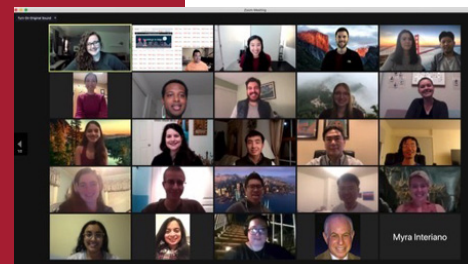
On February 13, over eighty Harvard alums gathered to hear Terrence M. Franklin JD ’89 give a virtual follow-up talk to the lecture he delivered in-person last year. After an introduction by Maiya Williams Verrone ’84, Terry gave a quick review of that story, detailing his discovery of the will that emancipated his ancestors from slavery and the legal drama that followed. He then told the stories of three other Black women who lived in the antebellum South who also had legal challenges to their rights of property and freedom. Terry then spoke of his life’s mission, to “bend the arc of history toward justice” by spreading these stories, and he urged those on the Zoom to educate themselves about racism, and do what they can to become anti-racists. Participants asked questions and commented in the chat about Terry’s moving presentation. It was a wonderful way to celebrate Black History Month. This event was jointly hosted by the HCSC Anti-Racism Committee and the L.A. chapter of the Harvard Black Alumni Society.



More Recent [Virtual] Events

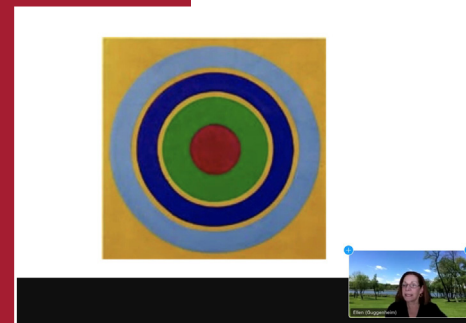
Harvard-Caltech Recent Grad Virtual Movie Night, Featuring *Edge of Tomorrow*

Harvard and Caltech recent graduates enjoyed a night of networking and film screening on February 25th. The evening started with ZooMingling, as always, but featured a special topic: “Zombie Apocalypse Survival Plan! What’s yours??” The Caltech Alumni Association graciously made the Harvard community family for one night, which meant all attendees received Postmates Unlimited for 30 days! What a great thing to pair with a sci-if movie night, especially one that stars Emily Blunt and Tom Cruise! After ZooMingling, the group started the watch party. By logging into Swank, a movie screening platform, all attendees launched their own screening of the file, which could be started or paused at any point that night. The Harvard Recent Grad community owes Caltech one, for sure. We are grateful to partner with them to spread community in Southern California!



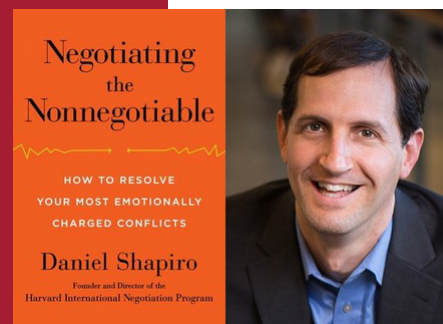
Guggenheim Virtual Private Tour - “Hilma af Klint: Paintings for the Future”

On February 28, Harvard alums gathered for a virtual private tour of the Guggenheim’s 2018 exhibition “Hilma af Klint.” The tour was provided using the inquiry-based method, encouraging dialogue about the paintings and their history. This methodology created a rich, interactive exchange between the attendees and the gallery educator. Hilma af Klint was born in Stockholm in 1862, and her abstract concepts were highly influential, but kept largely private during her time. The Guggenheim’s 2018-2019 exhibition was the first major solo exhibition of the artist’s work in the United States. Attendees were able to virtually tour the work and understand the history and context influencing the artist as well as her influence on later abstract artists.



Harvard Speakers Bureau: Professor Dan Shapiro on “Negotiating the Nonnegotiable”

The Club logged record-breaking Zoom attendance on March 10 when it presented Harvard professor Dan Shapiro as he discussed his timely book, *Negotiating the Nonnegotiable: How to Resolve Your Most Emotionally Charged Conflicts*. Shapiro’s talk Zoomed across 12 time zones with the participation of sister clubs in Hawaii, Maui, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Singapore, and Australia. He covered his work with the Harvard International Negotiation Program; the five “lures” that scuttle negotiations; and conflict resolution mechanisms in both a hyper-partisan political environment and in interpersonal relations. A recording of the program is available on the Club website.



Upcoming [Virtual] Events

Stop the Spread: The Challenge of Equitable Vaccine Distribution

COVID-19 has devastated minority communities disproportionately due in large part to systemic racism, and this is impacting the distribution of the vaccine as well. Join the Club's Anti-Racism Committee as we engage a panel of experts to discuss the inequitable distribution of the vaccine among Black and Brown people, the hesitancy within those communities to receive the vaccine, and how to tackle the challenge of getting these communities of color vaccinated.

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No charge, registration required

Maiya Williams Verrone, MaiyaWV@aol.com



Film and Discussion: *Black Men in White Coats* - A Film by Dale Okorodudu, MD

Presented by the HMS Class of '95 Anti-Racism Task Force.

Watch *Black Men in White Coats* at your leisure between April 9 and 11, then join us on Sun, April 11 at 1:00PM for a discussion and Q&A.

SUN, APR 11 @ 1:00PM

No charge, registration required

Chasity Jennings Nunez, MD, HMS '95, cjnunezob@yahoo.com



HGSE Event: Gutman Library Book Talk - *The Education Trap*

For generations, Americans have looked to education as the solution to economic disadvantage. Although more people are earning degrees, the gap between rich and poor is widening. Cristina Groeger '08 PhD '17 delves into the history of this seeming contradiction.

FRI, APR 23 @ 9:00AM

No charge, registration required

Harvard Graduate School of Education, gse_alumni_services@harvard.edu



Harvard Recent Grads Networking Happy Hour

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California for a casual networking mixer to celebrate new and old friendships and the overall recent grad community. Grads from all Harvard schools and regions are welcome to join in.

THU, MAY 6 @ 4:30PM

No charge, registration required

Brittany Wang, brittlynnwang@gmail.com





2021-2022 CLUB ELECTION BALLOT

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

OFFICERS:

<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
___/___	President	Joan Chu Reese '85
___/___	Executive VP	Gary Barkin '86, HLS '93
___/___	VP Communications	John McHugh MD '94
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___/___	VP Programs	Maiya Williams Verrone '84
___/___	VP Radcliffe	Elizabeth Gillis '82
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Term Ending 2022

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___/___	Director	Ethel Seminario-Laczko GSE '84
___/___	Director	Peter Shimamoto JD '85

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___/___	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
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___/___	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. Members may vote for every candidate on the Election Ballot should they choose to do so.

Marked ballots must be delivered to the Club Secretary by May 28, 2021:

Harvard Club of Southern California, 1020 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Suite 204, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.

Q&A from 02138:

Cammie Dopke '21



Cammie Dopke '21, a concentrator in Human Evolutionary Biology with a secondary in Global Health and Health Policy, was born in Pasadena and graduated from Arcadia High School. She was captain of the varsity volleyball and soccer teams and competed on the track and field team. She was also the secretary of Senior Men and Women, a community service-based group. She is currently a senior residing in Quincy House, but is finishing up her final semester remote from home in California. At Harvard, she is the captain of the women's soccer team, a Peer Advising Fellow, a Pre-Health Peer Liaison, a part of Harvard's Foundation for the International Medical Relief of Children, and the alumni chair for the Undergraduate Women of Harvard Athletics. This past summer she interned remotely with the International Quality Improvement Collaborative for Congenital Heart Disease at Boston Children's Hospital, whose mission is to reduce mortality for all children undergoing congenital heart surgery.

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

CD: I was surprised about how "normal" everyone was. I came in with this expectation that everyone was going to be super pretentious, but rather I have met some incredibly wonderful and kind people at Harvard who I am lucky to call some of my close friends.

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

CD: The first time I visited was the spring of my sophomore year in high school and the first thing that came to my mind was Harry Potter. This was my first time visiting the East Coast so the brick buildings and the ambience of being in the Harvard Yard was an exciting thing for a SoCal girl.

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

CD: My favorite class would have to be "Why Is There No Cure for Health?" taught by David Cutler. This class inspired me to get more involved in global/public health and has encouraged me to pursue a masters in Public Health following graduation.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

CD: Some of the best moments I have had have been with my teammates and friends. One that comes to mind was when I was late to the first morning practice of the spring and sprinted across campus to get to the weight room at 5:30 am. In the moment it was definitely not funny, but looking back it is pretty comical.

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

CD: I would make Red Spiced Chicken Fridays a thing. Everyone knows it is going to be a good day when Red Spiced Chicken is on the menu.

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

CD: One thing I miss most about Southern California is the beach and mountains. I am very much an outdoorsy individual and love to go hiking or swimming

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at the beach in my free time, which can be difficult in Boston (especially in the winter).

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

CD: It was rather difficult at first with trying to maintain motivation and keeping focus when you are on a screen all day. But this semester I have tried to be better at making a schedule and trying to spend as much time as I can away from my screen when possible.

HCSC: How did you spend fall semester?

CD: I was back at home in Southern California with my family which has been a blessing. I also got involved in some remote research opportunities on global women's lifestyle medicine under [HCSC board member Dr.] John McHugh and started interning at MyHuddle, a startup whose goal is to make mental support accessible and convenient for all student-athletes.

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

CD: I definitely plan on coming back to Southern California and hope to complete medical school in SoCal.

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 5PM (EDT) on May 18. All holders of Harvard degrees may vote for HAA elected directors.

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