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NOVEMBER 2020

Upcoming Events

Suzanne Nossell Discusses *Dare to Speak: Defending Free Speech For All*

THU, NOV 12 @ 1:00PM

Virtual Event

No charge - RSVP required

Harvard Moves: 5K Your Way

THU, NOV 12 thru SUN, NOV 16

Virtual Event

No charge - donation suggested

Virtual Radcliffe: Benefitting from the Human Genome

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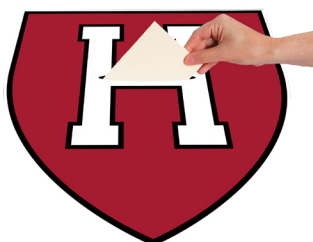
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SUN, JAN 24 @ 3:00PM

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VOTE!

Even if you've been living in a cave (to each his own in quarantine), you know that Tuesday, November 3, 2020 is election day.

Vote.

It's such a fundamental verb in our lives that there isn't even a synonym for it.

Vote.

It's what separates us from other primates (including any popularity contests Jane Goodall observed).

Vote.

It's free. It's cool. And where we live, it's easy. In California you can still register up to and including election day. Go to vote.ca.gov and track your ballot.

Vote.

In 2020, the presidential election is getting a lot of attention but there are many, many, many other federal, state, county, and city contests. They all matter.

Vote.

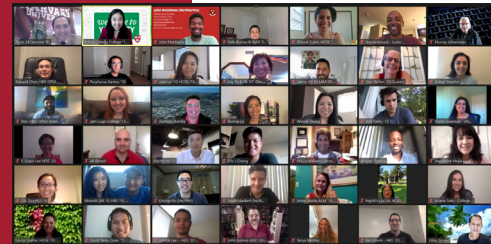
If you were among the record-shattering number of early voters, now it's time to get others to join us. And if you haven't done it yet STOP READING THIS AND...

VOTE!

Recent [Virtual] Event

Welcome to Your City!

On October 14, recent graduates in Los Angeles (classes 2011-2020) joined together online for a night of networking and community building. The participants started with virtual networking through Zoom's breakout room feature. Topics of conversation included L.A. traffic, best restaurants in L.A, the current state of network television, and personal COVID stories. Then the Shared Interest Groups, College Class Committees, and the Harvard Club of Southern California showcased their current and upcoming programs and ways to get involved. The group finished the evening sharing LinkedIn handles and contact information to continue their conversations. Thank you to the board members who volunteered their time, and in particular Brittany Wang '17 for organizing the event. The Harvard Club of Southern California made a big impression!



Upcoming [Virtual] Events

Suzanne Nossell '91, JD '96 Discusses *Dare to Speak: Defending Free Speech For All*

The HCSC has joined with Harvard Club of San Diego for an event featuring Suzanne Nossell '91, JD '96, the CEO of PEN America. Susanne will join HCSC president Patric M. Verrone '81 for a discussion of her recently published book *Dare to Speak: Defending Free Speech For All*. The book centers on twenty principles for how to live together in our diverse, digitized, and divided society without curbing free speech.

THU, NOV 12 @ 1:00PM

No charge, registration required

Lisa Watanabe-Peagler, lmwpeagler@gmail.com



Harvard Moves: 5K Your Way

Join alumni, students, and members of the Harvard community from across the world for a virtual 5K—your way! Sign up today to run, jog, walk, cycle or roll between Thursday, November 12, and Monday, November 16.

THU, NOV 12 THRU SUN, NOV 16

No charge, registration required

Harvard Moves 5K Your Way, aad_events@harvard.edu



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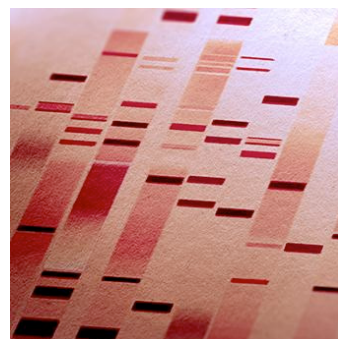
Virtual Radcliffe: Benefitting from the Human Genome

Anne Wojcicki, cofounder of 23andMe, will discuss the evolving benefits of genomic science, including the company's crowdsourced research platform. This platform has played a role in creating one of the largest COVID-19 research studies, and is helping to bring new medicines to patients.

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Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University



Changing Hearts and Minds on Climate Change: A Moment for Reimagining?

Join Harvard faculty, students, and fellow alumni for a cross-disciplinary conversation about climate action and change.

WED, NOV 18 @ 10:00AM

No charge, registration required

Harvard Alumni Education, haa_alumnieducation@harvard.edu



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

No topic is of greater interest to today's astronomers – and the public – than the search for evidence of life elsewhere in our solar system and far beyond. Dr. John S. Mulchaey, Director of the Carnegie Observatories, will describe recent progress on the search for life beyond our home planet.

SUN, JAN 24 @ 3:00PM

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Q&A from 02138:

Daniel Gottesman '22



Daniel Gottesman '22, a concentrator in Government, was born in Los Angeles and graduated from Palisades Charter High School. At Pali, he created the Civic Speakers program, which connects civil servants to students across the Los Angeles area (CivicSpeakers.org). He was the drum major of the marching band, which won a Southern California state championship, the president of the school's Junior Statesmen of America chapter, and a captain of the Science Bowl team. He is a sophomore residing in Currier House. At Harvard, he is active in the Institute of Politics, serves as the policy director for the Alexander Hamilton Society, and plays on the quidditch team. Last summer, Daniel interned in the office of LAUSD School Board member Nick Melvoin '08, played trombone with the Palisades HS alumni marching band, and traveled with family.

Note: This interview was conducted before Harvard decided to go virtual.

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

DG: I'm always amazed by how accessible faculty members are to students. I feel extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to meet with all of these incredible professors.

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

DG: I toured Harvard as a junior in high school and was surprised by the way that the campus managed to be picturesque and peaceful while maintaining its accessibility to such an incredible city. Fortunately, this assessment has held true during my time as a student.

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

DG: This is a truly impossible question! Among my favorites have been some of the classes that I've taken at the Kennedy School, which were taught by former White House advisors and experienced campaign managers.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

DG: One time, after a friend cancelled our lunch plans at the last second, I was walking out of the restroom and stumbled into a talk by D.C. Circuit Court Judge Merrick Garland! In a remarkably lucky turn of events, I received free lunch at the event, too.

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

DG: As an avid hiker, I miss the Santa Monica Mountains whenever I'm back on campus. There's nothing like their remarkable foliage, views, and (remarkably convenient) location!

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

DG: At the moment, I plan to return! If for some reason these plans don't pan out, you will still find me wearing sunglasses and flip flops far too often wherever I wind up.

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The following two questions were asked after the pandemic:

HCSC: How was your transition to online learning in the last spring semester?

DG: I found it to be surprisingly smooth, given the circumstances. My professors were extremely understanding and adapted very well, even holding Zoom versions of complicated in-class activities like foreign policy simulations. The students and staff all tried hard to preserve a sense of normalcy as best we could. It was comforting to feel like I was taking a piece of Harvard home with me.

HCSC: What are your plans for the fall semester?

DG: I am taking a leave of absence for the fall semester and working two virtual internships at groups combating political polarization. One is research-oriented, and the other trains Congressional staffers and state legislators on negotiating in more bipartisan ways. I'm hoping that, through these programs, I can make a dent in our divisive politics during my time off.

Welcome to New Members...

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

Jimmy Aguilar EdM '20

Sophie Barry '20

Li Chen '96

Fangyuan Hu MDS '20

Laura Ryan MTS '20



HREAO Announces New Mentor Program

The Harvard Real Estate Alumni Organization (HREAO) is launching a professional mentorship program for current students and mid-career alumni professionals looking to either learn from seasoned professionals or to advance their career. A short application for interested mentors is available at <https://forms.gle/1Torbw9kYxrN1nUi9> and due on November 8, 2020. HREAO will launch the program in December 2020.



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