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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 1, 2013 @ 12:00PM

Alumni Networking Lunch

Location: Mediterranean Express Bar & Grill (Encino)

Cost: Cash only for food & drinks

Contact: Wendy McCulley, wmcculley@yahoo.com

Saturday, May 11, 2013 @ 7:30PM

Los Angles Ballet... Balanchine Dance Festival
Location: Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center

Location: Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center Cost: \$60, Discounted Loge Tickets

Contact: Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net

Tuesday, May 14, 2013 @ 7:00PM Ivy Pride Alliance...A Special LGBT Wine Tasting

Location: Silverlake Wine (Los Angeles)

Cost: \$20, includes a tasting, cheese, and bread Kevin Kassover, kassover@alumni.upenn.edu

Sunday, May 19, 2013 @ 1:30PM Ivy Pride Alliance...Grand Park Tour

Location: Grand Park (Los Angeles)

Cost: Free

Contact: Chuck Downs at charlestdowns@gmail.com

Wednesday, May 22, 2013 @ 7:00PM 4th Annual: Keys to a Winning MBA Application

Location: Blankspaces (Los Angeles)
Cost: \$15, members; \$20, non-members
Contact: Alex Leventhal, alex@prepmba.com

Saturday, May 25, 2013 @ 7:00PM Issues in Education - Educator's Roundtable

Cost: The Home of Priscilla and Michael Heim
No charge (bring an item for potluck)
Priscilla Heim, priheim@verizon.net

Sunday, June 9, 2013 @ 5PM 2013 Harvard Club Annual Dinner & Awards

Location: Santa Anita Racetrack (Arcadia)

Cost: \$76/members & guests; \$82/non-members;

\$70/Recent Grads (Classes of '02 - '12)

Contact: Ethel Seminario-Laczko, etheledu@gmail.com

Please visit www.Harvard-LA.org for a complete list of upcoming events and to register.

Sunday, June 9, 2013:



2013 Harvard Club Annual Dinner Features "Harvard in the Roaring 20's"

You are invited to attend the annual general membership meeting and awards dinner. Grab your top hat or flapper dress and join us for a night of recognition and excellence. We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of three incredible members of our local community, Lucy Fisher AB '71, Thomas C. Hudnut and Cynthia Torres AB '80, MBA '84. Come dressed in your favorite Gatsby inspired attire and receive a door prize!



John Harvard Award: Lucy Fisher, Producer, Red Wagon Entertainment

Lucy Fisher, former Vice Chairman of the Columbia Tri-Star Motion Picture Group at Sony Pictures, is an award-winning motion picture producer and Co-head of Red Wagon

Entertainment. Fisher and Red Wagon's most recent production "The Great Gatsby" stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Tobey Maguire. During Fisher's tenure as Vice Chairman at Sony, she supervised films, including "Men in Black," "My Best Friend's Wedding," "Air Force One," "Jerry Maguire," "As Good As It Gets" and "Stuart Little." Fisher has also partnered with her husband, Oscar®-winning producer Douglas Wick to produce such popular movies as "Jarhead", "Stuart Little 2," and "Memoirs of a Geisha," which was nominated for six Academy Awards and won three Oscars.

In addition to her creative achievements, Fisher was the driving force behind the Warner Bros. Studio

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RECENT EVENTS...



Alumni Book Talk with Katie O'Brien '04 and Hunter Maats '04 - 3/9/13

On March 9, 2013, Katie O'Brien '04

and Hunter Maats '04, co-authors of The Straight-A Conspiracy: A Student's Secret Guide to Ending the Stress of High School and Totally Ruling the World., spoke to an audience of Harvard alums and friends about how students can rethink the way they learn in order to become successful in school and beyond.

"Friday night was an educational evening with two gifted authors whose talk illuminated the myths that burden students and the science that debunks the myths. I can't imagine any attendee will view learning the same way ever again." -- Crosby Selander





Mixer with MIT Wellesley Alums - 4/3/13

On April 3, 2013, Harvard, MIT, and Wellesley alums gathered at the shabby-chic Phoenix in Beverly Hills for a night of net-

working, connecting with old friends and making new ones. With over 50 Harvard alumni attending, the night was spent with a diverse mix of professionals.



Alvin Ailey - American Dance Theater - 4/17/13

The audience was engaged from the moment the curtain went up. 18 Harvard

alumni and friends met for drinks and appetizers before the performance and enjoyed an event that had everyone clapping and even dancing. After the first intermission, the dancers stepped into the audience and selected participants to join them on stage during the MINUS 16 program. Dancing to a mix of Latin music, audience members clapped and stood up to participate in the interactive performance.

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Children's Center, which has since provided care for over 2,000 children. After their youngest daughter was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes, Fisher and Wick, along with another family, co-founded "CuresNow" to promote regenerative medicine and stem cell research. Fisher served as co-chair of Prop 71, the successful Stem Cell initiative in California, which now awards 3 billion dollars for stem cell research in California. Her family Walk Team "Tessa's Troopers," has raised millions of dollars for JDRF (The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). Fisher currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Executive Committee of the Harvard Board of Overseers and as Advisor to the Harvard Office of the Arts. In 1983 she founded the Peter Ivers Visiting Artist Residency at Harvard which annually brings prominent artists to Harvard's campus.

Fisher recalled her memories as a sophomore in April 1969 running from the steps of University Hall, protesting the Vietnam War, to the Signet Society (The Harvard Literary Club), where she worked as a waitress, to serve lunch to the literary ruling class: "For me this commute was the heart of my experience at Harvard; the ability to have one part of my day engaged in seismic social change while on the same day I could quietly ponder T.S. Eliot's initiation rose, which he had subsequently returned to The Signet, now pressed inside the pages of his first book." Reflecting back, Fisher says, "[s]ince my last visit to University Hall had ended the way it did, I never expected to be nominated to Harvard's Board of Overseers. But having now had the chance to serve on it, and having had the privilege of getting a closer look at Harvard and the wonder of its unimaginable magnitude, I feel honored and lucky to have been able to receive this further education."



Thomas C. Hudnut (Educator of the Year) has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Harvard-Westlake School since 1987. A magna cum laude graduate of Princeton University, Hudnut also holds a master's degree in diplomatic history and international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He is currently President-General of The Cum Laude Society, and a Trustee of The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, the Good Hope Medical Foundation, and Deep Springs College. He has been a trustee of six independent schools and the Treasurer and a director of School Year Abroad, Inc.



Cynthia Torres AB '80, MBA '84 (Fred Smith Award for Outstanding Service to the Harvard Club of Southern California). Over a span of 17 years, Cynthia has served as a strong club alumni leader in various roles including Regional Director of the Harvard Alumni Association, President, Executive Vice President, Chair of the Nominating Committee, Vice President of Communications, and Vice President of Programs. The Harvard Alumni Association's Board has recently elected her to serve as the HAA's First Vice President for the 2013-2014 school year. She will serve as the global President of the 360,000 member Harvard Alumni Association in 2014-2015. She has served as a mentor and advisor to many recent officers of the HCSC. She is married to Michael Gisser AB '77. They are the parents of Spencer

Gisser '14 and of David Gisser, who is a junior in high school.

New this year

Show off your finest work of art, published work or latest invention at our first Harvard Expo. Free space for members who purchase two or more tickets. Please contact EthelLaczko@gmail.com for details. Space is limited.

Club Dinner Details (deadline to register is June 3rd):

Date: Sunday, June 9, 2013

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Chandelier Room, Santa Anita Racetrack, Arcadia, California

Cost: \$76/members & guests

\$82/non-members (inc. \$20 discount off of Club Membership)

\$70/Recent Grads (Classes of '02 – '12) Price includes three course meal (no refunds)

Register: http://www.Harvard-LA.org

Contact: Ethel Seminario Laczko, etheledu@gmail.com





Balanchine Dance Festival "Rubies"

Los Angeles Ballet's Balanchine Festival, a celebration of the master choreographer's

legacy, is a two-part series presented across Southern California. Part two, Balanchine Festival RED, features the following three works: La Valse, Agon and Rubies

Deadline to register is May 8, 2013. There are a limited number of tickets, which will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2013

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Place: Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center

Price: \$60, Discounted Loge Tickets

Contact: Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net



Issues in Education -Educators' Roundtable -Security Safety in the Schools (Potluck Lunch)

As recent tragic episodes have increased concerns about safety in schools, the place where our society has always counted on complete safety for our children, reasonable solutions seem incapable of being accepted, and legitimate fears give rise to wildly differing programs.

Come to a roundtable gathering of Harvard alumni. Air your views and learn the views of others, meet for informal discussion with spirits kindred and opposing, and expand your knowledge of education public and private.

Date: Saturday, May 25, 2013

Time: 12:30 - 2:30 P.M

Location: Home of Priscilla Heim

Cost: No charge (bring an item for the potluck)
Contact: Priscilla Heim, priheim@verizon.net



4th Annual Workshop: Keys to a Winning MBA Application with Alex Leventhal MBA '98

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Blankspaces (Los Angeles)

Cost: \$15, Members; \$20 Non-members Contact: Alex Leventhal, alex@prepmba.com

Register: http://www.Harvard-LA.org

Are you considering applying to business schools? The competition for a spot at one of the top MBA programs is intense. With GMAT scores and GPAs coming in a tight band, the essays and interviews are where candidates distinguish themselves. Learn from an experienced admissions consultant what it takes to set your application apart.



The Red Sox vs. Anaheim Angels

Join the Harvard Club as we support the Red Sox for a Sunday game in Anaheim

Stadium. We have reserved tickets in section 101 (see map). Each ticket includes a Mike Trout T-shirt and Thunder Sticks. This game is held on a Family Sunday, which means that children ages 5-12 can run around the bases at the end of the game.

Date: Sunday, July 7, 2013

Time: 12:30 P.M

Location: Anaheim Stadium, 2000 E. Gene Autry

Way, Anaheim, CA 92806

Cost: \$35.00 section 101 (price includes Mike

Trout T-shirt and Thunder Sticks)

Contact: Madeleine Mejia,

Madeleine Mejia@post.harvard.edu

Register: www.Harvard-LA.org

Save the Date June 21, 2013 @ 5PM



Alumni Dinner and Talk: Harvard Prof. Paul E. Peterson

Prof. Peterson is the Henry Lee Shattuck Professor of Government and Director of the Program on Education Policy and Governance at Harvard University. The title of his lecture will be *The Perilous State of American Education and What We Can Do About it.*

Place: USC University Club

Price: \$30, Members; \$35 Non-members

Contact: Madeleine Mejia at

Madeleine Mejia@post.harvard.edu

Happy Hour Networking Event with Yale Alums

Join us for cocktails and networking with Yale alums at The Charleston in Santa Monica.

Date: Thursday, July 11, 2013

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: The Charleston, Santa Monica, CA

Price: Cash only for food & drinks

Contact: Madeleine Mejia at

Madeleine Mejia@post.harvard.edu

American Ballet Theater... Le Corsair



Date: Saturday, July 13, 2013

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

Cost: TBA

Contact: Albert Chang, Albert Chang@charter.net

Two-Month Countdown...



A Night at the Mt. Wilson Observatory

Date: Saturday, July 20, 2013 Time: 5:00 P.M. - Midnight

Location: Mt Wilson Observatory - Pasadena, CA
Cost: \$80, Members; \$85 Non-members
Contact: Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net

Join us for an unforgettable evening exploring the Universe through the famous telescopes used by Einstein and Hubble.



Dudamel conducts Verdi's Aida at the Hollywood Bowl

Verdi's beloved story of illfated lovers in ancient Egypt at the Bowl with a larger-than-life performance by the LA Phil, an internationally renowned cast and the L.A. Master Chorale.

Date: Sunday, August 11, 2013

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Place: Hollywood Bowl Price: \$39 each (Section J2)

Contact: Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com

2013 Pageant of the Masters: Where Art Comes to Life



Date: Saturday, August 31, 2013

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Festival of the Arts

Cost: \$90 (Main Tier Center);

\$50 (Director's Tier Center)

\$50 (Director's Tier Center)

Contact: Ryan Probasco, rprobasco7@gmail.com

Q&A from 02138... Ben Samuels '13

(These interviews are a regular contribution to the HCSC Newsletter and will spotlight students enrolled at Harvard who are from Southern California)

E. Benjamin ("Ben") Samuels '13 was born in Norwalk, Connecticut. He graduated from Polytechnic School in Pasadena where he served as editor-in-chief of of the newspaper and captain of the high school golf team. Samuels is a Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations concentrator and Lowell House resident.

In 2011, he was elected to lead the 139th Guard of the Harvard Crimson, having been the Operations Manager and a Sports executive, covering Harvard football. He was recently succeeded by his brother, Robert ("Bobby") Samuels '14, marking the first time that two siblings have been elected President of The Crimson since before World War II. The Crimson, founded in 1873, is the only daily newspaper in Cambridge, Massachusetts and the oldest continuously published daily college newspaper.

HCSC: What advice did you give your younger brother about whether he should go to Harvard?

EBS: I think once he got in, I really didn't have to give him much advice or do much convincing. I actually tried to back myself out a bit so that he could come to the decision on his own—and fortunately, he made the right one.

HCSC: Once he enrolled, what advice have you given him along the way?

EBS: Honestly, nothing too significant. He and I have had very different academic careers at Harvard, so my advice wouldn't be too valuable to him anyway. On The Crimson, of course, we confer about a number of different things, and I'll give him pointers (and how to avoid my own mistakes) from time to time. There is a truism about working on The Crimson: if you don't like the work, you won't have fun. And he does a pretty good job keeping that in mind, I think.

HCSC: Who is your favorite professor and/or what is your favorite course, and why?

EBS: There have been a few different courses that I've really enjoyed, so it's tough to pick just one. A course I'm taking at the moment that I really enjoy is a Government class on political thought leading up to and during the American Revolution. It's a topic to which I had very little exposure coming into the semester, and I find myself learning something new and interesting during almost every class. What makes the topic so interesting is that when you go year-by-year from 1765 to 1780, the dialogue and discourse in America radically changes almost every year.

HCSC: What is your take on the Government cheating scandal? What are some overlooked or not widely appreciated information about what happened?

EBS: I will withhold judgement on this for the moment. As the revelation about the University's intrusion upon private emails indicates, I think that there's a lot we still don't know. We will all be in a better position to make more educated opinions as The Crimson and others continue to reveal the facts of the case.

HCSC: What challenges did you face during your tenure as Crimson President?

EBS: When I took over as President, there had been a growing -- and, from our perspective, disturbing -- trend of influence of spokespeople at the University (Harvard Public Affairs & Communications). In addition to closing off some access to administrators, they had pushed The Crimson into a policy of quote review, which meant that they had the right to review certain quotes pre-publication. Fortunately, we were in a position to end that policy, and many other major publications across America came to the same revelation around the same time and followed suit.

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

EBS: This may not be the answer you'd expect from someone who spent his entire college career writing and working for a newspaper, but I would probably like to see an even greater focus on math, science, and engineering at Harvard. In the past decade, you've started to see that, and the capital campaign reflects this focus as well, but I think it's important for the long-term health of the university to continue making this a priority. That, of course, and hot breakfasts.

HCSC: What are your favorite activities or places to visit in Southern California?

EBS: The first places I visit when I go home are always restaurants and other food establishments (In 'N Out, Pie 'N Burger, Lucky Boy, etc.). But beyond that, I mostly look forward to spending time with family and friends when I'm at home—nothing too exciting, but it keeps me coming back.

HCSC: Do you plan to return to Southern California after graduation (near term or future)?

EBS: It's up in the air. At the very least, I will be home during the summer, but who knows what will happen after that.

HCSC: What do you plan to do in the year after graduation?

EBS: I will be working in San Francisco next year as a Business Consultant for Applied Predictive Technologies. It'll be nice to be back on the West Coast and closer to home.

HCSC: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

EBS: I honestly could not even begin to tell you. Hopefully, doing something I enjoy and something that challenges me on a day-to-day basis, but beyond that, I could not really tell you what that might be.

The Harvard Club of Southern California Membership Registration Form

Stay involved with the local Harvard community:

Southern California residents who have been connected for at least one academic year with any department of Harvard University as a student or instructor are eligible for membership in the Harvard Club of Southern California. Member benefits include a monthly newsletter, reduced fees for Club events, electronic updates, and inclusion in the annual directory. Reciprocal benefits with other Ivy League clubs are also available, as determined by each respective organization.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

To recommend an event or volunteer for one, contact one of our Programs VPs. Contact information can be found on page 2. *All checks for events are non-refundable unless explicitly stated otherwise. <u>Unless specifically noted, RSVPs are not confirmed.</u>

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July 7, Sunday 12:30 P.M.	The Red Sox in Anaheim vs. Anaheim Angels	Angels Stadium Anaheim, CA	\$35.00 section 101 Made	Madeleine Mejia, eleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu
June 25, Tuesday Time TBA	Global Networking Night Welcome to the City	Location TBA	No charge	Celeste McWhorter, celeste.mcwhorter@gmail.com