



# THE HARVARD CLUB of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M.

#### *Inter-Ivy Winter Latino Happy Hour*

**Location:** Busby's East (Los Angeles)

**Cost:** No charge, cash bar

### Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015 @ 5:30 P.M.

#### *Harvard Jeremy Lin Clippers Event*

**Location:** Staples Center (Los Angeles)

**Cost:** \$155 (100 Lev.); \$140 (200 Lev.); \$85 (300 Lev.)

### Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.

#### *Global Networking Night — Welcome to the City*

**Location:** Viceroy Hotel (Santa Monica)

**Cost:** No charge, cash bar

### Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M.

#### *Internships, Scholarships and Career Opportunities at The Central Intelligence Agency*

**Location:** L.A. County Office of Education (Downey)

**Cost:** No charge, RSVP Required

### Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M.

#### *Alumni Talk: Chad Cannon AB '11, Juilliard '13*

**Location:** Servicon Systems Training Ctr. (Culver City)

**Cost:** \$20, members; \$25, non-members

### Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015 @ 7:30 P.M.

#### *Cocktails and Connections in OC*

**Location:** Canelletto Restaurant (Newport Beach)

**Cost:** No charge, RSVP Requested

### Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015 @ 3:00 P.M.

#### *Science Pub Series #5 - Looking for Life on Mars and Other Places*

**Location:** Trattoria Neapolis (Pasadena)

**Cost:** \$25 per person

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## Club Provides Scholarships to 44 Local Harvard Students

The Club is pleased to announce that 44 Southern California members of the Class of 2018 received approximately \$69,758 in scholarship funds for the 2014-2015 academic year. These funds were made available through the generosity of our Club members, who contribute each year to our Scholarship fund.

"The Harvard Club of So Cal has long supported students from our area, not only recruiting and interviewing promising high school candidates for the College but also helping them financially through scholarship funds donated by generous alumni," said Kay Park, Club President. "If alumni are interested in making a donation specifically for scholarships, please contact Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi, chair of the Schools and Scholarships Committee." The recipients represent a diverse cross-section of Southern California students. *Note: Not a complete list; some students declined to have their names listed.*

Simone Abegunrin	Adrian Magana
Eric Abreu	Alisha Mah
Wisdom Akingbemi	Giannina Marciano
Andrew Chang	Mario Menendez
Javier Cuan-Martinez	Casey Moore
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Eduardo Gonzalez	William Oh
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Vanessa Lam	Nathan Williams
Tiffany Lam	Kevin Zhang
Allura Damiana Landsberg	Larry Zhang
Alexis Lewandowski	Shao Zhao
Alexander Lin	



## Inter-Ivy Winter Latino Happy Hour

In affiliation with ALPA, YLAA, MIT, Cornell, Harvard, Columbia, Dartmouth, Brown & University of Penn. Bring your friends and family. The more, the merrier!

Come network and meet your fellow alums on Dia de los Reyes! We will bring a few roscas de reyes to enjoy. Please RSVP so we know how many roscas to buy.

**Date:** Tuesday, January 6, 2015  
**Time:** 6:30 P.M.  
**Location:** Busby's East (Los Angeles)  
**Cost:** No charge. Cash only for food and drinks.  
**Contact:** Madeleine Mejia, [madeleine\\_mejia@post.harvard.edu](mailto:madeleine_mejia@post.harvard.edu)  
**RSVP:** <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>



## Global Networking Night - January 13th

Please join the Harvard Alumni Association, the Harvard Club of Southern California, Harvardwood, the Harvard Business School Association of Southern California and Harvard Clubs worldwide at our Global Networking Night on Tuesday, January 13th. Harvard students are welcome.

**Date:** Tuesday, January 13, 2015  
**Time:** 7:00 P.M.  
**Place:** Viceroy Hotel  
**Cost:** No charge, RSVP requested  
**Contact:** Jordan Reddout Wilhoit, [jordan.reddout@gmail.com](mailto:jordan.reddout@gmail.com)



## Volunteer in a School



Here's an opportunity to do your part for education and learn first-hand about Los Angeles public schools. 32nd St./USC Magnet School — a K-12 arts and math-sci magnet — welcomes volunteers for the coming school year. Please contact Priscilla Heim at [priheim@verizon.net](mailto:priheim@verizon.net) or at 310-472-4478 for further information.

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## Harvard Jeremy Lin Clippers Event *(includes early entry and post-game event)*

**Date:** Wednesday, January 7, 2015  
**Time:** 5:30 P.M.  
**Location:** Staples Center (Los Angeles)  
**Cost:** \$155 (100-Level Loge); \$140 (200-Level Mid); \$85 (300-level seats, very limited supply)  
**Contact:** Victor Yee, LA Clippers, [vyee@clippers.com](mailto:vyee@clippers.com), or Maurice Levin, AB '78, MBA '84, [maurice@cycads.com](mailto:maurice@cycads.com)  
**Tickets:** Purchase online at <http://www.clippers.com/harvard> and use the promo code **HARVARD**.

Join fellow Harvard Alums to see Chris Paul, Blake Griffin and the Clippers take on Harvard Grad Jeremy Lin (AB '10) and Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers. This matchup is the New Year's hottest ticket, and we have a limited number of seats including pre-game and post-game access plus the chance to meet Jeremy Lin at our post-game reception on the Staples Center Court!

For the price of a game ticket, you get early entry (5:30 PM for a 7:30 game) to see the teams practice and exclusive access to our post-game event on the famous STAPLES Center court. In addition to Jeremy Lin and Kobe Bryant, you'll see the high-flying Clippers, maybe the most exciting team in the NBA.



## Internships, Scholarships and Career Opps at The Central Intelligence Agency

The Harvard Club of Southern California, in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, Division of Student Support Services, and the Central Intelligence Agency, presents *Internships, Scholarships and Career Opportunities at the Central Intelligence Agency*.

**Deadline to register is January 13, 2015.**

**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2015  
**Time:** 6:30 P.M.  
**Place:** Los Angeles County Office of Education  
**Cost:** No charge, RSVP required  
**RSVP:** <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>  
**Contact:** Dr. Gus Frias, [dr.gfrias@gmail.com](mailto:dr.gfrias@gmail.com)



## Alumni Talk: Chad Cannon AB '11, Juilliard '13

Please join us for an Alumni Dinner Talk and hear new contemporary music by Chad Cannon, an active composer and orchestrator in the Los Angeles area. Chad works on a team led by Conrad Pope, having recently contributed to the hit soundtracks of *Godzilla* and *The Hobbit (The Desolation of Smaug and The Battle of the Five Armies)*, recorded by Mr. Pope and the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.

**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2015  
**Time:** 6:30 P.M.  
**Place:** Servicon Systems Training Center  
**Cost:** \$20, members; \$25, non-members  
**Contact:** Albert Chang, [AlbertChang@charter.net](mailto:AlbertChang@charter.net)

## Upcoming Events in Orange County



**January 22, 2015 at 7:30 PM - Cocktails and Connections at Canaletto at Fashion Island**

Join us for cocktails and network with fellow Harvard Alumni.

This event is free to attend, but RSVP is required through the club website.



**January 31, 2015 at 6:00 PM - Book Talk with Elizabeth Kolbert - *The Sixth Extinction***

Elizabeth Kolbert will speak about her book, the *New York Times* best seller *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History*. After the talk we will go for drinks at Tommy Bahama in the adjoining parking lot. This event is free to attend, but RSVP is required through the club website.

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## Happy Hour with Yale Club of Los Angeles

Join us for cocktails and networking with the Yale Club of Los Angeles.

**Date:** Thursday, February 5, 2015  
**Time:** 6:30 P.M.  
**Location:** Busby's East (Los Angeles)  
**Cost:** No charge. Cash only for food and drinks.  
**Contact:** Lisa Watanabe-Peagler, [lisawatanabe@post.harvard.edu](mailto:lisawatanabe@post.harvard.edu)  
**RSVP:** <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>



## Itzhak Perlman in Recital at Disney Concert Hall (Sold Out!)

What more can be said about the violinist of a generation? Experience firsthand why Itzhak Perlman's influence around the world is virtually immeasurable.

The beloved violinist will be performing with his regular recital partner, pianist Rohan De Silva.

**Date:** Wednesday, January 21, 2015  
**Time:** 8:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Walt Disney Concert Hall  
**Cost:** **SOLD OUT**  
**Contact:** Kay Park, [kayparkmd@yahoo.com](mailto:kayparkmd@yahoo.com)

## Rossini's Barber of Seville at the LA Opera



Join the Harvard Club of Southern California at the Los Angeles Opera for this very special performance of Gioachino Rossini's *Barber of Seville!* Also attend an optional pre-performance lecture about the opera 1 hour prior.

**Deadline to register is February 1, 2015.**

**Date:** Thursday, March 19, 2015  
**Time:** 7:30 P.M.  
**Location:** Dorothy Chandler Pavilion,  
**Cost:** Club members \$89; non-members \$105 (Orch Ring seats)  
**Contact:** Kay Park, [kayparkmd@yahoo.com](mailto:kayparkmd@yahoo.com)



## **Interview with Alumni Interviewer... Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi, Stanford '71, Harvard Ed.D '81**

*Each admissions season, alumni interviewers, under the leadership of our Club's Schools Committees, help the Admissions Office evaluate applicants to Harvard College. The Schools Committee is the Club's largest volunteering activity. Each year, over 700 graduates of Harvard College and graduate schools interview over 2,700 candidates from our region.*

*In the process, alumni participate in college fairs throughout the area and give presentations on Harvard, initiating and maintaining relationships with parents, guidance counselors, other alumni/ae, and the general public.*

*Executive Vice President Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi EdD '81 coordinates the Schools Committee's work with the area chairs who divide up the interview assignments among alumni and manage the operations for their geographic area. The newsletter will feature profiles of the area chairs.*

Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi, Stanford '71, Harvard Ed.D '81, is executive vice president of the Club, serving this year as the interim vice president for Schools and Scholarship Committee, coordinating the Schools Committee's work with area chairs who are responsible for the interview assignments among alumni for their geographic area.

Marsha completed her doctoral coursework at Harvard and returned to Los Angeles in the mid-70s. She worked on projects relating to the landmark California Supreme Court case, *Serrano v Priest*, in the 1970s involving California's method of funding public education to meet the requirement of the equal protection guarantee of the Constitution so all students receive the same educational opportunities regardless of the wealth of the taxpayers in their district. She was a court monitor involving another schools case. She coordinated a National Institute of Education research project for school improvement. She joined the Harvard Schools Committee, and started interviewing when Burt Levitch '76, former Club president was chair of Central Los Angeles Schools Committee. She was one of the first all-university interviewers, having attended Harvard as a graduate student. She subsequently chaired the Central Los Angeles Committee until 2000, when she moved to co-chair the Schools Committee with Jonathan Baskin '61 and turned the Central Los Angeles Committee over to Daniel Medina AB '79, MBA '83, an Angeleno from Loyola High School, who will resume his position as Schools Committee vice president next year.

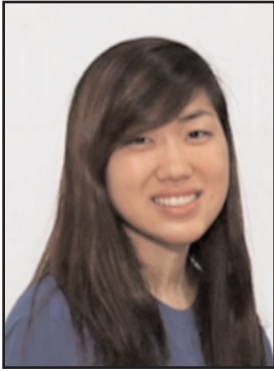
“At first interviewing applicants from Garfield, Bell Gardens, Roosevelt, and my alma mater Wilson was a respite from the near-despair that work in educational reform can engender. Applicants' achievements, talents, curiosity and stories brighten anyone's day,” Marsha said.

“Over the years, it has been gratifying to see the number of Southern Californian admits to Harvard College increase as well as become more diverse. When I was offered admission to the Radcliffe Class of 1971, there were just three of us, two from Marlborough School and me from East Los Angeles,” she noted. “Today there are thirty-fold more female admits to Harvard.” [Editor's Note: Marsha chose Stanford over Radcliffe for college. She recalls that at the time her parents knew no one east of Chicago, plus Stanford had the Stanford Linear Accelerator and she wanted to be a physicist].

“I once read somewhere that the Harvard admission mission was to select a class of about 1,500 American men to lead the world in all walks of life,” she added, “The leadership goal remains the same, but the geography extends well beyond the northeast to the whole world, and the last two Harvard Presidents have been clear that they expect prospective leaders to emerge from low- and middle-income circumstances.”

Marsha encourages all Harvard alumni to join the Club, as well as offer to interview for one of our areas – especially Riverside/San Bernardino, North Orange County, and the San Fernando Valley. If you are interested in interviewing, please contact her at [mjhnakanishi@gmail.com](mailto:mjhnakanishi@gmail.com).

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## Q&A from 02138... Ji Su Yoo '15

*(These interviews are a regular contribution to the HCSC Newsletter and will spotlight students enrolled at Harvard who are from Southern California. Nominations to profile students from our region are invited.)*

**Ji Su Yoo '15** was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, but she grew up in the Los Angeles area and graduated from Glendale High School. At Harvard, she is a Social Studies concentrator in Quincy House, and she lives in the newly renovated Stone Hall. Since Cambridge is such a running city, she has come to grow fond of jogging by the Charles River.

This past summer, Ji Su was in Seoul, South Korea conducting thesis research about inter-Korean reunification and international peace negotiation. Many of the courses she has taken analyze international relations between East Asian countries. However, she tries to take advantage of all the course offerings at Harvard outside her concentration. For example, she really enjoyed taking an introductory electrical engineering course. Outside of the classroom, she enjoys singing and leading Harvard's "Under Construction" a capella group as the musical and concert director. With Under Construction, she has toured in New Orleans and Taiwan, and this upcoming year, she will be in Haiti. Additionally, she goes on retreats to New Hampshire and Vermont with her friends in Harvard College Faith and Action, an on-campus Christian fellowship.

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

**JSY:** I was surprised that people don't often discuss academics over meals and in casual conversation. When I saw the Harvard recruitment materials and handbooks, it always seemed like Harvard students would have deep intellectual discussions about the meaning of life, but that was not the case.

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

**JSY:** I came to Harvard for the first time when I came for my Visitas weekend. It rained all weekend, but I was able to chat with encouraging upperclassmen who I ended up becoming good friends with.

**HCSC: What do you miss most/least about not being in Cambridge?**

**JSY:** I miss my friends and the Christian community that I have found at Harvard. I also occasionally miss the endless supply of Diet Coke and coffee during brain break.

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

**JSY:** One of my favorites courses was Sociology 190: Life and Death in the U.S.: Medicine and Disease in Social Context with Nicholas Christakis. I learned that I am truly interested in public health through this course. My favorite professor thus far, however, is Professor Carter Eckert. He is genuinely invested in his students – he comes to section and participates in our discussion even though he is a big-shot professor in Korean History.

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

**JSY:** I hope to go back to work in the Los Angeles area to be with my family as I prepare for graduate school.

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

**JSY:** I would try to give every student a time turner (like Hermione Granger's) so that they could have all the time to do what they love: study, join extracurricular groups, relax with friends, and give back to their community. I love how students are involved in so many diverse extracurriculars, but I would want my students get more sleep and get less coffee while they're at it.

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***HCSC: How does your Harvard experience compare with your fellow high school classmates' experiences at other colleges?***

**JSY:** Many of my friends went to universities in California. When I visit their campuses, I can already feel that the culture is more relaxed. Plus, they all have cars so they have more mobility to explore the surrounding areas. I experienced culture shock coming to Cambridge because people like to schedule in lunches (everyone is so busy.) But now, as a senior, I am less comfortable with spontaneity when I visit my friends in other campuses. Additionally, I think other schools express more spirit - we have less of that culture except for the Harvard-Yale game.

***HCSC: What do you miss most about Southern California?***

**JSY:** I love my friends in Cambridge but I still think So Cal is the best place to live. Hands down. I miss the perfect sunny weather. I miss the laid-back culture that has space for spontaneous get-togethers and coffee chats. Hopefully many of my friends will come here so that I can have the best of both worlds.

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS...

***Join us for our next two Science Pub Series events...***



### **Science Pub Series #5 - Looking for Life on Mars and Other Places**

**Date:** Sunday, January 25, 2015  
**Time:** 3:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Trattoria Neapolis (Pasadena)  
**Cost:** \$25 per person  
**Contact:** Ethel Seminario Laczko, [etheledu@gmail.com](mailto:etheledu@gmail.com)

Join us for a discussion of life detection outside Earth led by Max Coleman, senior research scientist at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory.



### **Science Pub Series #6 - A History of Photosynthesis**

**Date:** Sunday, March 22, 2015  
**Time:** 3:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Trattoria Neapolis (Pasadena)  
**Cost:** \$25 per person  
**Contact:** Ethel Seminario Laczko, [etheledu@gmail.com](mailto:etheledu@gmail.com)

Learn how photosynthesis has shaped the world around us in this talk by Dr. Woodward Fischer, Caltech professor of Geological and Planetary Sciences.

**Seating is limited. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.**



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**GLOBAL NETWORKING NIGHT  
 AT THE VICEROY HOTEL  
 ~ JANUARY 13, 2015 ~**

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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. Unless specifically noted, RSVPs are not confirmed.

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	COST*	CONTACT
Jan. 6, Tuesday 6:30 P.M.	Inter-Ivy Winter Latino Happy Hour	Busby's East Los Angeles, CA	No charge	Madeleine Mejia, madeleine_mejia@post.harvard.edu
Jan. 7, Wed. 5:30 P.M.	Harvard Jeremy Lin Clippers Event	Staples Center Los Angeles, CA	\$85-\$155 (3 options available)	Maurice Levin, maurice@cycads.com
Jan. 13, Tuesday 7:00 P.M.	Global Networking Night	Viceroy Hotel Santa Monica, CA	No charge	Jordan Reddout Wilhoit, jordan.reddout@gmail.com
Jan. 15, Thursday 6:30 P.M.	Internships, Scholarships and Career Opps at the CIA	L.A. County Office of Education Downey, CA	No charge, RSVP required	Dr. Gus Frias, dr.gfrias@gmail.com
Jan. 21, Wed. 8:00 P.M.	Itzhak Perlman in Recital at Disney Concert Hall	Walt Disney Concert Hall Los Angeles, CA	SOLD OUT	Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com
Jan. 22, Thursday 6:30 P.M.	Alumni Talk: Chad Cannon AB '11, Juilliard '13	Servicon Systems Training Center Culver City, CA	\$20, members \$25, non-members	Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net
Jan. 22, Thursday 7:30 P.M.	Cocktails and Connections in OC	Canelletto Restaurant Newport Beach, CA	No charge, RSVP requested	Betsey Gillis, newport1@flash.net
Jan. 25, Sunday 1:00 P.M.	Shen Yun 2015	Dolby Theatre Hollywood, CA	SOLD OUT	Eva Plaza, plaza@theplazalawgroup.com
Jan. 25, Sunday 3:00 P.M.	New Science Pub Series #5 Looking for Life on Mars...	Trattoria Neapolis Pasadena, CA	\$25 per person	Ethel Seminario Laczko, etheledu@gmail.com
Jan. 31, Saturday 6:00 P.M.	Book Talk with Elizabeth Kolbert - <i>The Sixth Extinction</i>	Newport Beach Central Library Newport Beach, CA	No charge, RSVP requested	Betsey Gillis, newport1@flash.net