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FEBRUARY 2020

Upcoming Events

Movies, Sports, Art, and Real Estate: Disrupting the Status Quo

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Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens, Rothenberg Hall

No charge, registration required



Harvard Professor to Lecture on Trump's Tweets

On the afternoon of March 29, the Club will welcome a special guest to the Southland: Kennedy School Professor Timothy Patrick McCarthy, who will present a timely lecture called, "Trump's Tweets, a Close Reading: Is There a Method or Meaning to the Madness?"

Dr. McCarthy's lecture will home in on Donald Trump's use of Twitter to make news, make policy, and make us pay attention to him. Dr. McCarthy's wide-ranging lecture will put the Provocateur-in-Chief in his historical, political, and cultural place. Taking Trump's Tweets as his archive, Dr. McCarthy will explore the question on everyone's mind: Is there method or meaning to this madness?

Dr. McCarthy is an award-winning scholar and educator, public servant, and social justice activist who has taught on Harvard's faculty since 2005. He is a historian of politics and social movements and has published five books on those topics. He holds a joint appointment in the undergraduate honors program in History and Literature, the Graduate School of Education, and the John F. Kennedy School of Government, where he is Core Faculty at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy. Dr. McCarthy has also worked on numerous political campaigns, including Barack Obama's 2008 campaign and Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign.

Registration for the event will open soon. Stay tuned to the HCSC website for the latest updates.



Donald J. Trump 
@realDonaldTrump

A Harvard professor is lecturing about me on March 29? It'll be the biggest attended event in Harvard Club history!

RETWEETS

9,221

LIKES

2,790



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Recent Events

Harvard-Yale Holiday Salon and Potluck

On December 13, 2019, alumni from both Harvard and Yale put aside their traditional rivalry and joined together to celebrate the holidays at the Club's annual Harvard-Yale Holiday Salon and Potluck. The evening featured singing and dancing among new and old friends, many of whom have been gathering at this event for the last 20 years.



Harriet Screening and Talkback Panel with Producer Debra Martin Chase HLS '81

On December 17, 2019, a group of Harvard alumni attended a private screening of *Harriet* and a talkback with actress Vanessa Bell Calloway (right), producer Debra Martin Chase HLS '81 (middle), and costume designer and Tony Award winner Paul Tazewell (left). The event was organized by Black Design Collective and the discussion was followed by a reception. Images of the costume designs were displayed throughout the private wing of the venue.



Harvard Hockey Comes to SoCal

For the first time since 1999, NCAA Division I hockey returned to Orange County as Harvard hosted the Arizona State University Sun Devils in the SoCal Clash at FivePoint Arena. On Saturday, December 28, Harvard skated to a 4-1 win before a capacity crowd. A pre-game cocktail and dinner party was filled with Harvard alumni, whose boisterousness likely edged the team to victory. Sunday's game was a nail-biter, going into overtime at 4-4, when the teams played 3 on 3. Harvard prevailed with a 4-3 win.



3rd Annual Holiday/New Year Volunteer Lunch Service to the Homeless

On January 10, 2020, members of the Club prepared and served lunch to the homeless in the Skid Row community in Downtown Los Angeles at the Midnight Mission. This was the third year in a row for this event, and we look forward to making it a continuing tradition. Pictured (from left to right): Gordon Synn HLS '89, Derrick Asiedu '12, Lisa Watanabe-Peagler '02, Ayesha Iqbal ALM '15, and Peter Choi '82.



Recent Events

A Good Woman with a Gun: Race, Gender, and Mythologies of Self-Defense

On January 12, 2020, more than 25 alumni met Caroline Light, Director of Undergraduate Studies and Senior Lecturer on Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, as she presented “A Good Woman with a Gun: Race, Gender, and Mythologies of Self-Defense.” Light discussed the early beginnings of our nation and the spread of firearms, offering a historical view on visual depictions of armed femininity and “America’s love affair with lethal self-defense.” It was a lively and informative discussion.



Global Networking Night - Los Angeles

Twice a year, thousands of Harvard alumni make new connections at Global Networking Night events in cities across the globe. Harvard Global Networking Night in L.A. took place at two different locations on January 15, 2020. One event was hosted on the west side at the Parlor Hollywood, the second event was hosted in Pasadena, at Pasadena City College. The Harvard Club of Southern California, alongside other Shared Interest Groups (SIGs), hosted both events. Attendees included alumni from all schools; board directors and leaders of the Club and SIGs; current students in town on winter break; significant others, and friends.



A Cappella Double Feature - The Dins and Kroks Return to L.A.

Nearly 200 enthusiastic Harvard alumni and guests packed the Westwood Presbyterian Church on Thursday, January 16, 2020 for the fourth annual concert by two of Harvard’s most prestigious a cappella groups, The Din & Tonics and The Krokodiloes. Visiting Los Angeles on their Wintersession tours, the groups wowed the crowd with their impeccable musicianship and irrepressible humor. The Harvard Yardbirds (a group composed of a cappella alumni) opened the concert with a well-received set. A post-concert wine and cheese reception gave the crowd a chance to meet these talented undergraduates and purchase copies of the groups’ latest CDs. We look forward to welcoming the groups back to the Southland next January for what has now become a HCSC tradition.



Upcoming Events

Movies, Sports, Art, and Real Estate: Disrupting the Status Quo

Join some of LA's leading innovators and entrepreneurs for a lively conversation about tech and entrepreneurship, what it takes to build a company from scratch, and to disrupt the status quo. Drinks and light snacks will be available.

TUE, FEB 11 @ 6:30PM

Scopely Headquarters

\$0 members, \$10 non-members

Shilla Kim-Parker, skimparker@gmail.com



Studio Tour in Montecito - Aristides Demetrios '53

Consider a weekend in Santa Barbara! Join the HCSC and the Harvard Club of Santa Barbara on a tour of the Studio of Aristedes Demetrios '53 in Montecito followed by dinner near the beach.

SAT, FEB 22 @ 2:00PM

Studio of Aristedes Demetrios '53

\$21 per person

Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com



The Last Will of Lucy Sutton: An Antebellum Interracial Love Story

Harvard Law School alumnus Terrence M. Franklin HLS '89 shares the provocative story behind the legal confrontation that led to his ancestor's emancipation. Co-sponsored with the HBAS-LA.

SUN, FEB 23 @ 1:00PM

Skirball Cultural Center

\$25 members, \$30 non-members

Maiya Williams Verrone, MaiyaWV@aol.com



Piano Recital: French Composers

You are cordially invited to Dr. Alan Shewmon's piano recital in Santa Monica. An accomplished pianist and pediatric neurologist, Dr. Shewmon '70 will treat us to a potpourri of French composers featuring Couperin, Ravel, Rameau, Debussy, Chabrier, and others.

SUN, FEB 23 @ 4:00PM

Santa Monica Public Library

No charge, seating is limited

Ethel Laczko, etheledu@yahoo.com



Upcoming Events

Why It Matters: Drew Gilpin Faust and Karen R. Lawrence

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California for a conversation about the importance of the humanities between immediate past Harvard president Drew Faust Gilpin and Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens president Karen R. Lawrence.

THU, FEB 27 @ 7:30PM

Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens

No charge, but registration is required.

Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi, marsha_hirano-nakanishi@post.harvard.edu



Piano Concert and Dinner Featuring Murray Perahia

Please join us for this rare and undoubtedly thrilling musical event sponsored by Dr. Kenneth and Sandra Tokita and the Parnassus Society, with a pre-concert private dinner and reception co-sponsored by the Harvard Club of Southern California and Soka University of America. Seating is limited.

SAT, MAR 7 @ 6:00PM

Soka University

\$112 per person (includes dinner and concert)

Malcolm Mitchell, malcolmsmithell@yahoo.com



Third Annual Harvard Varsity Club California Golf Tournament - Save the Date!

Don't miss out on the third annual Harvard Varsity Club California Golf Tournament at MountainGate Country Club in Los Angeles. All Harvard alumni, family, friends, and golfing buddies are welcome.

MON, MAR 9 @ 10:30AM

MountainGate Country Club

Cost TBA

Registration through the Harvard Varsity Club will open soon



Annual Lunar New Year Celebration

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California along with the Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance (H4A) at our annual Lunar New Year event. The afternoon will include a Chinese lunch as well as a conversation with Chia-Chia Lin, author of *The Unpassing*.

SAT, MAR 21 @ 11:30PM

888 Seafood Restaurant

Cost TBA

Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com



Q&A from 02138:

Grace Pan '21



Grace Pan '21, a concentrator in Social Studies, was born in Los Angeles, and graduated from Harvard-Westlake High School, where she served as head prefect. At Harvard, she is a senior residing in Eliot House, the co-executive director of the Small Claims Advisory Service (a Phillips Brooks House Association program that gives legal information to Massachusetts residents), a yoga instructor, the business board comp director of *The Harvard Advocate*, and a research assistant to Professor Danielle Allen. Over the past three summers, she has worked across the globe, from a boutique consultancy in Japan, to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Estonia, to the Ministry of Education in Namibia. During her time in Namibia, Grace taught a class of third graders at Physically Active Youth, an afterschool program created to address high school dropout and to pilot holistic youth development. Grace incorporated her experience into a book chapter co-authored with Columbia Professor Jenik Radon and presented her recommendations to the First Lady of Namibia.

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

GP: I've been pleasantly surprised by the way Harvard activities lead to unexpectedly meaningful relationships. For example, through a conference I helped organize for the Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations, I met an international relations professor at Columbia University who has been an invaluable mentor ever since. Or, through my internship in Namibia, I got connected with gracious members of the Harvard Club of Southern California.

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

GP: I first visited Harvard during my junior year of high school, when my family sent my sister off to Amherst College. My first impressions at the time were not so pleasant—dreary weather and a scattered campus—but little did I know how the seasons would surprise me and how vibrant House life would be.

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

GP: I have two. My first is Educational Justice, a philosophy course taught by Professor Gina Schouten. This class embodied the spirit of intellectual kindness, from the way my classmates sharpened each other's ideas to the way Professor Schouten made herself available to us. The content of the course beautifully embedded philosophy into life and challenged us to think critically about justice. My second favorite is California in the Sixties, taught by Professor Kate van Orden. This class examined American youth culture in the 1960s through the lens of music in California, including early minimalism and San Francisco psychedelia. For my final project, I formed a band with my classmates and made three awesome tracks, if I do say so myself!

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

GP: My funniest moment at Harvard was completing one of the Harvard "must-do tasks before you graduate" on the last day of freshman year with a blockmate. I won't reveal which task, but it did require some stealth!

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

GP: If I were president of Harvard, I would find ways to encourage students to stay open-minded about job opportunities throughout their college career. As a student, it's easy to get pigeonholed into following safer paths, when there are so many other exciting options that could use the talent.

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

GP: Cruising in my car, windows down, music loud (when there's no traffic).

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

GP: I plan to spend a few more years exploring the east coast—next year, I'll be working at Oliver Wyman in Boston. After that, I plan to pursue a JD/MBA. Eventually, I hope to settle down in Los Angeles, to be near family and plenty of sun.

Welcome to New Members...

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

Christiana Ajalat '96, JD '99	Sarah Hoffman EDM '90	Juano Queen '04, JD '08
William Anderson JD '67	Angel Hoyang '22	Ellen Rothenberg '72, MD '76
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Jyot Bawa MBA '13	Anna Joo Fee '04, JD '07	Peter Saeta '87, PhD '91
Kathryn Bruno EDM '03	Mark Kelsey MBA '85	Sohail Simjee DMD '95, MMSC '97
Ethan Craigo '19	Beong-Soo Kim '94, JD '99	George Sperling PhD '59
Gerard Daley '81	Eileen Kim '93	Jessica Truelyt ALM '10
Brian DeVries '98	Sarah Kurtin '94	Theodore Wallace '59, JD '62
Terrence Franklin JD '89	Kyung Lee MAR '02	Brittany Wang '17
Michael Gardner PhD '71	James McDonald ALB '01	Austin Weber '19
Tahra Goraya MPA '19	Louise Nelson JD '90	Carlos Williams MBA '70
Caleb Gordon '23	Parveen Parmar MPH '10	Bonnie Wongtrakool '94, JD '00
Jennifer Hayes EDM '02		

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