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Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 9, 2013 @ 5:00PM

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

Thursday, June 13, 2013 @ 7:00PM

Alumni Dinner Talk: Henry Fields AB '68

Location: Taix Restaurant (Los Angeles)
Cost: \$35/members & guests; \$40/non-members
Contact: Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net

Friday, June 14, 2013 @ 7:00PM

Ivy Pride Reception before the Outlaugh Event

Location: Sur Restaurant (Hollywood)
Cost: No cover, cash food and beverages
Contact: Priyan Chandraratna at priyanac@gmail.com

Tuesday, June 18, 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

Friday, June 21, 2013 @ 6:00PM

Alumni Dinner and Talk: Harvard Professor Paul E. Peterson - Save the Date!

Location: USC University Club
Cost: \$30/members & guests; \$35/non-members
Contact: Madeleine Mejia at
Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu

Tuesday, June 25, 2013 @ 7:00PM

Ivy Pride LA... LGBT Event Planning Meeting

Location: Le Pain Quotidien (Lols Angeles)
Cost: No cover, cash food and beverages
Contact: Kevin Wegener, kevin.wegener@gmail.com

Monday, July 1, 2013 @ 8:00PM

HCSC Monday Night Weekly Dance Classes

Location: Nadia Eftedal's Rhythm Rm (Sherman Oaks)
Cost: \$35.00 section 101 (includes Mike Trout
T-shirt and Thunder Sticks)
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Please visit www.Harvard-LA.org for a complete list of upcoming events and to register.

Harvard College Admissions Update:



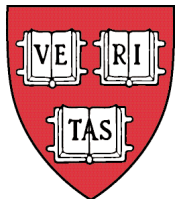
Record Number Apply from Southern California

Southern California applications to Harvard College rose to another record high. 2,713 candidates from our region applied for the Class of 2017, with 140 accepted, a 5.2% acceptance rate. However, both the number of accepted students and the acceptance rate fell below last year's numbers of 148 accepted students and a 5.7% acceptance rate.

Daniel A. Medina AB '79, MBA '83, the Club's Schools and Scholarships Chair, emphasized the importance of the alumni interview in the admissions process and the hard work of all the alumni interviewers to meet, interview, and provide Cambridge with write-ups that are integral to the admissions process. The Harvard Club has over 800 active alumni interviewers and is always looking to add to its roster.

Nationally, Harvard College experienced a 2% increase in applicants, to 35,023, and accepted 2,029 students for the Class of 2017, representing 5.8 percent of the applicant pool of 35,023. Nearly 60% of students accepted this year will benefit from financial aid, with students and their families paying an average of \$12,000 per year. Harvard's financial aid budget for next year will be \$182 million, a record, and an increase over last year's \$172 million budget.

Decisions were due in Cambridge on May 1st and early indications are that 99 students accepted Harvard's offer of admission, a 71% yield. The 71% yield from Southern California was below Harvard's overall yield of 82%, the highest yield since the Class of 1973, according to Medina.



Soliciting “Gradvice” for the Class of 2013

Each year, Harvard graduates receive guidance from the Commencement Speaker and the Schools’ various Class Day speakers. This year, we’d like to add some alumni voices – including yours!

Do you have any advice for our 2013 graduates? Whether a few whimsical words of wisdom or Veritas with gravitas, please take a moment before May 30th to share your “gradvice” with the newest of your fellow Harvard alumni via the channel of your choice:

- If you’re on twitter, tweet @HarvardAlumni #gradvice to #Harvard13;
- On Facebook, post your #gradvice to the Harvard Alumni Association <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2200089725/> group;
- Email simon_goodacre@harvard.edu with your gradvice.



Submit for a Harvardwood Heroes grant!

Harvardwood invites members of HCSC to apply for a Harvardwood Heroes (HH) grant this Spring. The HH grant program aims to spotlight and support those members of Harvardwood who have made or plan to make an exceptional contribution to the community, specifically at the intersection of arts and service. These Heroes exemplify the mission of Harvardwood, demonstrating the power and purpose of the arts, media, and entertainment. Harvardwood will begin this program in 2013 by awarding four \$500* grants to applicants who have demonstrated (or will demonstrate) a distinguished level of service to their organization of choice (*grant money may be spent at the winner’s discretion). Don’t miss this opportunity!

To apply for an HH grant, please visit the Harvardwood website or email harvardwood@harvardwood.org with the subject line "HEROES" for more information. **The deadline for proposals is Friday, June 14th.**

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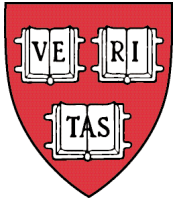
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This newsletter accepts items for publication. Materials must be submitted by the 12th of the prior month to appear in the following newsletter. Please include a phone number or email address with all submissions. Email submissions to: HarvardSoCal@gmail.com



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 & 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.



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.

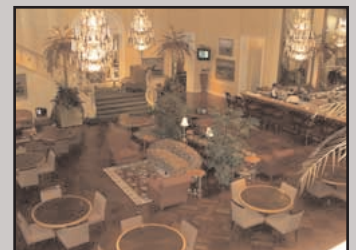
They are the parents of Spencer Gisser '14 and of David Gisser, who is a junior in high school.

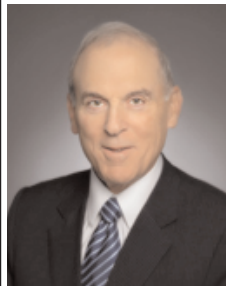
New this year

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 etheledu@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>





Alumni Dinner Talk: Henry Fields AB '68, Partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP

Please join us for an Alumni Talk with Henry Fields AB '68, Partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP. Henry will talk on "The 'Too-Big-to-Fail' Debate." His remarks will address how the issue was handled in the financial crisis, the legislative "fix" in Dodd-Frank, and the ongoing current debate. Mr. Fields has practiced law for more than 40 years in the bank regulatory area, and speaks extensively about various bank regulatory topics.

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



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

Join us at our annual Alumni Talk and hear Prof. Peterson speak about *The Perilous State of American Education and What We Can Do About It*.

Paul Peterson is the Henry Lee Shattuck Professor of Government and Director of the Program on Education Policy and Governance at Harvard University, a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, and Editor-In-Chief of *Education Next*, a journal of opinion and research. He is also the author of the book, *Saving Schools: From Horace Mann to Virtual Learning*.

Place: USC Parkside Campus
Lecture Cost: No charge - RSVP required.
Dinner Cost: \$30, Members; \$35 Non-members
Contact: Madeleine Mejia at
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4th Annual Workshop: Keys to a Winning MBA Application with Alex Leventhal MBA '98

Date: Tuesday, June 18, 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



HCSC Monday Night Weekly Recurring Dance Classes

Join Harvard Club members in learning how to dance! These weekly sessions will focus on one genre every quarter and then the genre will change. We're starting with Salsa and in the future plan on having Tango, Swing and Ballroom classes as well.

Date: Monday, July 1, 2013
Time: 8:00-9:00 P.M.
Place: Nadia Eftedal's Rhythm Room
Price: \$10 per person



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, AlbertChang@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 at the Bowl (SOLD OUT)

Verdi's beloved story of ill-fated 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)
Contact: Ryan Probasco, rprobasco7@gmail.com



Q&A from 02138... Anne McGrath '13

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

Anne McGrath '13 was born in Los Angeles. She graduated from Harvard-Westlake in North Hollywood where she did photography and stage managed theatrical productions for the drama department. In her senior year, she won the drama department award for her work as a stage manager and as the student producer of the school's annual one-acts festival. McGrath is an English major and Lowell House resident. Her father, Thomas B. McGrath AB '76, MBA '80, a media executive and theatrical musical producer based in Los Angeles, was a resident of Eliot House, when he was music director of the Hasty Pudding Theatricals and conductor of both the Harvard University Band and the Harvard-Radcliffe Gilbert

and Sullivan Players.

Before matriculating to Harvard, McGrath took a year off (gap year) and pursued various professional opportunities in theater and television, including a semester-long internship at The Public Theater in New York and a job as a production assistant on *The Suite Life on Deck*, a Disney Channel show.

While at Harvard, McGrath has been extensively involved as a stage manager, producer, and costumer for many Harvard-Radcliffe Dramatics Club theatrical productions. She has also served on the board of the Harvard-Radcliffe Gilbert & Sullivan Players since the spring semester of her Freshman year.

This past summer, she produced an independent short film in Los Angeles, *Slushamed*, and a new original play at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, *The House of Shadows*, that was written and directed by her blockmate, Joshua McTaggart '13, and starred Bryan Kauder '14, and Peter Bestoso '14. More information is available at <http://glasselevatortheater.com>.

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

AM: I think what's surprised me the most is the importance of what you do outside of the classroom. My time at Harvard has been defined not so much by my academic experience as everything that's happened around it -- primarily my extracurricular involvement in theater.

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

AM: I first visited Harvard pretty early on in my life when my parents were attending their college reunions -- Dad's at Harvard and Mom's at Wellesley. At the time I was obsessed with the fact that Wellesley's campus had a swing set, and I told my younger sister, "You can go to Harvard, but I'm going to Wellesley." That statement has proven to only be half true, as my younger sister Sally will be starting Harvard next year as a member of the class of 2017.

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

AM: One professor that I have really loved is Andrew Warren. He was new to the English department when I was a sophomore, and I've taken three courses with him during my Harvard career. He is the single professor who has done the most to get me excited and engaged with academics at Harvard. He has a great way of being incredibly intelligent and knowledgeable about the material while maintaining an incredible enthusiasm and being a really generous discussion leader.

HCSC: *What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?*

AM: On the night before housing day this year, traditionally "River Run" for the freshmen, some other senior friends and I invented "Reverse River Run" aka "Yard Run." Instead of visiting all of the upperclass houses we stopped in every freshman dorm, and even visited some rooms that had been important to us during our first year here (waking up a few confused freshmen along the way).

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

AM: I think a lot of students are frustrated with the lack of transparency and communication from the administration, especially when uncomfortable or tragic situations arise and the students could really benefit from that institutional reassurance.

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

AM: My close friends from high school had a variety of experiences. One of my closest friends went to the University of Southern California and joined a sorority, which gave her an extremely different type of social experience than I've had at Harvard, where my social life has been primarily dictated by and limited to my extracurriculars. On the other hand, another close friend attends Brown and has had an extremely similar experience to mine.

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

AM: I know it's cliché, but I really do miss the weather. Even more so than the cold in winter, I've been surprised by the constant humidity. I'm used to the desert, with dry heat and a drastic temperature decrease at night, but in Boston in summer it stays sticky and warm 24 hours a day.

Immediately after graduation, McGrath plans to travel for the summer and then move back to Los Angeles to begin her career in the fall. She grew up with parents in the entertainment industry, and her goal is also to find success in that area, eventually hoping to be in television production.

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.

For your added convenience, you are welcome to renew on-line on our website: www.harvard-la.org

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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.

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June 14, Friday 7:00 P.M.	Ivy Pride Alliance Presents... Reception/Outlaugh Event	Sur Restaurant Hollywood, CA	No cover, cash food & beverages	Priyan Chandraratna, priyanac@gmail.com
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June 25, Tuesday Time TBA	Global Networking Night Welcome to the City	Location TBA	No charge	Celeste McWhorter, celeste.mcwhorter@gmail.com
July 11, Thursday 7:00 P.M.	Happy Hour Networking Event with Yale Alums	The Charleston Santa Monica, CA	No cover	Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu
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