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DECEMBER 2017

## Upcoming Events

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Pitchoun Bakery (meeting point)

No charge - RSVP requested

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No charge, cash food/bar - RSVP requested

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### The Dins and Kroks Return to L.A.

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California in welcoming two of Harvard's most prestigious a cappella groups as they return to Los Angeles. The Harvard Din & Tonics and the Harvard Krokodiloes will be performing at the Westwood Presbyterian Church at 7:30PM on Friday, January 12.

This will be the groups' second annual Wintersession visit to the Southland. Last year's concert was completely sold out, with people turned away at the door, so we encourage you to buy your tickets now. All tickets MUST be purchased in advance.

The cost is \$15 for members, \$30 for non-members. If you are not a member of the Club, this is an excellent opportunity to join us. Annual membership is just \$25 for recent graduates, and as low as \$45 a year for everyone else (with purchase of a three-year membership), so if you buy three tickets, it's like getting your membership for free. Tickets and Club membership can be purchased on our website.

The Harvard Yardbirds, L.A.'s Harvard alumni a cappella group, will be opening the concert with a few songs. We will also host a post-concert wine and cheese reception at which you'll be able to meet the singers and purchase copies of their latest CDs.



# Hannah Zackson Wins HAA Award



*Hannah Zackson '76 proudly accepts HAA's Hiram Hunn Award from William Fitzsimmons '67, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid*

Congratulations to the Club's Hannah Zackson '76, who received the Harvard Alumni Association's Hiram Hunn Award at the organization's October board meeting. The Hunn Award honors the Admissions Office's most loyal and longtime volunteers.

Hannah moved to Los Angeles from New York in 1991. She barely knew anyone and signed up to interview as a way of getting to know the community and the city. She's been interviewing ever since. In 2010 she became chair of the West Los Angeles area. She oversees approximately sixty interviewers and organizes 250-300 interview requests annually, spread between Early Action and Regular Action.

Hannah says her biggest challenge is trying to coordinate the busy schedules of both the interviewers and the applicants. "L.A. is such a sprawling city and the logistics of pairing up the two can pose quite a formidable set of issues. What is really important to me is that the experience of the interview be positive and enriching for both the interviewer and the applicant. For most applicants this is the first time in their lives they have been interviewed. For many, it is the first time

meeting a Harvard graduate. For the vast majority, they will receive a rejection letter later in the year. So I hope that no matter what the outcome, the interaction will always be gratifying and rewarding for both parties."

When not coordinating interviews, Hannah works as a physician and for many years was a practicing pulmonologist. She teaches an interdisciplinary course on social issues for UCLA's Medical, Dental, and Nursing Schools. She and her husband Andy Wolk are the proud parents of two Harvard graduates - Susanna Wolk '14 and Sam Wolk '17.

Working with the Schools and Scholarship Committee has been a great honor and privilege," Hannah adds. "I am so appreciative of the Hiram Hunn Award. It really represents the efforts of all who volunteer as members of our Harvard community."

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# Upcoming Events

## Harvardwood Helps at the NCJW| LA Annual Clothing Giveaway

Pitch in with Harvardwood Helps to give away more than 75,000 pieces of clothing and children's books to more than 3,000 in-need and at-risk members of our community. The event will take place Sunday, Dec. 3rd—rain OR shine!

**SUN, DEC 3 @ 12:00PM**

NCJW | LA Parking Lot

No charge, RSVP required

Stacy Cohen, [helps@harvardwood.org](mailto:helps@harvardwood.org)



## CicLAvia - Bike the Streets of Downtown Los Angeles

Get your bikes, helmets, skateboards, and walking shoes ready and join us for a day filled with fun and meeting new friends. CicLAvia is a free, family-friendly event that connects communities to each other across an expansive city, creating a safe place to bike, walk, skate, roll, and dance through Los Angeles.

**SUN, DEC 10 @ 9:00AM**

Pitchoun Bakery (meeting point)

No charge, RSVP requested

Hyung Kim, [hyung5kim@gmail.com](mailto:hyung5kim@gmail.com)



## Harvard Business School Association of Orange County Event: Online Learning Revolution

Learn the best practices to draw, engage, entangle, and monetize a targeted global audience by leveraging social media. The speaker, Jeff Greenberg, is the go-to expert on building a relevant web presence, cutting through the noise, and standing out in a digital desert.

**THU, DEC 14 @ 7:00AM**

Back Bay Conference Center

\$30, Pre-Registered Online with code HAAM1214

HBSAOC, [hbs@hbsaoc.org](mailto:hbs@hbsaoc.org)



## Annual Harvard-Yale Holiday Salon

Join us for the liveliest holiday performance party and mixer in L.A. Do you sing? Play? Perform? Dance? Or have another unique talent that would entertain others? This is your chance for fame, if not fortune.

**SAT, DEC 16 @ 7:00PM**

The Home of a Club Member in Los Angeles

\$30 per person

Sonia Molina, [soniamolin@aol.com](mailto:soniamolin@aol.com)





# Upcoming Events

## Harvard Global Networking Night in Los Angeles

Twice a year, thousands of Harvard alumni make new connections at Global Networking Night (GNN) events in cities across the globe. The last GNN drew more than 5,000 alumni in 85 cities worldwide. Attendance is free.

**TUE, JAN 9 @ 6:00PM**

The District by Hannah An

No charge, RSVP requested

Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine\_Mejia@post.harvard.edu



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Westwood Presbyterian Church

\$15, members; \$30, non-members

Ken Williams, kenneth\_s\_williams@hotmail.com



## Science Pub Series #12 – Our Next Generation of Innovators

Join Dr. Rob Williams, retired Air Force officer and director of Discovery Lab Global (DLG), as he introduces the concept of “Entrepreneurial STEM through the Eyes of an Avatar.” Please register as soon as possible as seating is limited.

**SUN, JAN 29 @ 3:00PM**

Factor's Famous Deli

\$33, members; \$38, non-members

Ethel Laczko, etheledu@gmail.com



## 2018 Inter-Ivy+ Mammoth Ski Trip

Get ready for another fun-filled weekend of snow sports at Mammoth Mountain with alums and friends from all the top schools. Adults of all skill levels are welcome.

**FRI-SUN, FEB 9 -11**

Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort

\$329 before 12/1, \$349 before 1/2, \$369 after 1/2

German Enciso, enciso@uci.edu



## Recent Events

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### instaHarvard at SIXTY Rooftop Bar in Beverly Hills

This year's instaHarvard on November 13 was attended by 200 alumni from the graduate schools and college. Held at SIXTY, a rooftop bar in Beverly Hills, alumni met old friends, participated in a Snapchat that was taking place during the event, and exchanged business cards. Raffy Mardirosian GSD '16 stated, "This is a great event to meet other Harvard alumni and to get to know the Harvard community in Los Angeles. I look forward to the next event." If you are using social media, specifically Facebook, keep an eye out for the Snapchat video of the event on the HAA and Harvard Club of Southern California Facebook pages.



### Harvard/Yale Telecast - Viewing Party in Orange County

A lively bunch of Harvard graduates gathered to see if Harvard could upset the Ivy League championship-bound Yale Bulldogs at the 134th playing of The Game. With an early turnover, Harvard had the lead and we were feeling confident. Then two miscues by Harvard's red-shirt freshman quarterback, and we were down 14 to 3 - never to recover. Harvard lost 24 to 3 and finished the season with 5 wins and 5 losses.



Luckily, our group enjoyed Bloody Marys, omelets and good conversation. In attendance from The Harvard Club of Southern California board were Betsy Gillis '82 , A.J. Rogers MD '79, German Enciso HMS Research Fellow '07-'09, and Karen Hernandez MBA '00. Former Harvard Alumni Association board member Matthew Temple '86 also attended. Commentary was provided by Harvard's three-time Ivy League championship quarterback Scott Hosch '16 and NFL Charger lineman Cole Toner.



Q&A from 02138:

## Haley Daniels '18



Haley Daniels '18, a concentrator in History of Science, was born in Westwood, California and graduated from Crossroads High School where she was president of her class and taught an elective on digital literacy. She was editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, *Crossfire*, where she instituted the first live-streaming video news service, *CrossfireLive*. She won a gold key from the National Scholastic writing awards and a Keck grant to do research on membrane filters. She is a senior residing in Lowell House. Her father is Greg Daniels '85, and her mother is Susanne Daniels '87. At Harvard, she is filming a thesis on the historical archetype of the mad scientist and its consequences for practicing scientists, primarily following George Church and his unconventional lab in their search to revive the woolly mammoth. She writes for the *Harvard Lampoon*, manages the finances of the *Harvard Advocate*, and researches for the HBS Behavioral Insights Group. This past summer she co-wrote and performed in a miniseries produced by the IFC network called *Lampoon is Off*, which parodied the *Lampoon's* floundering efforts to go digital.

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

**HD:** I was warned extensively about the Era of the Specialist—that everyone I'd meet would be the number one trombone player in the universe and only “womp womp womp” instead of hold a conversation. But I was surprised at how many people were down to Earth and well-rounded and approachable. On my third day at school, I met an Olympic fencer. He dressed in jeans, did not carry a sabre, and walked normally to class, even though I did scream at him to do the lunge attack footwork. It was surprising and awesome to see how nice and engaged everyone was.

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

**HD:** Doug Melton and Michael Sandel co-taught a stem cell regenerative biology course called “The Future of Human Nature”. Every week they'd trace the ramifications of a new technology on the human form, reimagining what we'll look like in 100 years. We're talking super soldiers, robot moms, genetically engineering cat-eyes to see in the dark. It was fascinating.

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

**HD:** When one of my professors went SPLAT!!

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

**HD:** I'd provide more structure to meet people and professors. One way to do this is the inception of a Class Problem. The President assigns each incoming class an issue - i.e., global warming. Students get assigned to a Task Force the same way you would to an entryway, and each Task Force comes up with projects to attack the issue over the course of the 4 years. It'd be a fun way to unite the class in thinking creatively about something while creating another structure to put different kinds of people in the same room.

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

**HD:** The diner culture. I like weak coffee and spreading out my work across an enormous leather booth. Cambridge cafes have little wobbly straw tables that blow over

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when you cough on them. I also miss how tuned in everyone is there. People are really up on what's cool, they know all the new songs, they're generating a bunch of exciting bad ideas, they're drumming their fingers on the table with a sense of urgency. In Cambridge people are too engrossed all the time in meaningful and productive work.

*HCSC: What are you reading?*

**HD:** I've been reading a lot of short stories—notably collections by Greg Jackson, ZZ Packer, Thom Jones. I'm also mid-way through a few sensationalist/scary books on artificial intelligence; Markoff's *Machines of Loving Grace*, Kurzweil's *The Singularity Is Near*. I need to be prepared to negotiate with the killer bots when the time comes, and apparently it's near.

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

**HD:** I want to move back at some point. I have at least 20 relatives milling around there, and while they may not miss me or request my presence, it would be nice to bump into them on the street every once in awhile.



## UCLA Faculty Center Opens Its Membership to Harvard Club of Southern California Members

The Faculty Center at UCLA invites HCSC members to join the Center. There is no initiation fee and dues are \$25 per month. To join, prospective members can stop by the

reception desk at the Faculty Center, 480 Charles Young Drive, or call 310-825-0877.

**SETTING:** A unique mid-century modern building on the UCLA campus, with beautiful and expansive patio space.

**SERVICES AND FACILITIES:** During the summer, the center is open M-F for lunch, coffee, afternoon drinks & small bites, Taco Tuesdays, and Thursday night barbecues. There are a number of additional options, such as full breakfast and dinners 5:00-7:00pm in the Playa Lounge.

The Faculty Center is also available for private events with a 15% members' discount on room rentals and AV.

The Center has a play reading group and book group and is also a convenient place to lunch before going to an exhibition at the Fowler Museum or taking a walk in the Franklin Murphy Sculpture Garden or Mildred Mathias Botanical Garden. There is a reading room and the UCLA Libraries are open to the public.

The Faculty Center is ideal for special life-cycle events, hosting out-of-town guests or clients or coming with your family for our delightful Thursday night summer barbecues on the Rose Patio (featuring a make-your-own-sundae bar).



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To recommend an event or volunteer for one, contact one of our Programs VPs.

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