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#### Upcoming Events

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THU, APR 4 @ 6:30PM

Private residence in Hancock Park
\$35 per person

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FRI, APR 5 @ 12:00PM
USC Stevens Neuroimaging and Informatics Inst.
No charge

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TUE, APR 16 @ 8:00AM

Tartine (Santa Monica)

No charge, cash coffee bar

## The ABCs of Buying and Selling Real Estate

THU, APR 25 @ 5:00PM
Online via Zoom
Free for members; \$15 for non-members

# A Night of Whiskey Tasting with Friends

THU, MAY 2 @ 6:30PM
Bacchus Bar and Bistro (Irvine)
\$52, members; \$62, non-members;
\$78, to join the Club AND attend the event



# Global Networking Night a Huge Success

The Harvard Club of Southern California's Global Networking Night (GNN) event on March 13 brought together over 300 Harvard alumni from diverse backgrounds and industries for an evening of connection and collaboration.

Launched in 2008 by the Harvard Alumni Association in cities around the world, GNN is a popular program that brings together Harvard alumni to convene simultaneously worldwide on the same day. Global Networking Night is held each year and is open to all Harvard alumni. This year's Southern California event was held in Los Angeles at Sorry Not Sorry Lounge and was free of charge, with a cash bar.

Amidst the lively atmosphere, seasoned professionals and recent alumni reconnected with old friends, forged new relationships, and exchanged valuable insights.

Madeleine Mejia, EdM '00, the event organizer, said, "The sense of camaraderie and mutual support was palpable throughout the evening, underscoring the enduring bonds that unite our global Harvard alumni community." Madeleine added that she sends "heartfelt appreciation to the Club's board members who graciously volunteered their time to assist at check-in," contributing to the smooth operation of the event.

Please join us at our upcoming networking events!

#### Harvard Men's Tennis Visits Southern California



The Harvard Men's Tennis (HMT) team, led by Head Coach Andrew Rueb '95, stormed the courts in Southern California during their spring break, garnering impressive victories, and displaying why they earned the highest rank in program history (No. 6). The squad has more SoCal players than from any other region: David Arkow '24 (Los Angeles, Harvard-Westlake High School); Masato Perera '26 (Santa Barbara, San Marcos High School); James MacDonald '27 (Santa Monica, University High School in Irvine); and Rohan Murali '27 (San Diego, Santana High School).

To kick off their annual West Coast trip, making the adjustment from the indoor season to the outdoor courts, the Crimson beat nationally ranked UC Santa Barbara (4-3) in Santa Barbara in which first-year Murali saved three match points in a row and won the clinch match. Later that same day, the team swept California Lutheran (7-0). The depth of the full roster was in force, as across the two matches, the Crimson went 10-2 in singles action.

Harvard then rode the waves to a 4-1 victory over nationally ranked Pepperdine in Malibu, achieving a six-game win streak. In its final match to close out the trip, Harvard was narrowly bested in a 3-4 loss to nationally ranked UCLA, whom they beat earlier in the season. Although the Bruins were the home crowd, the Crimson fought back from a 1-3 deficit, in which senior captain Henry von der Schulenburg (Switzerland) trailed 2-5 in the third and deciding set and fought back to win five straight games and overcome being down a match point to prevail and tie up the competition at three matches each. UCLA won the deciding match in the tightest of three sets.

Over the course of several days, many alumni, including former players and Harvard Men's Tennis's first and three-time singles All-American, Howard Sands '83, watched the Crimson in action.

The netmen begin conference play to defend their Ivy League title for the third-straight season starting against Dartmouth in March.

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# HAA Speakers Bureau: Professor David Malan - Embracing AI

Professor Malan will be joining us for an exciting and timely presentation entitled "Embracing AI," which will delve into the ways in which artificial intelligence is transforming education, teaching, and society.

THU, APR 4 @ 6:30PM

Location: Private residence in Hancock Park

\$35 per person



# Myron Kayton Science Pub #24 - A Visit to USC Neuroimaging & Informatics Institute

Join us to learn about new brain neuroimaging techniques and recent approaches to understanding Alzheimer's disease, during an in-person visit to a USC research center led by Center Director Dr. Arthur Toga.

FRI. APR 5 @ 12:00PM

USC Stevens Neuroimaging and Informatics Institute (Los Angeles) No charge, but pre-registration is required - space is limited



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#### The ABCs of Buying and Selling Real Estate

This informative seminar will provide a comprehensive review of all steps involved in a residential real estate transaction. From offer & acceptance through escrow, title, loan and closing, this lively panel will break down the process of buying and selling homes and investment properties in laymen's terms and offer best practices and strategies from experienced professionals.

THU, APR 25 @ 5:00PM

Online via Zoom

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#### A Night of Whiskey Tasting with Friends

Enjoy an amazing night of whiskey, rye, and bourbon tasting with whiskey expert Erwin Mancilla, who will educate us on the various types of whiskey and provide us with a wide sampling of whiskey-related spirits, along with delicious food. A great chance to learn, relax and enjoy time with fellow alums in a private room in the newly remodeled Bacchus restaurant in Quail Hill, Irvine (and to enjoy great whiskey!)

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#### **Upcoming Harvard Elections:**

## Harvard Club SoCal Board Endorses Nworah Agoyu for Overseer, Madeleine Mejia for HAA Elected Director



Nworah Ayogu '10, MD '15, MBA '15



Madeleine Mejia Ed.M. '00

The Harvard Club of Southern California's Board voted to endorse Nworah Ayogu '10, MD '15, MBA '15, for Harvard Overseer, and Madeleine Mejia Ed.M. '00, for Harvard Alumni Association Elected Director. All Harvard degree holders are eligible to vote. Please vote in the Harvard spring elections!

#### Recent Events

#### Alumni Book Talk with Yangsze Choo '95

On Feb 28, 9 alums (and one student about to start at the College) joined Yangsze Choo '95 for dinner after her talk at Chevalier's Books for her latest book, *The Fox Wife*. Her first book, *The Ghost Bride*, was just made into a Netflix series. Yangsze plans to Zoom into our H4A book club when we read her book - details TBA.



#### Q & A from 02138:

#### Yujun Li '25



Yujun Li '25, a concentrator in Chemistry, graduated from Alhambra High School. In high school she participated on her school's speech and debate team, which won the CIF championship. She also conducted research in bioengineering laboratories at Caltech and University of Toronto. She worked with Math Matters during the summer of 2022. Math Matters is a nonprofit aimed at providing math and science education to middle and high school students throughout Southern California. Li helped with pedagogy development and educational content development to provide adequate support to the program's staff. She hopes to work with Math Matters again next summer. She is a resident in Cabot House.

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

YL: I was surprised by the amount of support and resources there were at Harvard. When I wanted to do research, I knew I had the opportunity in front of me, and I had professors, tutors, and colleagues to ask to support my venture into research. If I wanted to find an internship or study abroad, there were so many options and avenues of support, which I am grateful for and really appreciate.

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

YL: I first visited Harvard when I was in middle school, I first visited Harvard. I fell in love immediately, and it became my dream to attend Harvard, given the amount of opportunities that stem from attending such a school. And now that I am here, I couldn't be any happier.

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

YL: My absolute favorite class has to be PS11 with Jim Anderson because Prof. Anderson deepened my love for chemistry and taught me how chemistry is intertwined in all aspects of life. (I also am a PSL for PS11, so that also speaks to how much I love PS11)

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

YL: This is a little cheesy, but I miss the familiarity of Southern California. Southern California, especially Los Angeles, will always be my home. I miss how I know the streets to the T in Downtown, LA, or how I grew up walking through the streets of Koreatown and visiting the Griffith Park Observatory and the Hollywood Sign. I guess I miss the familiarity of Southern California since I've spent my whole life here.

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

YL: Southern California will always be a part of my life after Harvard since my family lives in Southern California. I hope to meet more people at Harvard who are from Southern California.



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