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MAY 2017

Upcoming Events

Professor Thomas Forrest Kelley: *Mozart's Don Giovanni*

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\$5, members; \$10, non-members

2017 Harvard Club Annual Dinner and Awards

SUN, JUNE 4 @ 5:30PM

UCLA Faculty Center

\$80, members; \$99, non-members

Harvard Global Networking Night

MON, JUNE 12 @ 6:00PM

Location TBA

No charge

Sunday, June 4th



The Harvard Club Annual Dinner & Awards

Bond... James Bond. Spectre spies and treacherous lies... Whether or not you drink your martini "shaken, not stirred," can arm or disarm a weapon, or prefer your Dom Perignon served below 38 degrees Fahrenheit, join us at the 2017 Annual Membership and Awards Dinner of the Harvard Club of Southern California, June 4, 2017 at the UCLA Faculty Center.

Bring the elegant inner spy in you, along with your Bond gadgets, whether you come dressed as James Bond, a classic Bond movie "villain," or one of the Bond gals. Best dressed will receive awards.

Also, as a special feature, you'll have the chance to learn the tango, like Sean Connery and Kim Basinger in "Never Say Never Again." We'll have dance professionals from the renowned Arthur Murray Dance Studios to teach us this elegant and dramatic dance. Harvard alumni in La La Land will be so elegant that perhaps the world is not enough.

We will present the 2017 John Harvard Award for Distinguished Service to Morgan Chu JD '76. Morgan Chu was the elected President of the Harvard Board of Overseers 2014 - 2015, a member of this Harvard Governing Board 2009 - 2015, and is a partner at Irell and Manella, LLP. He was one of the first Asian Americans to lead a major law firm and has been named one of the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America" every year since 1994.

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2017-2018 CLUB ELECTION BALLOT

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Club By-Laws, the Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following nominations for officers and directors of the Harvard Club of Southern California for the year 2017-2018:

<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Past President	Kay L. Park, MD, AB '87

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Director	Ethan Brown, JD '96
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Director	Maiya Williams Verrone '84

This slate of candidates has been approved by the Board of Directors. All candidates are running unopposed. Members may vote for every candidate on the Election Ballot should they choose to do so.

Marked ballots must be delivered to the Club Secretary by May 28, 2017:
Harvard Club of Southern California, c/o German Enciso, 15 Vega Court, Irvine, CA 92617.

Recent Events

Discover Your City: L.A. Ballet's Balanchine

Several Club members and their families attended L.A. Ballet's Balanchine performance on Sunday, March 27. The group was greeted by Liz Walker '11, soloist ballerina who performed as the Siren in "The Prodigal Son" and in "Who Cares?" Before the show, the very talented Liz led a backstage private tour where the group had the chance to meet the other dancers and see the stage decorations and ballerinas' costumes.



Discover Your City: Cheese, Charcuterie and Cocktails at Obicà Restaurant!

On March 30, 15 Harvard alumni gathered at Obicà Mozzarella Bar Pizza e Cucina in Santa Monica. The name of the restaurant means "Here it is!" and indeed we were treated to a delicious spread of fresh Mozzarella di Bufala, charcuterie, Parmesan fondue and more, accompanied by Italian cocktails. We had the bar area to ourselves to catch up with old friends and new. Colleagues from the College, Business School, Law School, Graduate School of Education, and the Kennedy School attended for good food and good cheer!



The Early College Awareness Program

On April 6, the Harvard Club of Southern California and the Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance sponsored the Early College Awareness Program at Firebaugh High School in Lynwood. Approximately 150 students and parents heard a presentation on "The Road To College" by Dr. Gus Frias and Jessica Gamboa, followed by a keynote speech on "Parents As Partners" by former HAA President Cynthia Torres. Dr. Maria Covarrubias moderated a panel of Harvard graduates who shared their life stories and provided information on how to prepare for and succeed in college.



Discover Your City: Boleros de Noche

On April 7, members of the Club attended the latest "Discover Your City" event: Boleros de Noche, featuring Harvard alumna M. Andrea Zuniga. Everyone got to catch up and meet new Harvard alumni friends, enjoy food from Pez Cantina and Zingo Tacos, meet the Executive Director of LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes, and of course, connect with Andrea. Andrea also received congratulations on her recent Harvard graduation (EdM '16) and was presented with a certificate from the office of L.A. City Councilmember Jose Huizar.



Upcoming Events

Harvard Speakers Bureau: Thomas Forrest Kelley - The First Night of *Don Giovanni*

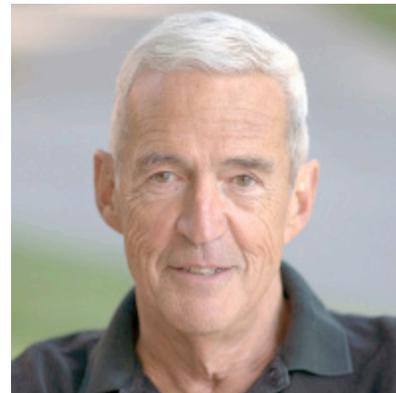
Thomas Forrest Kelly is Morton B. Knafel Professor of Music at Harvard, where he served as Chair of the Music Department from 1999 to 2004. This talk, with music and pictures, takes us to Prague for the premiere of Mozart's new Don Juan opera. It was a fascinating beginning to what is widely considered one of the greatest operas ever written.

SUN, MAY 7 @ 1:00PM

Private Home

\$25, members; \$35, non-members

Herb Goldman, herbdavid1@gmail.com



Phalaris's Bull: Solving the Riddle of the Great Big World

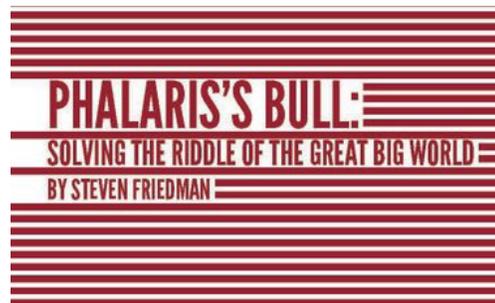
Harvard-educated molecular biologist, visual artist, and provocative underground philosopher, Steven Friedman has the answers to life's big questions. Part of the Santa Monica Playhouse Benefit Series.

FRI, MAY 12 @ 8:00PM

Santa Monica Playhouse

\$25 per person

Steven Friedman, s.friedman@post.harvard.edu



Bringing the Olympics to Los Angeles in 2024

Hear from Gene Sykes '80, the chief executive overseeing L.A.'s bid for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2024.

THU, MAY 18 @ 5:30PM

UCLA Law School in Westwood

\$5, members; \$10, non-members

Steven Arkow, stevenarkow@sbcglobal.net



Save the Date - June 12, 2017 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!

MON, JUNE 12 @ 6:00PM

Location TBA

No charge

Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu



Upcoming Events

Family Game Day at Dodger Stadium - Dodgers vs. Braves

Bring your family and friends to enjoy a Sunday at the ballpark cheering on the L.A. Dodgers in their game against the Atlanta Braves on July 23. HCSC has reserved a group of seats in the Reserve MVP section of the stadium.



SUN, JULY 23 @ 1:10PM

Dodger Stadium

\$31, members; \$41, non-members

Lisa Watanabe-Peagler, lmwpeagler@gmail.com

Harvard Medical School Meet the Dean Event

Meet the 22nd Dean of Harvard Medical School, George Q. Daley, AB '82, MD '91, PhD, and hear his vision for HMS, its reach, and our collective impact.

WED, OCT 11 @ 6:00PM

Four Seasons Hotel

No charge

RSVP: hms.harvard.edu/meet-the-dean



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Early College Awareness

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Layla Stahr '17



Layla Stahr '17 was born in Newport Beach, grew up in Tustin, and graduated from Troy High School, where she was a National Merit Finalist and National AP Scholar. While at Troy, she helped run the school's Model United Nations Club and the Autism Youth Ambassadors Club while also completing coursework in the Troy Tech and IB program and playing tennis. She is currently a senior residing in Mather House pursuing the Mind, Brain, & Behavior track of Neurobiology with a secondary in Economics. While at Harvard, she has devoted much of her time to research, most recently looking at the neural correlates of impulsive and risk-taking behavior. She has also been heavily involved in two university committees, served as a Peer Advising Fellow, led outreach for the Harvard International Review, chaired the Harvard Society for Mind, Brain, and Behavior, and helped run philanthropy for Harvard's chapter of Delta Gamma. Last spring, she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a member of the Junior 24 and currently serves as one of the four PBK Junior 24 marshals. She was also named a District 16 Rhodes Scholarship Finalist. She has spent each of her college summers in a different city, with one summer in Paris and the most recent in Chicago working at behavioral science consulting firm TGG. This summer, she will be staying in Cambridge to conduct computational neuroscience research before heading to Oxford to pursue an MSc in Neuroscience supported by the Henry Fellowship. She intends to attend Harvard Law School in the fall of 2019.

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

LS: The opportunities for personal growth, intellectual dialogue, and development outside of the classroom were definitely the most surprising elements of being a student at Harvard. I arrived in Cambridge expecting to be rigorously challenged in academic settings, but many of my most impactful experiences have taken place outside of the classroom. Furthermore, many of these experiences have also been in realms separate from my academic focus areas. Some of my fondest memories are hearing about government programs from the individuals who drafted the corresponding legislation, discussing the need for greater incorporation of science in opioid policies with government leaders, and listening to John Kerry speak about an upcoming trade bill that I had just written a paper about for an economics course. The chances to engage with professionals and leaders in all fields are really unparalleled here, and the value of those experiences is really extraordinary.

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

LS: I first visited Harvard during my junior year of high school. I remember walking around the campus and being in awe of the talent and history that was surrounding me. I was the stereotype of a high school tourist, taking pictures of everything and trying to imagine what it would possibly be like to attend this beacon of academic discourse. Arriving freshman fall and living next to the hub of tourist activity in Weld, I was often reminded of my initial impressions and my beliefs regarding the capabilities of the students at Harvard, and those impressions and beliefs have pushed me while here. Oftentimes, when I was stressed, I would go sit on the steps of Memorial Church or Widener and just observe the tourists walking by as a reminder of my first visit and the gift that a Harvard education has been. For me, acknowledging that gift and the corresponding responsibility to use it to better the world has been my greatest source of motivation here.

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

LS: My favorite class is a screenwriting workshop I took this past fall. I had spent my academic career here trying to deconstruct human behavior and better understand

the justifications for our actions, and after three years, I was curious if I could reverse the directionality: having deconstructed human behavior, could I now realistically reconstruct? Screenwriting provided the perfect avenue for this challenge. Throughout the semester I was able to work on a screenplay that tested my own grasp of human behavior as proxied by the realism of my characters and plot. Perhaps unsurprisingly, I found it to be one of the greatest challenges I've faced here! Overall, the course was a wonderful opportunity to apply what I had learned in a novel setting, and the course truly changed the way I thought not only about human behavior and interactions but also about the interplay between science and the arts.

What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

LS: I once accidentally joined the posse of a visiting president! I had just gotten out of class and was absentmindedly walking towards a coffee shop on campus to energize before my next class. I had noticed a large group of men in fancy clothing standing on the steps of Widener but had simply assumed they were a group of especially well-dressed tourists or part of a reunion I hadn't heard about. And thus when they started walking alongside me in the same direction I was walking, I didn't think twice. Eventually, though, I noticed their behavior seemed somewhat unusual, with one man in particular garnering the most attention and respect from the group. Shortly after, I saw men with earpieces instructing students to allow the group to pass and to stay a moderate distance away from them. Ultimately, our paths diverged as they went into a university building and I went to grab my coffee, but I was later shocked to realize that the man I had recognizing as receiving differential treatment was actually the president of Armenia, Serzh Sargsyan! Because I was coincidentally walking in a similar direction, I had managed to slip into his group of advisers, walking only a few feet from him while other students were kept away.

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

LS: I would require students to live with different roommates each year. It is often stated that Harvard's greatest strength is its students, and I truly believe this to be the case. My favorite experiences freshman year all revolved around random conversations with roommates in our common room, discussing the environments we grew up in, our different belief systems, and our goals and desires. These conversations were so insightful because we were a group of six women united only by cohabitation. By being thrown into an environment in which we needed to interact with people we might not have otherwise met or befriended, we all came to understand a diverse range of perspectives. Yet by junior year, many people have settled into friend groups, extracurricular activities, and academic focus areas, all of which limit the spectrum of students that they interact with. By requiring students to live with different roommates each year, those eye-opening, inspirational conversations with students who you might never meet in any other context could continue.

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

LS: I miss the water the most. The ocean had always been an inspiration for me, with the sounds of the waves providing a sense of tranquility and peace that was seemingly unparalleled. Sitting at the beach and just watching the water proved the perfect setting for introspection and reflection. At Harvard, I have sought something similar, turning to the reflective Charles River as a substitute for the powerful ocean. In my mind, the two are connected now, with the river reminding me of the ocean and providing a sense of nostalgia towards home and the ocean triggering memories spent watching the sunset on Weeks Bridge and chatting with friends along the river.

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

LS: Living in a place as diverse as Southern California has been incredibly influential in shaping my beliefs and my aspirations, and I believe this experience will continue to shape my aims and ambitions in the future. Southern California's greatest strength is the diversity of cultures that come together, and I hope to work to emphasize the value of that diversity and cross-cultural communication throughout my life.



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