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JANUARY 2017

## Upcoming Events

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Rockreation

Beginners: \$30 members; \$40 non-members

Experienced: \$70 members; \$80 non-members

## Early Action: Admissions

Harvard College finalized its Early Action decisions for the Class of 2021 and sent admission notifications on December 13th. Of the 6,473 students who applied, 938 were offered a spot in the class, for an acceptance rate of 14.5%. “Early admission appears to be the ‘new normal’ now, as more students are applying early to Harvard and peer institutions than ever before,” said William R. Fitzsimmons ‘62, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid.

Fitzsimmons further commented, “The Admissions Committee has begun to assemble a class that promises to be one of the best in Harvard’s long history.” Fitzsimmons also commented on the diversity in the current class, “We have worked very, very hard over many, many years to increase the economic diversity of the student body.” Sarah C. Donahue, Griffin Director of Financial Aid, added, “For 90 percent of American families, it costs less to attend Harvard than one of the nation’s public universities. Bringing promising students to Harvard is our main objective, and we believe that financial circumstances should never cloud a student’s decision to apply. That is why we remain committed to supporting every admitted student with need-based aid.”

In the Southern California region, 45 students were admitted out of approximately 320 applicants for an acceptance rate of 14.1%, very close to the overall rate. Harvard is expecting a total application pool to be at least as large as last year’s 39,000+, and alumni interviews will be more important than ever. If you are interested in being an alumni interviewer, please contact Dan Medina at [Dan@capknowledge.com](mailto:Dan@capknowledge.com).



## Recent Events

### Harvard Women's Weekend! - Nov. 4-6, 2016

More than 400 alumni and friends gathered for Harvard's first University-wide Women's Weekend, a three-day networking and learning event. The weekend's themes were "GLOBAL, CELEBRATE, EMPOWER, NETWORK, ENGAGE, CONNECT," and generations of brilliant women of all walks, creeds, states, degrees, and missions drew laughs, inspired greatness in each other, shared minutes of mentorship, and paved a momentous path towards achievement together.

### 2nd instaHarvard Event - Nov. 17, 2016

The second instaHarvard Los Angeles attracted a diverse group of graduate and college alumni, all of whom enjoyed meeting up with old friends and making new connections across schools. While the event is designed to bring together alumni from the graduate and professional schools at Harvard, college alumni were also invited and were in attendance. Club President Steven Arkow '84 noted that "along with Harvard's Global Networking Night, which is coming to Los Angeles on January 11, instaHarvard is a way to experience our Harvard community, and mingle with other SoCal-based alumni across the university's graduate and professional schools that make up one Harvard -- without having to fly to Cambridge." Please continue to join us at these networking events.

### Tour of Port of Los Angeles - Nov. 18, 2016

Seventy-seven alumni of Harvard, MIT, and Cornell and their guests attended a boat tour of the Port of Los Angeles at the invitation of former Harbor Commissioner Fred Heim '50, MBA '51. The port belongs to the City of Los Angeles, which provided a chartered boat with three crewmen. Chris Chase narrated the tour based on more than a decade of experience as a port employee persuading ship owners worldwide to dock here.

### Harvard Yale Football Game Viewing Party - Orange County - Nov. 19, 2016

Members of the Harvard Club got together in Orange County to watch Harvard take on Yale in the 133rd Football Game. The game was a defensive struggle with miscues on both sides, as Yale eked out a 21-14 victory. The event was hosted at the Newport Beach Tennis Club by member Matthew Stasior '87 and board member Betsey Gillis '82. In attendance was former Harvard running back Andrew Larson '15, part of the 2013, 2014, and 2015 Harvard Football Championship teams. He added colorful commentary and insights on the team and Coach Murphy.

### Book Signing and Discussion - Dec. 7, 2016

Harvard College and Law School alums enjoyed a reception and book signing with HLS alum and *BIG: Beginnings* author Greyson Bryan in conversation with Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Virginia Keeny '83.



*Board members and officers pictured left to right: Dr. Gus Frias EdM '94; Madeleine Mejia EdM '00; Dan Medina AB '79; MBA '83; Kay Park AB '87; Steven Arkow AB '84*



*Pictured left to right: Tour guide Fred-eric Heim AB '50, MBA '51 and event organizer Myron Kayton SM '56*



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### Inter-Ivy Happy Hour/Networking Event

Please join local Ivy alumni for a happy hour night of cocktails and networking! We will have some sweet bread to share together.

**FRI, JANUARY 6 @ 7:00PM**

Spring Restaurant

This event is free to attend (please RSVP)

Madeleine Mejia,

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### Ivy Pride Alliance LA Presents... LA Queer Women's Wine-filled Welcome to 2017

Get ready to kick off the year with one of our largest queer women's events. Join us at Esters, a hip new spot for wine and well-paired food in Santa Monica, to mix and mingle with some of LA's hottest, brainiest women. Friends are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

**SUN, JANUARY 8 @ 7:00PM**

Esters Wine Shop & Bar

No cover, cash food and beverages

Sandie, seb400@gmail.com.



### Harvard Global Networking Night in LA

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!

**WED, JANUARY 11 @ 6:00PM**

The Parlor

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### Private Tour of Doug Aitken: Electric Earth at MOCA

Please join us for this docent-led tour of the extraordinary immersive work of video artist Doug Aitken. Limited tickets.

**SAT, JANUARY 14 @ 10:45AM**

The Geffen Contemporary at MOCA

\$15, members; \$22, non-members

Ed Ogosta, e.ogosta@gmail.com





## Upcoming Events

### A Cappella Double Feature - The Dins and Kroks Hit L.A.!

The Din & Tonics and the Krokodiloes will be visiting Los Angeles on their Wintersession tours, and the Club is sponsoring a concert featuring both groups. Join us for an amazing opportunity as we present two of Harvard's most prestigious a cappella groups in concert, right here in Los Angeles.

**SAT, JANUARY 14 @ 7:00PM**

Westwood Presbyterian Church

\$15 members, \$25 non-members

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



### Ivy Pride Alliance LA Presents... LGBT Event Planning Meeting

What LGBT intercollegiate alumni events would you like to attend in the Los Angeles region? Join us for a brainstorming session and share your ideas. Meet your fellow local LGBT Ivy League alumni for an evening of casual networking as we discuss new event concepts for Spring and Summer 2017.

**MON, JANUARY 16 @ 7:00PM**

V Wine Room

No cover, cash food and beverages

Kevin Wegener, kevin.wegener@gmail.com



### Private tour of Pop for the People: Roy Lichtenstein in LA

Dig up some Pop Art fashion and join fellow Harvard Club members for an exclusive tour with Skirball Curator Bethany Montagano of this special exhibition on the art and impact of Roy Lichtenstein.

**SAT, JANUARY 28 @ 10:00AM**

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\$15 per person (members and guests only)

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### Rock Climbing with Harvard and MIT Alums

Join us for a fun evening and try out your rock-climbing skills. All levels welcome. Lessons on belaying and lead belaying will be offered. Cost includes day pass, lesson and equipment (except for shoes, which can be rented).

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\$70, members (A); \$80, non-members (A)

Chi Bui, orthochi@yahoo.com



### 2017 Inter-Ivy+ Mammoth Ski Trip

Enjoy a fun-filled weekend of snow sports with alumni and friends from the Ivies, the Seven Sisters, and other top colleges. Note that this is an adults-only trip but all skill levels - from absolute beginner to advanced - are welcome.

**FRI-SUN, FEBRUARY 10-12**

Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort

\$329 per person before 1/3; \$349 before

1/20; \$369 after 1/20 (if space available)

Chi Bui, orthochi@yahoo.com



### An All-Bach Piano Concert Featuring D. Alan Shewmon MD

You are cordially invited to Alan's piano recital. This time he will treat us to an all-Bach program, beginning with the D minor Concerto, followed by transcriptions of Bach works by various transcribers, including Liszt, Rachmaninoff, Busoni, and others.

**SUN, FEBRUARY 26 @ 4:00PM**

Steinway Gallery

\$15, members; \$25, non-members

Ethel Laczko, etheledu@yahoo.com



Q&A from 02138:

## Eloise Lynton '17



Eloise Lynton '17, a concentrator in History of Art and Architecture, was born in Los Angeles and graduated from Windward High School where she co-founded a student volunteer service program called “Book in a Bag” and served on student government. She was president of the National Art Honors Society and played varsity Soccer and Tennis. She is a senior residing in Lowell House. At Harvard, she is an Arts editor for the Harvard Advocate, director of the Harvard Student Art Show, a member of the Signet Society, and a member of Crimson Key Society, a group that works with freshmen and leads tours around campus. She spent her summer as an intern at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City, working with a curator in the prints and drawings department.

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

**EL:** When I came to Harvard, I was pleasantly surprised by the tight-knit community that each individual house is able to foster. Harvard can seem impersonal and intimidating from the outside, but the house and rooming system really allows each student to cultivate a group of close friends.

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

**EL:** I first visited Harvard during the fall of my senior year of high school. At the time, I remember it seemed daunting. I don't think I really allowed myself to picture what it would be like to actually attend until after I was admitted.

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

**EL:** Freshman fall, I took American Encounters, an Art History Course on American art taught by Professor Jennifer Roberts. This course is part of what inspired me to major in art history and to focus on American Art. Since then, I have taken many more courses taught by Professor Roberts, and she has had an immense influence on the way I think and learn. She has a way of conveying her understanding of art history in a manner that is both engaging and thought provoking. She approaches art history as a comprehensive discipline, a window through which to explore and challenge past and present American culture. This year, I am lucky enough to have Professor Roberts as my thesis advisor.

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

**EL:** During my freshman year, there was an enormous snowstorm in Boston. It was freezing cold and everything was completely covered in frost. The weekend of the storm, some friends and I borrowed some trays from the freshman cafeteria. We went up to the top of the Widener steps and slid down.

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

**EL:** Harvard isn't perfect, and if I were president there would be a lot of things I might do differently. The main issues I would focus on would be reworking student-run social spaces so they are less exclusive, making sure student extra-curricular activities are diverse and less competitive, focusing on creating a university-wide comprehensive policy on sexual assault that does not confuse the issues of gendered social spaces and these incidents. The Harvard administration is very aware of many of these problems, and I know that there have been important steps forward in many areas in the past few years – but in an ideal world they would be solved quickly and effectively.

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

**EL:** There is a laid back attitude about Southern California that I occasionally find myself missing on the East Coast. Not to say that people here don't know how to relax and have fun, but on the East Coast, people certainly operate more around deadlines, schedules, and routines.

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

**EL:** At the moment, I am not entirely sure. My family has just moved away from Southern California to Manhattan, so I no longer have an excuse to fly out as often to visit. My high school friends and teachers still live there, and of course all of my childhood memories, so I hope I will be able to make my way back there some day!

*THANK YOU!*  
The new design for this month's newsletter  
was created by Jane Byon JD'09.

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

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