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## Din & Tonics and Harvard Kroks to Perform in January

One of our most popular events, the A Cappella Double Feature, will be returning to Los Angeles in January. The Harvard Club of Southern California is proud to present two of Harvard’s most prestigious a cappella groups, The Harvard Din & Tonics and the Harvard Krokodiloes, as they perform at the Westwood Presbyterian Church on Saturday, January 6 at 8PM.

This will be the groups’ sixth Wintersession visit to the Southland. The past five concerts were 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 \$25 for members, \$35 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 four tickets, you’re nearly getting your membership for free. Tickets and Club membership can be purchased on our website.

# Fandango Obon: Tracing the Original Indigenous Path of the Los Angeles River (October 21, 2023)

To honor Indigenous People's Month, a trio of three procession walks on Tongva land, led by community leaders and culture bearers, reclaimed historic courses of the Los Angeles River and converged at the LA State Historic Park on a hot Saturday morning. One route began in Placita Olvera, another at the Downey Recreation Park. The third route started at the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) located in Little Tokyo, a site where during World War II persons of Japanese descent were transported to stables at the Santa Anita Racetrack and, shortly thereafter, newly-arriving African Americans facing racial housing covenants built the World War II Bronzeville community. The Finale Club in Little Tokyo featured Charlie Parker and a young Mile Davis, and their gig was central to an award-winning short story by Rubén Funkahuatl Guevara, whose childhood in Boyle Heights (across the bridge from Little Tokyo) was the inspiration, followed by a musical play in partnership with Chinese American Dan Kwong.

The JANM route headed up First Street, turned onto Spring St., went up Grand Park to the Metro station for a breather, then onto Hill St. and over the freeway and down into Chinatown, stopping again at the Metro station. Who knew that the original Los Angeles River, alluvial and meandering and flowing was the lifeblood of a community? Latinx, Asian American, and African American musicians and singers led the way as we walked and sang a call-and-response song about rivers, ourselves, flowing and going and being strong amidst mobile sculptures of fish and foxes and a blue banner representing the river – all made and carried by MOCA Teens and MOCA staff. Fulcrum, MOCA, and JANM staff dragged cartons of water, snacks, apples, and tangerines, as well as the sound system that augmented the lead singers. After resting, each group proceeded into the Park to a spot where we all circled around an indigenous performance of water and sound and learned an obon odori dance to River song and met the artists Debra Scacco and Joel Garcia who initiated the River Procession performances and gathering. Oh, what a beautiful morning!



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## Recent Events

### Peppertree Canyon Farm, Vineyard, and Winery Event

How do you make a dreary day bright? You spend it with good friends and pair it with great wine, great food, and lots of laughter.

On the last Saturday in September, 60 Harvard Alums, friends, and family came together for a wine tasting and Vineyard tour in Orange County. Though it rained a little, most people chose to remain outdoors enjoying the ambiance and good company. This was a very special event as Peppertree Canyon Farm and Vineyard is private property and not open to the public. Access is granted by invitation only.

Dining on a Mediterranean buffet, dipping fruits and cheesecake in chocolate fondue, all the while sipping one of Peppertree's award winning wines, one attendee commented, "You guys really outdid yourselves with this one! The food was outstanding, the wine yummy, and this venue is absolutely breathtaking!"

It was easy to miss out on this one as the sign ups for this event sold out less than a week after it was posted. Please keep checking back with us for future events and don't forget to sign up as soon as you can so as not to miss out on an event you really want to attend!

This event was put together by Harvard Business School Association of Orange County (HBSAOC) and co-sponsored by the Harvard Club of Southern California (HCSC). You can see upcoming HBSAOC events via [www.hbsaoc.org](http://www.hbsaoc.org).



### Breakfast Networking Event at the Charming Leora Cafe

On Friday, October 27, 20 Harvard alumni gathered for coffee, conversation, and delicious pastries at Leora Cafe in Beverly Hills. The scenic cafe is hidden within UTA Plaza, so the first challenge for the group was finding the location. The group met bright and early at 8 AM, and enjoyed stimulating conversation at Leora's outdoor patio. "The event brought together a diverse group of alumni of all ages, and from throughout the Harvard community. People were able to connect in a low-key setting going into the weekend." said Pooja Nair JD '11, one of the event organizers. The Harvard Club is planning to continue hosting these breakfast networking events throughout the city. If you have an idea for a location for a future event, please email [harvardsocal@gmail.com](mailto:harvardsocal@gmail.com).



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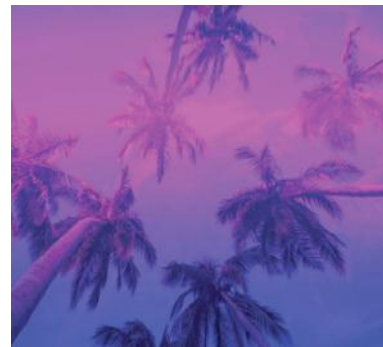
## ULI Los Angeles: Harvard GSD Alumni Reception 2023

Join fellow GSD alumni and faculty for a reception during the ULI Fall Meeting in Los Angeles. Whether you live locally or are traveling for ULI, we invite you to connect with the GSD community and hear from Richard Peiser MBA '73.

**WED, NOV 1 @ 4:00PM**

Lehrer Architects (Los Angeles)

No charge



## Standup Comedy Night 2023

Please join us at the gorgeous Bourbon Room Hollywood (near Hollywood and Vine), for a show with 10 top comedians, including Harvard alums, as well as other local favorites. You are also welcome to stay after the show to chat with fellow alums and friends.

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## Harvard Club Karaoke Night

Join Harvard alumni and friends in a private room karaoke experience in Arcadia! Space is limited, so reserve now to secure your seat and to take advantage of the early bird discount, which includes singing and appetizers.

**SAT, NOV 4 @ 8:00PM**

Moxie Lounge & Karaoke (Arcadia)

Early bird price (before Oct 15): \$35 (members); \$45 (non-members)

Regular price (deadline Nov 1): \$40 (members); \$50 (non-members)



## Artificial Intelligence: IP Issues Every Lawyer Should be Able to Spot

You are invited to join our friends at the Harvard Law School Association of Orange County along with intellectual property attorneys Mark Lezama and Alex Martinez of Knobbe Martens for this very timely event.

**WED, NOV 8 @ 12:00PM**

Online via Zoom (details sent after registration)

No charge



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## “The Game” Viewing Party 2023 – Los Angeles

Join Harvard alumni (and some Yalies) as we gather again to cheer on the Crimson at the 139th version of “The Game.” Come reconnect with old friends, make new ones and participate in a raffle of Harvard memorabilia.

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Q’s Billiard Club & Restaurant (Los Angeles)

Members, \$10; Non-Members, \$15; Kids (under 12), \$5



## “The Game” Viewing Party 2023 – Orange County

Cheer on the Crimson with fellow Harvard alumni as we cheer on our team to victory! This event is a potluck – bring a dish to share with fellow alums. We look forward to seeing you there.

**SAT, NOV 18 @ 8:30AM**

Elks Lodge #1767 on the Waterfront (Newport Beach)

\$0, members, \$20, non-members



## “The Game” - Post-Game Tailgate 2023

Join us for a post-game lunch and tailgate as we sit along the harbor and munch on Sabatinos world-renowned sausages. Keep the party going with your choice of wine, beer or assorted non-alcoholic beverages.

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



## [Members Only] Private Tour of Orange County Museum of Art

Join fellow Harvard and Princeton Alums for a private tour of the Orange County Museum of Art and learn about the building’s unique architecture and collection. This event is open to members only.

**FRI, DEC 1 @ 5:00PM**

Orange County Museum of Art (Costa Mesa)

\$37.50 per person



Q & A from 02138:

## Alexandru Bucur '24



Alexandru Bucur, '24, a concentrator in Economics, was born in Pasadena, California and graduated from Harvard-Westlake High School in 2019. He was a co-captain of the men's water polo team during his senior year and helped lead the program to a Division 1 CIF Championship. Outside of water polo and school, he earned his Eagle Scout while serving a number of leadership roles within his troop. He resides in Mather House and has continued his water polo career as both a player for the men's team and a color commentator during the women's season. He recently started to spend his free time surfing and had his first surfing excursion on the East Coast which was an "absolute blast." He spent this past summer pursuing his sports commentary passion by working for World Aquatics and GameOnLive Studios, providing social media coverage, stream production, and commentary for several water polo events throughout the summer.

*HCSC: What was your favorite class and why?*

AB: Because it is impossible to pick just one class, my two most memorable classes have been The Economics of Cities with Professor Glaeser and Big Data with Professor Chetty. In both of these classes, I got to explore the real world application of economics within the lens of Los Angeles. For The Economics of Cities, I learned how the numerous areas of business shaped the very spread out nature of the city I grew up in. Professor Chetty's course expanded on this idea by teaching me how to analyze the data to better understand the socioeconomic divides within neighborhoods and how they've developed over time. Because of these two classes, I have an increased understanding and appreciation for where I grew up and where I hope to start my life after college.

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

AB: and in total awe of the history of this campus and Boston as a whole. During that year, I was taking U.S. history and seeing campus made me fully realize how connected Harvard was to numerous aspects of this country's history. This was only furthered after I got the opportunity to speak with faculty members and hear their own experiences before they came back to campus.

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

AB: I was walking back to my dorm after practice, during the first week of freshman year when I was stopped by a South African rower who lived across from me in the yard. He asked me if I wanted to go watch a live performance of Mama Mia, starring one of his teammates, and have an absolute blast. The next night, I randomly run into him walking towards the T with his teammates and they ask me if I want to go watch The Joker with them. From that point, they've become some of my closest friends and in the most unexpected way that we still laugh about to this day when reminiscing on the carefree days of freshman year.

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

AB: The thing I miss most from home is the proximity to the beach and mountains that offer a break from everyday life and allow me to connect with the outdoor world. I enjoy spending my free time hiking or surfing and those have become relatively difficult to pursue in

Cambridge. Luckily, I've been able to take advantage of some opportunities to follow those passions here, but nothing compares to how prevalent or numerous they are in Southern California.

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

AB: Although I do not know where my future will take me, I hope to eventually end up living in Southern California because of the place it holds in my heart. After spending my entire life in a pool or by the beach, they have genuinely become a place that my identity has been built around. Therefore, I want my family to have the same opportunities I did and personally stay connected to the water polo world that's largely based out of Southern California.



## *Welcome to New Members...*

The Harvard Club of Southern California welcomes the following new members:

Gabriel Barrett-Jackson MUP '23	Genevieve Kanter SM '91	Samuel Park ALM '17
Hunter Bren '27	Gloria Kim MPP '09	Elizabeth Peinado '23
Brendan Burney '20	Rami Kinsara PLDA '20	Christopher Sanders '09
Kale Catchings '22	Fabian Koenig '23	Samantha Shelton '22
Mier Chen ALM '22	Brandon Kwon '24	Ariel Simon '02
Jessica Dong MBA '23	Lindsay Laird JD '22	Catherine Springer MAR '95
Morgan Eiland PLDA '23	Denise Littlejohn '88	Kevin Streeter MCSO '23
Jaime Espinoza MRE '24	Arthur Jimenez HMSEE '23	Sathvik Sudireddy '19, MBA '23
Michael Fizek ALB '21	Christine Lee '93	Alan Tebuev MDS '23
Sara Ghandehari MCSO '23	Jason Leo MDS '23	David Thurm '75
David Grasso MPP '09	Elbert Liang JD '23	Maxwell Ulin JD '23
Nathaniel Gray '03	Linda Lin '24	Israel Villanueva '93
Mina Hanin MPP '23	Kade McGovern '25	Leilani Wesley '23
Jaxson Hill SB '23	Christopher Minev MBA '09	Justin Wong '16
Davin Jeong '27	Max Nguyen ALM '23	Sahil Yadav GMP '23



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