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NOVEMBER 2022

## *Upcoming Events*

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Online via Zoom

No charge

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## The Harvard-Yale Game: Westwood and OC Viewing Parties

Join fellow alumni (and some Yalies) as the Crimson beats Yale again at the 138th version of “The Game.”

The HCSC is sponsoring two viewing party events on Saturday, November 19. Please join us at either location as we cheer the Crimson on to victory. Registration and additional information are available on the HCSC website.

#### Westwood Event:

Barneys Beanery in Westwood @ 9:00am  
1037 Broxton Avenue, Los Angeles

\$5 for member, \$10 for non-members

Contact: Joe Rogers, jr@workdone.ai

#### Orange County Event:

Elks Lodge, #11767 on the Waterfront @ 8:30am  
Lido Marina Village, 3456 Via Oporto, Newport  
Beach

Pot Luck: Please bring a dish to share. Drinks will  
be available for purchase.

Parking: Metered parking in front of Elks Lodge,  
or at the Lido Marina Village parking structure

Contact: Matthew Stasior, mstasior@gmail.com;  
Betsey Gillis, newport1@flash.net; or A. J.  
Rogers, rxsurgeon@aol.com



## News from the Harvard Club of Southern California Board

On October 15, the Board of the Harvard Club of Southern California met in Corona Del Mar for the first in-person gathering since our Annual Meeting in June. Elizabeth Gillis AB '82 arranged for a beautiful setting with a view of Newport Harbor and Balboa Island. Board members discussed notable upcoming events such as the Harvard-Yale Game Viewing Party (one each in Orange County and Los Angeles), the upcoming Alumni Leadership Conference in Cambridge, a Krokodiloes concert in January 2023, and the perennial Board Nominations process. If you are interested in serving on the Harvard Board and are a club member in good standing, we'd love to hear from you!

Board Officers also had the opportunity to join executive director of the Harvard Alumni Association Philip Lovejoy, for dinner at Javier's in Century City to celebrate his quarter-century of service to the University and strong relationship with the Harvard volunteer community around the world. Lovejoy has announced his retirement from Harvard and his new commitment to land conservation and sustainable forest-resource management leading the Blue Hills Foundation, an 8,000-acre working land trust assembled by his father, George Lovejoy. We wish him the best in his new adventure!

### *Welcome to New Members...*

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

Jeffrey Aguero '07	Sylvie Escande EdM '94	Peter Jerome Ishmael Paulino EdM '22
David Aguilar '10	Kyle Garrity MTS '97	Azella Perryman MBA '11
David Altfeld '55, GSASP '56	Liliana Geldmacher '76, MBA '81	Nicholas Qiu MBA '20
Armeen Barghi EdM '22	Dania Ghuneim MAR '22	Natasa Rajicic SD '06
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Gabriella Choi MBA '17	Timur Kalimov '09	Ann Stapleton '81
Hye Bin Choi EdM '22	Nancy Keegan MBA '88	Posy Stoller '21
Shong Chong ALM '22	James Kinney '85	Chelsey Tolman ALM '99
Charmaine Craig '93	Joyce Lee MBA '13	Kristin Wadhwa '04
Madeline Darcy MBA '19	Hannah Martinez '23	Timberli Williams ALM '22
Geetanjali Datta SM '02, SM '04	Parker Mas '22	Jenny Woo EdM '18
Weixiu Dong MBI '21	Sven Merten MPP '10	Qingru Xu MDS '22
Elizabeth Double '14	Richard Millett '15, JD '20	Haochun Yang DMD '25
Shayla Durbois ALM '22	Tyler Olson '15	Nikita Yaroshevsky ALM '15
Elwood Egerton ALM '89	Roxanne Pan '96	Junyao Zhao ALM '17

# Recent Events

## Partner Event: What Every Lawyer Should Know About NFTs

On September 29, the Harvard Law School Associations of San Diego, Orange County, Los Angeles, Northern California, and the HLSA Women's Alliance of LA presented an expert panel on Non-fungible Tokens (NFTs) via Zoom. The panel featured Melanie J. Howard '01, the chair of IP Protection at Loeb & Loeb and Mark F. Radcliffe '81, co-chair of DLA Piper's Blockchain and Digital Asset Practice Group, and was moderated by Olga V. Mack.



## Recent Grads Event: Welcome To Your City

On September 29, close to 100 Harvard Angelenos, long-timers and newbies, met at Citizen Public Market in Culver City. Bar Bohémien on the roof was the chosen place to gather, but we took our time exploring the other stations at the market, including Jolly Oyster, Pizzette, Go Go Bird, goodboybob, and others. The Pizzette ends and the prosciutto and burrata appetizer are highly recommended. Thank you to everyone who came out. It has been 3 years since our last in-person WTYC.



## HCSC Crimson Book Club - *Harlem Shuffle*

On September 21, approximately 15 alumni engaged in a spirited discussion of Colson Whitehead's '91 bestseller, *Harlem Shuffle*. A family saga masquerading as a crime novel, *Harlem Shuffle* is set against a backdrop of the 1964 Harlem race riots, looting, gentrification, and corrupt Black capitalists. It is a story about property and the vexed relationship that African Americans have with it. Our next meeting will be on January 10, 2023 to discuss *March* by Gerladine Brooks (see page 5 for more details).



### Send Us Your Event Photos!



Have photos from recent Harvard Club events? Share them with us by emailing them to [photos@harvard-social.org](mailto:photos@harvard-social.org) and include your name, the date and name of the event, and a description.

*\*Please note that any photos shared may be shared on our Club's social media channels and newsletter. Please receive consent from all photographed parties.*

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Come join your friends and fellow Harvard Alums for a fun introduction to the fastest growing racquet sport in the country. Includes a one-hour orientation to rules of the sport and professional instruction from expert SM Club players.

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## Virtual Event (Radcliffe): Beyond “Fair Harvard” — Perspectives from Black Alumni

Following the release of the report and recommendations of the Presidential Committee on Harvard & the Legacy of Slavery in April 2022, Harvard Radcliffe Institute and other schools across the University are engaging with the legacies of slavery, continuing to excavate the past and understand its contemporary effects.

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## Harvard Recent Grads December “First Mondays” Happy Hour

Start off your month with good food and new friends! We’ll be meeting at the below listed location for Happy Hour on the first Monday of each month.

**MON, DEC 5 @ 5:00PM**

Osteria Del Fornaio (Santa Monica)

No charge, cash bar



## HCSC/ANHW Beverly Hills Brunch

Enjoy an outing with the Harvard Club of Southern California and the Alumnae-i Network for Harvard Women. We’ll enjoy a prix-fixe brunch meal including a non-alcoholic drink or mimosa, light shared appetizers, and a brunch entrée of your choice.

**SUN, DEC 11 @ 10:30AM**

Gourmando Restaurant (Beverly Hills)

Starting at \$55 per person



## Harvard Basketball Comes to Southern California vs. UC Irvine

Come out to cheer on the Harvard Men’s basketball team as they take on UC Irvine. We look forward to seeing you there!

**TUE, DEC 20 @ 7:00PM**

Bren Events Center (Irvine)

\$12.65 per ticket (discounted from \$22)



Q & A from 02138:

## Josie Abugov '23



Josie Abugov '23, resides in Kirkland House, is pursuing a joint concentration in Social Studies and the Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality. She grew up in Studio City/Sherman Oaks (calling herself “a true valley girl”). She attended Harvard-Westlake High School, where she was editor-in-chief of the *Harvard-Westlake Chronicle*. She spent the summer before tenth grade in a rural village in Russia and in the summer before senior year, she lived with a family in Nanjing, China through a program run by the Department of State. At Harvard, she is an editor-at-large for *The Crimson's Fifteen Minutes Magazine* and a Leducky Fellow for *Harvard Magazine*. Before the pandemic, she had a radio show for WHRB where she played alternative and hip hop music, and was a gallery attendant at the Cooper Gallery for African and African American Art in Harvard Square. She is also affiliated with the Association of Black Harvard Women, The Signet, and Crimson Key Society. Her mother is Kelly Goode '83.

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

JA: When I went to Boston with my eighth-grade class, our tour guide showed us the “whispering arch” at the entrance of Sever Hall. If two people stand on opposite sides of the entrance, face away from each other, and speak towards the layers of brick that compose the building, they'll hear every word the others says with perfect clarity. I remember speaking to my best friend Nicole across the archway and genuinely believing that it was magic. This sounds silly, but from that point on, I really did want to go to Harvard.

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

JA: There are many classes that I've loved from these past four years, but Feminist Political Thought, a government lecture taught by Professor Katrina Forrester, was one of the most meaningful because it exposed me to American and European feminist ideologies that I didn't know existed. The methodological approach of this course was very powerful to me — we weren't debating the efficacy of feminism as a movement, but rather analyzing different feminist schools of thought from a philosophical standpoint. After this class, I just wanted to keep reading feminist theory, black feminist theory in particular.

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

JA: There really are hilarious moments every day here — the school is dense with all sorts of characters and, even as a “super senior” who sometimes feels like I've seen it all, life at Harvard rarely feels boring. I did a profile for *The Crimson* on one of these characters. At the end of each school year, the magazine would usually pick 15 seniors deemed “the most interesting” of their class. But during the pandemic, the chairs decided to randomly select 15 seniors and have all the incoming editors profile them. I profiled this guy, Stephen, who had kept cockroaches in his room since he was a freshman. He told me this crazy story about how two of his cockroaches mated one summer and so he became the parent of 30 baby cockroaches, who he then tried to kill (though he called it “some circle of life stuff”) by asking the Pfoho email list if anyone could loan him a lizard.

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

JA: With Harvard's recent divestment from fossil fuels, the administration is making meaningful strides toward combating some of the most pressing social issues, but there's obviously a long way to go. If I were the President of Harvard, I would follow the lead of the Harvard Prison Divestment Campaign and cut off financial ties with the prison industrial complex. I'd also return the contested daguerreotypes of the enslaved people in the Lanier v. Harvard case to their descendants. On a lighter note, I would expand the fruit selection in the dining hall (especially raspberries), bring back omelet stations in all the houses, and offer chicken tenders every day at lunch.

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

JA: Weather, food, and family are definitely some of the biggest things I miss about home! This might be a controversial take, but I actually miss driving when I'm here in Cambridge. I certainly don't miss driving up Coldwater in the mornings to get to my high school, but I do miss listening to my favorite songs with my home friends while driving on Mulholland in the late afternoons.

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

JA: As I start searching for jobs, I'm definitely looking for opportunities in Los Angeles, even though New York is the hub of Harvard post-grad life — Harvard Part 2, as people like to call it. But whether I move back to Los Angeles after graduating, I'm very confident that I will spend a lot of time in Southern California during my lifetime. One of my very-millennial sounding goals is having a backyard sometime during my young adulthood. Maybe the lofty pursuit of a humble backyard will bring me back home.

*HCSC: How did you manage the transition to virtual classes?*

JA: I didn't! After I finished the Spring 2020 semester, I took a gap year. I feel very grateful that I was able to live with a few friends who were also spending the year doing various virtual internships. But for the couple months when I did do virtual classes, the painting Gen Ed course I was enrolled in made my brief stint of online learning feel worthwhile. I'm a decidedly untalented painter. I had enrolled in the course out of sheer curiosity and because I needed to complete my "Aesthetics and Culture" Gen Ed requirement. When we all got sent home in March 2020, our instructors sent us a fabulous set of painting supplies. Most afternoons that spring, I would sit and paint in the backyard. Even though my final results were not particularly sophisticated, that class gave me many moments of peace during the beginning stages of the pandemic.

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