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### Upcoming Events.

Sunday, Mar. 1, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M. HAAAA Presents... Two Young Writers, Julie Wu AB '88 and Jennifer J. Chow

**Location:** Taiwan Center of Los Angeles (Rosemead)

Cost: Free

Saturday, Mar. 14, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M. Lunar New Year Banquet

**Location:** Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant **Cost:** \$37.50, members; \$42.50, non-members

\$25, children, 12 & under

Thursday, Mar. 19, 2015 @ 12:00 P.M. Meet the Harvard Women's Varsity Tennis Team - Clinic and Lunch Included

**Location:** Pacific Palisades Tennis Center **S20**, members; **\$25**, non-members

Thursday, Mar. 19, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M.

Battle of the Ivies Trivia Night

**Location:** Manhattan Country Club (Manhattan Beach)

**Cost:** \$10 per person

Thursday, Mar. 19, 2015 @ 7:30 P.M. LA Opera: Gioachino Rossini's Barber of Seville

**Location:** Dorothy Chandler Pavilion (Los Angeles)

Cost: SOLD OUT

Sunday, Mar. 22, 2015 @ 3:00 P.M. Science Pub Series #6 - A History of Photosynthesis

Location: Dupar's Restaurant and Bakery (Pasadena)

Cost: \$25 per person

Saturday, Mar. 28, 2015 (a) 12:00 P.M.
Issues in Education - Diversity and Inclusion
Location: The Home of Priscilla Heim (Los Angeles)

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No charge, contribution to a pot-luck luncheon

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## Save the Date - May 31st...



# The 2015 Harvard Club Annual Dinner and Awards

You are invited to attend our annual general membership meeting and awards dinner.



The John Harvard Award for Distinguished Community Service will be presented to **Lucy Jones, Ph.D.** Dr. Jones has been a seismologist with the US Geological Survey and a Visiting Research Associate at the Seismological Laboratory of Caltech

since 1983. She currently serves as Science Advisor for Risk Reduction in the Natural Hazards Mission of the US Geological Survey, leading long-term science planning for natural hazards research. She also leads the SAFRR Project (Science Application for Risk Reduction) to apply USGS science to reduce risk in communities across the Nation. In 2014, she partnered with the City of Los Angeles, serving as the Mayor's Science Advisor for Seismic Safety and has led the development of a critically important, comprehensive plan for securing the water system, safeguarding communication infrastructure and retrofitting buildings in the city to make them earthquake safe.



The Educator of the Year Award will be presented to **Dean Erwin Chemerinsky**, **HLS '78**. Dean Chemerinsky is the founding Dean and Distinguished Professor of Law, and Raymond Pryke Professor

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of First Amendment Law, at the UC Irvine School of Law. He also taught for 21 years at the USC School of Law. His areas of expertise are constitutional law, federal practice, civil rights and civil liberties, and appellate litigation. He is the author of eight books, including "The Case Against the Supreme Court" published in 2014, and more than 200 articles in top law reviews. He frequently argues cases before the nation's highest courts, including the United States Supreme Court.



The Fred Smith Award for Outstanding Service to the Harvard Club of Southern California will be presented to Dr. Albert Chang, AB '63, immediate past President of the club and past VP for Programs.

It's going to be a great night, so be sure to save the date, Sunday, May 31, 2015!

# RECENT EVENTS...



# HAA Alumni **Leadership Conference** - February 5-6, 2015

Our own Cynthia Torres, HAA President, is flanked by Kay Park and

Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi at the HAA Alumni Leadership Conference held on February 5-6. Representatives from 75 Clubs and SIGS from around the world gathered in Cambridge to hear from Harvard faculty and to share best practices for supporting local Clubs.



# Ivy Alumni Dim Sum **Event - February 15th**

Thank you to the 90 attendees of Inter-Ivy Lunar New Year Dim Sum!

Connections were made among alumni from Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Columbia, Cornell, Brown, Dartmouth, and UPenn and everyone enjoyed traditional Asian food to celebrate the Year of the Ram.

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# HAAAA Presents... Two Young Writers, Julie Wu AB '88 and Jennifer J. Chow

Two young writers, Jennifer Chow, the author of a novel "The 228 Legacy," and Julie Wu AB '88, the author of "The Third Son" come to LA for a speech on how "228" and the "White Terror" get woven into their novels.

Date: Sunday, March 1, 2015

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: Taiwan Center of Los Angeles

(Rosemead)

Cost: Free (RSVP requested)

Contact: John Wang, john@post.harvard.edu

RSVP: http://www.Harvard-LA.org



# **Lunar New Year Banquet**

Join the Wellesley Clubs of LA and Pasadena and the Harvard Club in celebrating the Lunar New Year at the Monterey Park Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant. Unconfirmed guest of Honor/Speaker: Ambassador Liu Jian, Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Los Angeles and other Consulate representatives. Subject matter to be determined.

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2015

Time: 6:00 P.M.

**Location:** Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant

(Monterey Park)

Cost: \$37.50, Members/guests;

\$42.50, Non-members/guests;

\$25, Kids 12 and under

**Contact:** Curtis Jang, curtisjang@sbcglobal.net

**Register:** http://www.Harvard-LA.org



## Meet the Harvard Women's Varsity Tennis Team -Clinic and Lunch Included

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015

Tennis, 12-3 P.M.; Picnic, 3-4 P.M. Time: **Location:** Pacific Palisades Tennis Center Cost: \$20, Members; \$25, Non-Members **Contact:** Albert Chang, albertchang@charter.net

**Register:** http://www.Harvard-LA.org

Join us for this very special opportunity to meet the Harvard Women's Varsity Tennis Team as they visit the Southland.

Our group will get to watch them practice and they will also hold a clinic and hit tennis balls with alumni tennis fans. A "Pollo Loco" picnic is included.



# **Battle of** Trivia Night

Come with your own team of six or come alone and join your fellow alumni teammates for an epic battle to see who deserves the title of Ivy League Smarty Pants. Entry fee \$10 - amazing prizes and your first drink is free.

Thursday, March 19, 2015 Date:

Time: 6:00 P.M. Cost:

\$10 per person

Location: Manhattan Country Club

(Manhattan Beach)

Contact: Lisa Watanabe-Peagler,

lisawatanabe@post.harvard.edu

**Register:** http://www.Harvard-LA.org



# Science Pub Series #6 - A History of Photosynthesis

Learn how photosynthesis has shaped the world around us in this talk by Dr. Woodward Fischer, Caltech professor of Geological and Planetary Sciences.

Seating is limited. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015

**Time:** 3:00 P.M.

**Location:** Dupar's Restaurant & Bakery (Pasadena)

Cost: \$25 per person

Contact: Ethel Seminario Laczko,

etheledu@gmail.com



# Reception and Talk - Men's Basketball Coach Tommy Amaker

Since taking over as head coach of Harvard's century-old men's basketball program in 2007, Tommy Amaker has reinvented the Crimson into an Ivy League power with a national presence. He has directed Harvard to a period of unprecedented prosperity in the form of three straight NCAA tournament appearances, four consecutive Ivy League Championships, and five 20-win seasons in a row. Join us for a special reception and evening of conversation with Coach Amaker.

**Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2015

**Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

**Location:** Private residence in Hancock Park

Cost: \$25, members/guests; \$40, non-members

**Contact:** John Wang, john@post.harvard.edu



# Issues in Education — Educators' Roundtable, Diversity and Inclusion with Professor Claudia Mitchell-Kernan

Among the stress-creating pressures visited upon today's student from K to 12--and just as much in the university--group pressure has power. We worry about the increasing stress from test scores and entrance requirements, but early interaction with various groups may evolve from support to a different kind of need, while events in the outside world leak into the emotional well-being of parent and eventually child alike. Come add your views on the varied pressures endured by today's students.

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2015

**Time:** 12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Location: The Home of Priscilla Heim

**Cost:** Contribution to a pot-luck luncheon. **Contact:** Priscilla Heim, priheim@verizon.net

## Save the Date - April 22nd!



# **Issues in Education: Jack Miles PhD '71**

Join us for a talk by Jack Miles, Professor of English and Religious Studies at UC Irvine, PhD

in Near Eastern Languages, author of several books including *God: A Biography*, which won a Pulitzer Prize for Biography in 1996, and Editor of the recently published *Norton Anthology of World Religions*.

Everybody welcome. Come and air your views!

Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Location: TBA
Cost: TBA

**Contact:** Priscilla Heim, priheim@verizon.net

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## Q&A from 02138... Anahi Mendoza '15

(These interviews are a regular contribution to the HCSC Newsletter and will spotlight students enrolled at Harvard who are from Southern California. Nominations to profile students from our region are invited.)

Anahi Mendoza '15, a Social Studies concentrator, was born in Mexico City, raised in Santa Barbara, CA and graduated as valedictorian from Santa Maria High School. As a high school student, Anahi founded the DREAM Club dedicated to advocating for undocumented students, and the Gay Straight Alliance committed to creating safe spaces on campus for LGBTQ youth. Anahi is currently a senior residing in Quincy

House. At Harvard, she is the Director Emeritus of Harvard College Act on a Dream, an organization dedicated to advocating for immigration reform and providing resources for undocumented students at the College and throughout the nation. Anahi is also a volunteer with Chelsea Collaborative, an organization in Chelsea, Massachusetts dedicated to serving recent immigrants. Further, Anahi serves as a volunteer interpreter for the Harvard Law School Immigration Clinic. Throughout her college career, Anahi has held various internships which have included interning in Senator Dianne Feinstein's Washington, D.C. office, serving as a fellow for California Speaker Pro Tempore Nora Campos, and helping coordinate the fight for the immigration Senate Bill in Washington, D.C. in the summer of 2013. She is currently writing a senior thesis on immigration legal practices and policy. During her sophomore year of college, Anahi worked with her roommate to found Manifesta Magazine, a student publication dedicated to providing a platform for feminist discourse on campus. As a result of her activism, Anahi was honored at the White House as a Champion of Change in the summer of 2014.

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

**AM:** The ability to hear from world leaders at places like the Institute of Politics and the ability to invite prominent politicians and journalists to student-organized conferences. While at Harvard, I had the opportunity to hear from the President of Brazil, the former President of Mexico, Aung San Suu Kyi, and Jorge Ramos, and invite journalists like Maria Elena Salinas to speak at conferences.

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

**AM:** I first visited Harvard as a pre-frosh in April of 2011 and I was greeted with a shiver inducing winter chill. However, I was also welcomed by a charismatic group of Harvard students that guided me through what then seemed daunting and grandiose buildings, the Institute of Politics and Annenberg among them. I also had the opportunity to sit in on Professor Marshall Ganz's community organizing class, a course that I would take my junior year.

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

**YDL:** My favorite course to date has been Professor Deborah Anker's Immigration Policy and Social Change course taught at Harvard Law School. Not only did it provide me an opportunity to explore a career in the law, but it also taught me about the political intricacies of creating sound policies. Through a series of speakers, this course discussed labor organizing in the context of migrant workers, the intersection of immigration and criminal law, immigrant detention and civil rights, border issues, and international refugee law. By understanding the history of immigration law, we were able to discuss how immigrant 'illegality' is constructed. This course later served as inspiration for my senior thesis on immigration legal practices and policy.

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

AM: My funniest moment at Harvard was sumo wrestling a friend at the annual Harvard Relay for Life event.

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

**AM:** Other than relocating Harvard to Southern California, as President of Harvard I would ensure that Harvard extends admissions information to students beyond those traditionally represented. Further, I would work to ensure that the university actively works to promote social justice endeavors beyond our traditional Harvard "bubble."

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

**AM:** Other than my mother's delicious homemade Mexican food, I miss hiking the beautiful beaches and scenic trails of our picturesque region.

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

**AM:** Following my graduation from Harvard, I hope to work in the public service sector either as a Community Fellow for Immigrant Justice Corps in New York or a fellow in Washington, D.C. Following a fellowship, I hope to attend law school on the east coast but eventually return to Southern California to practice impact litigation.



# Harvard Men's Volleyball visits SoCal, March 13-17

The Harvard Men's Volleyball program under coach Brian Baise has been nationally ranked 3 years in a row, and is having another terrific year. Come cheer them on as they play against LB State, Cal State Northridge, and Pepperdine.

#### At Long Beach State (Walter Pyramid):

Friday, March 13th @ 7:00 P.M. vs. #10 LB State Saturday, March 14th @ 5:00 P.M. vs. #15 CSUN

#### At Pepperdine (Malibu campus gym):

Tuesday, March 17th @ 7:00 P.M. vs. #5 Pepperdine

For more information, please contact Russell Riopelle '86, the Chair of the Friends of Harvard Men's Volleyball Alumni Group, at russriop@gmail.com. Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you at these matches and supporting the team!

# **Upcoming LGBT Events by Ivy Pride Alliance LA**



# March 28, 2015 at 3:30 P.M. - Wine Tasting at LCA Wine in Orange County

Come mix and mingle with LGBT alumni at a Saturday afternoon wine

tasting half way between LA and San Diego at LCA Wines at SOCO in Costa Mesa. LCA Wines is a boutique wine shop solely focusing on wine tasting, wine education and retail wine sales.



### April 19, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. - Ivy Pride Wine Tasting at Silverlake Wine

Join us for a wine tasting at Silverlake Wine and stay for the networking and new friends you'll meet. Silverlake

Wine will be offering a flight of 3 wines for \$15.



# April 25, 2015 at 10:30 A.M. - Springtime in The Huntington Botanical Gardens

Enjoy the Huntington's famous gardens in a docent-led tour that

highlights the plants and history of this Southern California treasure.

# The Harvard Club of Southern California Membership Registration Form

#### Stay involved with the local Harvard community:

Southern California residents who have been connected for at least one academic year with any department of Harvard University as a student or instructor are eligible for membership in the Harvard Club of Southern California. Member benefits include a monthly newsletter, reduced fees for Club events, electronic updates, and inclusion in the annual directory. Reciprocal benefits with other Ivy League clubs are also available, as determined by each respective organization.

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For more information on events and general Club news, visit the Club web site at

### www.harvard-la.org

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

To recommend an event or volunteer for one, contact one of our Programs VPs. Contact information can be found on page 2. \*All checks for events are non-refundable unless explicitly stated otherwise. <u>Unless specifically noted, RSVPs are not confirmed.</u>

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	Cost*	CONTACT
March 1, Sun. 2:00 P.M.	HAAAA Presents Authors Julie Wu & Jennifer Chow	Taiwan Center of Los Angeles Rosemead, CA	Free RSVP Requested	John Wang, john@post.harvard.edu
March 13-17, FriTue.	Harvard Men's Volleyball visits Southern California	LongBeach State & Pepperdine Two locations	N/A	Russell Riopelle, russriop@gmail.com
March 14, Sat. 6:00 P.M.	Lunar New Year Banquet	Empress Harbor Seafood Restauran Monterey Park, CA		Curtis Jang, s curtisjang@sbcglobal.net
March 19, Thu. 12:00 P.M.	Meet the Harvard Women's Varsity Tennis Team	Pacific Palisades Tennis Center Pacific Palisades, CA	\$20, members \$25, non-members	Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com
March 19, Thu. 6:00 P.M.	Battle of the Ivies Trivia Night	Manhattan Country Club Manhattan Beach, CA	\$10 per person	Lisa Watanabe-Peagler, isawatanabe@post.harvard.edu
March 19, Thu. 7:30 P.M.	LA Opera: Gioachino Rossini's <i>Barber of Seville</i>	Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Los Angeles, CA	SOLD OUT	Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com
March 22, Sun. 3:00 P.M.	New Science Pub Series #6 A History of Photosynthesis	Dupar's Restaurant and Bakery Pasadena, CA	\$25 per person	Ethel Seminario Laczko, etheledu@gmail.com
March 28, Sat. 12:00 P.M.	Issues in Education - Diversity and Inclusion	The Home of Priscilla Heim Los Angeles, CA	No charge	Priscilla Heim, priheim@verizon.net
March 28, Sat. 3:30 P.M.	Ivy Pride Alliance Presents: Wine Tasting at LCA Wine	LCA Wine Costa Mesa, CA	\$5 for 4 tastings	Kevin Wegener, kevin.wegener@gmail.com
April 16, Thu. 6:00 P.M.	Reception & Talk - Men's Coach Tommy Amaker	Location TBA	Cost TBA	John Wang, john@post.harvard.edu