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Office of
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Monday, December 12, 2022

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THIS WEEK

Monday, December 12, 3PM-5PM EST



End of Semester Celebration & HGSE Gingerbread House Competition

Gutman Conference Center 4 & 5

The Office of Student Affairs invites you to celebrate the end of the fall semester with hot chocolate, snacks, and a gingerbread house decorating competition! All are welcome to join for food and camaraderie.

Photos of the completed gingerbread houses will be shared with the HGSE community for voting.

Monday, December 12, 7PM-9PM EST



Additional WAG for Finals!

As you close out the semester, you may need some additional support! And so, Student Support Services we be hosting an additional Work Accountability Group on **Monday, December 12th from 7pm-9pm**: [Join here](#). For more information on WAGS, please visit [our website](#).

Monday, December 12, 7PM-10PM EST



Amateur-Friendly Open Mic Tonight!

Join us in the Holden Chapel in Harvard Yard

Student organization, HGSE Open Mics, is hosting their second event on Monday December 12th! This event is open to all Harvard undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, staff, and affiliates.

See you there!

Tuesday, December 13, 1:30PM EST (Virtual)



2023 Lunar New Year Celebration: Join the planning team!

Interested in helping to plan the HGSE Lunar New Year Celebration? Please [join us](#) on December 13th at 1:30PM for a planning meeting.

If you cannot attend but would like to be involved in the planning process, please feel free to add your ideas to the [brainstorming document](#).

If you require accessibility accommodations, please contact Andrea Le at andrea_le@gse.harvard.edu at least 48 hours in advance.

Wednesday, December 14, 4PM-5:30PM EST



Asian Student Monthly Discussion Group

Join Wenhui Yang, LMHC and Crystal Han, MD for a conversation around the impact of culture, heritage and identity on mental health and wellness. For information on the monthly discussion topics and about the facilitators, [click here](#).

This event is offered by CAMHS and is open to all registered Harvard students who have paid the 2022-2023 Student Health Fee.

Friday, December 16, 5PM-6PM EST (Virtual)

INTRO TO PORTFOLIOS

LOCATION
ZOOM

DATE
DECEMBER 16

TIME
5PM TO 6PM

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HGSE UX/UI Club Introduction to Portfolios Workshop

Student organization, HGSE UX/UI Club, will be hosting an Introduction to Portfolios workshop on Friday, December 16th from 5-6pm ET. The virtual event will feature teaching fellow and former LDIT student, Daniel Noh.

Join us to learn about how to get started with creating an online portfolio and review high quality examples. Everyone is welcome!

[Register here](#). For the Zoom link, [click here](#).

DEADLINE EXTENDED: Wednesday, December 21, 11:59PM EST



Proposals for the Alumni of Color Conference

The Alumni of Color Conference (AOCC) is now accepting proposals for the 2023 Conference (March 3rd & March 4th). This year's theme is *A Journey Towards Healing: Authenticity & Activism in Education*.

To learn more about selection criteria and to submit your proposal, [click here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: the deadline for submissions has been extended to Wednesday, December 21st.

HGSE COMMONS CAFE

Monday, December 12 through Friday, December 16



HGSE Commons Cafe

The Commons Cafe is open from 7AM until 3PM. Check out the daily specials prepared by the Rebecca's Culinary team!

To view this week's menu [click here](#).

FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, January 4 and Thursday, January 5, 1PM - 3PM EST



Introduction to R with Joe McIntyre

R is a powerful and free software tool for statistical analysis that is becoming a major force in social science research, policy analysis, statistics, and data science. This workshop will cover downloading and running R and RStudio, reading and wrangling data, data analysis (focusing on OLS regression), creating plots using core R and ggplot2, statistical programming and simulation, automated document creation with RMarkdown, creating data visualizations with Shiny, and other topics, time permitting. Some familiarity with statistical concepts is required but no prior programming experience is necessary. Note: you are strongly encouraged to use your laptop in this workshop. Students will ideally prepare for the class by downloading and installing both R and RStudio (a free integrated development environment for R).

To register, [click here](#).
[Click here](#) for the Zoom link.

ORDERING DEADLINE: Friday, January 6, 11:59PM EST



MBTA Spring 2023 Semester Passes - Place Your Order Today!

The HGSE Office of Student Affairs is pleased to share that we are able to offer MBTA Semester passes at a 25% reduced rate for all students. To receive this discount, students must purchase the pass for the entire four-month period (February 1st through May 31st), through the HGSE marketplace portal.

Please note: the MBTA Semester Program does not issue a reduced fare pass for the month of January.

There are a number of different pass types available (*Local Bus, Link Pass, Commuter Rail*), so be sure to check which pass would best fit your needs. For pass descriptions, please visit the [MBTA website](#).

As a reminder, all purchases are final sale and are non-refundable.

To place your order, [click here](#).

Wednesday, January 11, 12PM-1PM EST (Virtual)



Stop Chasing Remedies: How to Finally Get Refreshing Sleep

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Are you fighting to stay awake & focused during the workday? Most likely you've tried all sorts of remedies but haven't yet found a way to wake refreshed each morning. Since 2012, Kali Patrick has helped busy professionals learn to sleep better & improve their energy.

Sponsored by the HGSE Alumni Office

Wednesday, January 11 and Thursday, January 12, 1PM - 3PM EST



Data Wrangling and Exploration in R with Joe McIntyre

Conducting quantitative analyses requires clean, nicely structured data. However, data in the real world are frequently messy, stored in multiple different locations, and organized in unhelpful ways. This course will focus on using R to organize, or "wrangle," data to prepare them for analysis. Topics will include basic data management, as well as merging, collapsing, and reshaping. After doing the data wrangling, we'll also see how we can explore the data, using simple tools to create effective summaries. This workshop requires at least some familiarity with R (e.g., by taking S040 or taking the introduction to R workshop in early January), but does not require any specific statistics course as a

prerequisite. While applicable broadly to a number of roles in the field of education, students who plan to pursue positions requiring quantitative skills in the job market and students doing independent quantitative research will find this material particularly helpful. In addition to the synchronous sessions, there will be a large number of asynchronous resources that students are able to use at their discretion.

To sign up, [click here](#).
[Click here](#) for the Zoom link.

Thursday, January 19 and Thursday, January 20, 10:30AM - 11:30M EST



An Introduction to Geographic Information System (GIS) Software with Applications to Educational Data

This two-day workshop introduces the basics of a Geographic Information System (GIS) and performing simple analysis with linear regression (in R). It is designed for participants who have little to no GIS or web mapping experience. The workshop will focus on ArcGIS, the predominant GIS software, but alternatives such as QGIS and Google Earth will also be mentioned. The workshop includes interactive exercises that have you load, stylize, and analyze traffic crash report data to build your own education policy web map with ArcGIS Online. You will then explore various options for publishing the web map online, ultimately publishing a shareable story with ArcGIS Story Maps.

Requirements: Participants must have their Harvard ArcGIS Online account set up prior to the workshop (for instructions see <https://gis.harvard.edu/arcgis-online>)

Register [here](#).
[Click here](#) for the Zoom link.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, February 11 - Sunday, February 12



20th Annual India Conference at Harvard Kennedy School

The conference organizers aim to gather leading policymakers, business leaders, cultural icons, and academic experts to help you - future entrepreneurs, investors, politicians, social activists, artists, and leaders of note - build an informed opinion on what the next 25 years hold in store for the Indian Republic.

This year's theme? Vision 2047: India at 100 years of Independence.

More details on the conference to come!

RAISING AWARENESS OF WORLD EVENTS



We have taken note of the rising antisemitism across the United States and around the world and denounce this kind of hatred in the most fundamental ways. There is no place for hate and evil in our communities, and the HGSE administration, faculty, and staff stand with Jewish members of the HGSE community. Any student seeking additional support is encouraged to connect with [staff in the Office of Student Affairs](#) and/or seek support through [Harvard Hillel](#). Rabbinic Intern for the Grad Community, [Emily Rogal](#), can also be a great source of support.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



Join the Harvard Innovation Labs

The i-lab invites you to run with your ideas! Members are granted all-inclusive passes to access their workshops, networks, funding opportunities, and an invaluable community of like-minded peers.

Join by yourself or with a team.

Applications are open from December to March. [Click here](#) to learn more and join.



Val's December Tip: Have a Great Holiday Season on a Budget!

Ever asked yourself - How can I have a great Christmas or Hanukkah on a budget? Well, the holiday season is notoriously a time when people spend tons of money and rack up tons of debt [buying gifts](#) for their loved ones, many times without really [having a plan to pay off debt](#). Check out [this website](#) on some tips that may save you money on gifts!

For more information about financial wellness from Val and the rest of the team, visit the [Financial Aid site](#).



AAPI 'In Our Own Words' – Instagram Feature

In Our Own Words is a HGSE project born out of the Cultural Lab Innovation Fund that seeks to use storytelling to empower the AAPI community to claim their own narratives.

We're in the process of collecting 'snapshot' stories to feature on our Instagram/website (just like Junlei!) and can't wait to hear from our AAPI community. If you are interested in being featured, please fill out [this short survey](#) or contact us at harvardaapistories@gmail.com.



Participate in the HGSE Achieve English pilot program – an informal learning opportunity offered by the HGSE Writing Center and the Office of Student Affairs

Now through May 2023

Want to improve English grammar in your writing or learn to cite in APA/Chicago style? Participate in the HGSE Achieve English program. As an Achieve participant, you will have access to adaptive exercises, personalized grammar learning plans, study materials as well as a four-year access to Dr. Nancy Sommers's A Pocket Style Manual. Sign up now before the 100 slots are gone. You will receive an access code and detailed instructions about using the product upon sign-up. The product is free and a self-paced informal learning opportunity.

Questions? Email communicate@gse.harvard.edu. [Sign up here](#).

WAGs

Join Student Support Services Academic Coaches in our weekly **WORKING ACCOUNTABILITY GROUPS!**

More information and Zoom links on the Hub.



Work Accountability Groups

Student Support Services hosts weekly Work Accountability Groups (WAGs) on Zoom. These accountability groups will hold space for students to gather and work in a supportive environment. Each WAG is 2 hours long and they are hosted multiple times throughout the week. For more information and to join, and please [visit here](#).

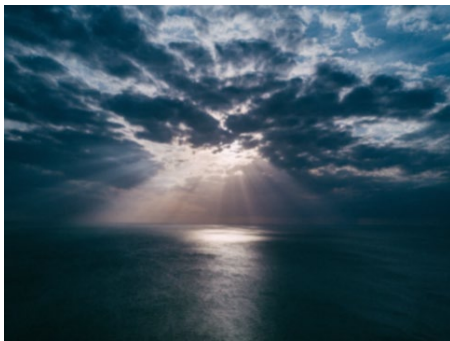
TECH LENDING AT GUTMAN!



Tech Lending at Gutman Library!

Did you know that HUID holders can borrow tech equipment from Gutman's circulation desk (2nd Floor)?

Please note that our collection has recently expanded and is still growing, so keep checking back for newly added items! To learn about what we currently have, please visit the circulation desk on the second floor or go to tinyurl.com/yz2puj4y.



Emerger – Grupo terapéutico en español

Emerger es un grupo terapéutico que se ofrece a estudiantes con la intención de promover un espacio confidencial donde discutir los desafíos de la vida en otro país.

El grupo será ofrecido por Daniel Moreno, LMHC, con la intención de proponer un espacio terapéutico exclusivo para estudiantes hispanohablantes en la comunidad de Harvard.

El cupo está limitado a 10 participantes y está abierto a estudiantes de Harvard (pregrado y posgrado) que hayan realizado el pago del "Student Health Fee" por el periodo 2022-2023.

Para más información contactar a Daniel Moreno, LMHC al correo dmoreno@huhs.harvard.edu para agendar una consulta inicial y determinar si es elegible.

To read this message in English, [click here](#).

Needing help is something we all have in common.

We all face challenges when it comes to our wellbeing and mental health. Learn more about available support and resources.

WE'RE ALL HUMAN

We're ALL Human: Supporting Wellbeing and Mental Health

Intellectual growth and academic achievement should not come at the expense of wellbeing. Together, we can create a culture at Harvard that embraces the importance of mental health.

Learn more about prioritizing your wellbeing [here](#).



Mindfulness for Students at the Center for Wellness and Health Promotion

As we start the new semester here at [CWHP](#), we are excited to offer a variety of mindfulness programs to support your wellbeing. Subscribe to the monthly newsletter [here](#) for more information on wellness offerings, classes, and workshops!



Student Conference Fund Application

2022-2023 HGSE Student Conference Fund HGSE is committed to supporting the academic and professional development of students both within and outside of the classroom. The Student Conference Fund seeks to help defray the cost of travel and registration fees for students who are presenting or attending conferences. Students who are presenting are eligible for up to \$750 in funding; students who are attending are eligible for up to \$500 in funding. All conferences must align with the mission of HGSE.

[Click here to apply.](#)



Interested in creating or reactivating a student organization at HGSE?

A student organization is defined as a group of HGSE students who unite to promote or celebrate a common interest. Each organization leaves its special mark on the cultural, social, and intellectual life of HGSE. The content of any student organized event should address an academic, cultural, or social need.

To learn more about the benefits of official recognition, to submit your request, and to access the student organization training [click here](#).



Access Recording Form

Have you encountered an issue with accessibility during your time at HGSE? Please let us know by filling out the [Access Recording Form](#).



HGSE COVID Policy

Coronavirus: HGSE Looks Forward.

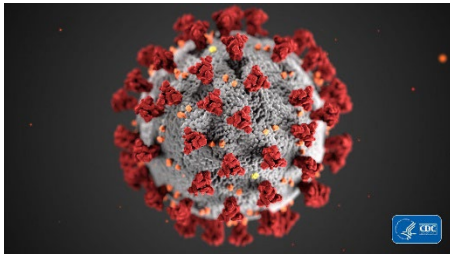
The health and safety of our community members, their families, and the public remain a top priority. Please check out our current policies and procedures, especially what to do if you test positive for COVID-19.



Reminder to Report Positive COVID Test Results through Crimson Clear

Students should report positive COVID test results immediately through [Crimson Clear](#). (If you use the Harvard Color testing system, this will be done automatically.) Reporting this information is essential for our ability to monitor health conditions in our community, and doing so will prompt Harvard University Health Services (HUHS) to contact you via your Harvard email to provide guidance on treatment options and next steps, including instructions about isolation and notifying your close contacts. You are also encouraged to complete the self-assessment form on Crimson Clear if you are experiencing symptoms or would like guidance after a potential exposure to COVID.

In the event that you must isolate, you must also notify your instructors of any necessary absences from class, though you do not need to share your specific COVID diagnosis. The Office of Student Affairs also stands ready to offer support in contacting instructors and getting access to care if you contact them.



CORONAVIRUS: ADVICE FOR TRAVELERS

Certain Harvard-related travel is permitted for fully-vaccinated affiliates. [Review our advice](#) for developing a safe travel plan if you decide to travel amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

RELIGIOUS RESOURCES



Harvard Chaplains

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The Harvard Chaplains, a professional community of more than thirty chaplains, represent many of the world's religious, spiritual, and ethical traditions, and share a collective commitment to serving the spiritual needs of the students, faculty, and staff of Harvard University. Learn more on the [Chaplains website](#).



Prayer Space on the HGSE Campus

Longfellow 214 is a dedicated prayer space here on the HGSE campus. Recognizing that not all buildings are open during the weekends, Gutman 440 has been reserved as prayer space on Saturday and Sundays, during regular Library hours.



The Memorial Church of Harvard University

The Memorial Church of Harvard University, part of a [vibrant interfaith network of Harvard](#), is an interdenominational Protestant church in the midst of Harvard Yard that serves as a place of spiritual refuge to the entire community. "MemChurch" stands opposite Widener Library as a visible reminder of the historical and spiritual heritage that has sustained Harvard for nearly four centuries. In addition to our [regularly scheduled services](#), we also offer a variety of [programming](#) for students, adults, and children.



Harvard Hillel

Harvard Hillel is a Jewish home on campus that seeks to:

- Welcome students to experience the variety of Jewish identity, tradition, practice, values, culture, and community.
- Inspire and enable Jewish connection, celebration, and action.
- Prepare students to join, create, shape, and lead Jewish communities; strengthen the Jewish people, and live proud Jewish lives.
- Share Jewish sources, traditions, ideas, and innovations, and their relevance in our world.
- Forge connection and engagement with the State of Israel.
- Foster friendship in a nurturing and refreshing sanctuary amid the stresses of student life.
- Engage the unique opportunities of Harvard and make Jewish thought and culture integral in the life of the University.



Please Note: In addition to student events and resources, the *HGSE Weekly Newsletter* is the official communication channel for important information regarding Commencement.



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