

HGSE Weekly

Office of
Student Affairs



Monday, May 12, 2025

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FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENTS

April & May



HGSE Commencement Information Hub

Upcoming Deadlines:

- [Reserve your Commencement tickets.](#) Graduating students are required to complete the end-of-year HGSE Student

Experience Survey in order to receive their reserved Commencement tickets

[Visit OSA's Commencement site](#) any time for information about:

- Celebrations & Dates
- Regalia
- Tickets
- Speech Contests
- Student Awards
- Inviting Friends & Family

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

May Series



CareTalks from Care.com

Click the links to register.

- Tuesday, May 13: [Record Keeping](#)
- Wednesday, May 14: [Investment Basics](#)
- Thursday, May 15: [Building Better Relationships](#)
- Wednesday, May 21: [Caregiver Burnout](#)
- Tuesday, May 27: [Resiliency: Bounce Back Stronger](#)

- Wednesday, May 28: [Screen Guide](#)

Wednesday, May 14, 1:30-3PM [In Person]



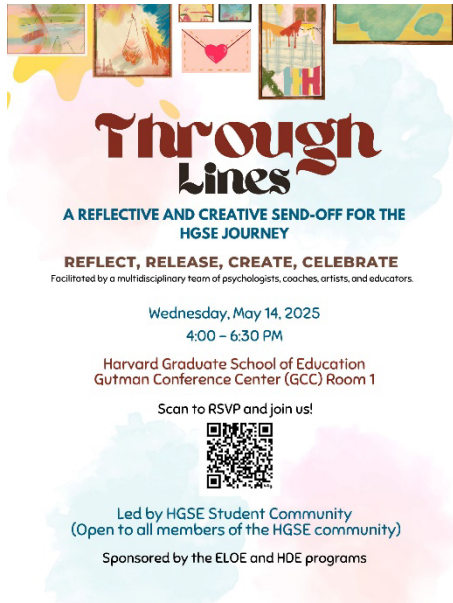
Disrupting Whiteness in the Current Moment

RSVP so we can plan to have enough snacks, and then [add the event to your calendar](#).

Wondering how white supremacy is showing up in your everyday life and how you can take action to be more antiracist in this current moment? We are holding a space to collectively examine the characteristics of [white supremacy culture](#) and ways we can combat them in our own lives, spaces, and institutions. Through reading, reflecting, creating, and committing, our aim is to build collective capacity and commitment to antiracist action and resistance in the current moment and post-graduation.

This session is being offered as part of a student action project within the IPJE concentration. Feel free to reach out to [Megan](#) and [Amelia](#) with any questions!

Wednesday, May 14, 4-6:30PM [In Person]



Through Lines: A Reflective and Creative Send-Off for the Graduate Journey

Location: Gutman Conference Center 1

Through Lines offers HGSE students a unique space to pause, reflect on their personal and academic growth, process the emotional arc of their graduate experience, and celebrate what's ahead. The event features small-group discussions guided by multidisciplinary facilitators, creative writing prompts, and a collaborative group art session. No preparation needed—just bring your presence and openness. This event is sponsored by the ELOE and HDE programs.

Wednesday, May 14, 4:45-6PM [In Person]

askwith education forum

HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

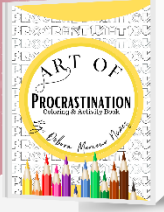
Askwith Education Forum | Brave Leadership and the Future of American Education

[Register here.](#)


Event Location: Askwith Hall, Longfellow Hall

These perilous times call for bigger, bolder, and braver leadership in education. We bring together four such leaders in critical conversation about our current moment and the precarious but still promising future of education in the United States.

Thursday, May 15, 4PM [In Person]




THE ART OF GIVING BACK
BOOK RE-LAUNCH PARTY FOR THE HGSE CLASS GIFT CAMPAIGN



Débora Menieur Núñez
Author

SCAN TO REGISTER



bit.ly/TheArtOfGivingBack

Join us for a joyful afternoon of creativity, community, and relaxation! Free coloring pages from the book, connection and a shared mission to leave our mark!

THURSDAY
May 15, 2025

START AT
4:00 - 5:30 PM

Gutman Library, 1st Floor Lobby,
Harvard Graduate School of
Education

The Art of Giving Back

[Register here.](#)

Location: Gutman Library Lobby, 1st floor

Join us for a creative celebration and fundraiser for our HGSE Class Gift Campaign!

Exhibit Preview: Thursday, May 15, 6-7PM [In Person]

Exhibit: Saturday, May 17, 2025 - April 6, 2026 [In Person]



Castaway: The Afterlife of Plastic - Preview & Exhibit

[Register here](#) for the preview event.

Preview Event Location: Geological Lecture Hall, 24 Oxford Street, Cambridge

Castaway: The Afterlife of Plastic by the art collective TRES, is an art-research project that investigates plastic's enduring presence in global ecosystems. Since 2016, TRES has searched for and photographed marine debris and plastic that has washed up on the Australian shores of Queensland, Western Australia, and Tasmania. Using photography, maps, and collected

artifacts, the collective documents how plastic castaways of contemporary culture become embedded in landscapes—often unnoticed yet ever-present. Castaway’s visual poetry, mimicry, and humor aim to prompt reflection on humanity’s materiality, use, and deep entanglement with plastic.

Exhibit Location: Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology, 11 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge

In this exhibition, the art collective TRES invites us to share their 2016 journey to document, collect, and photograph debris along the beaches of Australia. Evoking archaeology, marine biology, and cartography, their images summon us to more deeply engage with the natural vistas and objects they have encountered, and to examine and interpret them with fresh perspectives. TRES transports us with photographs of glowing orbs that resemble celestial spheres more than the bottle caps they once were. Making their way as garbage to Australia from as far away as China, these objects have been scarred by Bryozoa, tiny micro-organisms which can be seen in the display case in this exhibition.

Friday, May 16



Make your class gift by Friday, May 16!

[Make your Class Gift here.](#)

Four days left to make your Class Gift and receive recognition in the Commencement program! Already 241 of your peers have supported the campaign and financial aid for next year's students. We hope you'll join them in paying it forward and leaving your mark at HGSE. Give \$20.25 or more today and pick up your HGSE lapel pin in Gutman (first floor lobby) from 11 am – 1 pm on May 13, 14, 20, or 22.

Sunday, May 18, 2-4PM [In Person]



Step Into Art with Mother Caroline Academy - Reception

[Register here.](#)

Location: Gutman Library Gallery (1st floor)

Step Into Art programs culminate in festive exhibitions, where students enjoy the pride of sharing their creative work with the community. Our annual exhibition of artwork and writing by Mother Caroline Academy sixth graders is held in Gutman Gallery each spring. The exhibit is on view now through 5/22/25.

FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, May 23, 5-8PM [In Person]



Mixed Emotions: How People Learn, Love, and Leave

[RSVP here.](#)

Location: Eliot Lyman Room, 2nd floor, Longfellow Hall

What if we created rituals to celebrate who we are, who we no longer need to be, and who we are called to become?

Mixed Emotions: How People Learn, Love, and Leave is an end-of-year storytelling event celebrating our intersectional identities.

Join your classmates for an evening like no other. We will reflect, take professional headshots, craft our stories into artifacts, and meaning-make. Mixed Emotions is open to all HGSE students—so remember to RSVP and bring your incredible, creative, intersectional selves!

Have questions or need accommodations? Contact [Taylor Holloway](#).

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



MHL Aware for Educators - 1-hour Training

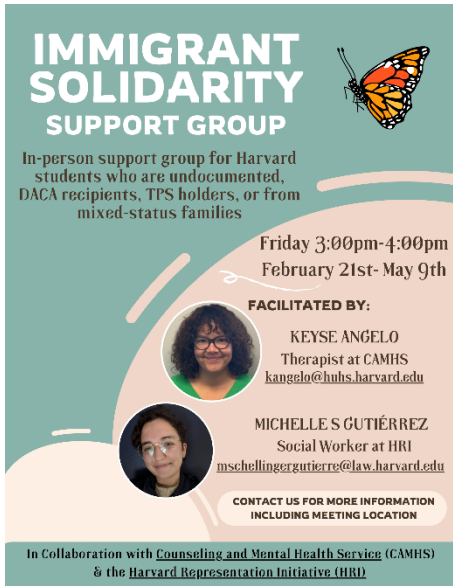
[Click here to register.](#)

The Problem: Despite recent state legislation requiring mental health education, a tremendous policy to practice gap remains. School communities are struggling with implementation, primarily due to a lack of knowledge and confidence about a topic that has traditionally never been included in the curriculum.

A Foundational Part of the Solution: The MHL C created a one-hour certification program called MHL Aware that offers foundational information about mental health literacy (MHL). This offers educators the knowledge and confidence they need to take the next steps toward effectively implementing MHL into their school communities.

This training is sponsored by Clinton Global Initiative Project for Pre-Service and Degree-Seeking School Professionals.

[Click here for the full flyer.](#)



IMMIGRANT SOLIDARITY SUPPORT GROUP

In-person support group for Harvard students who are undocumented, DACA recipients, TPS holders, or from mixed-status families

Friday 3:00pm-4:00pm
February 21st- May 9th

FACILITATED BY:

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CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION INCLUDING MEETING LOCATION

In Collaboration with [Counseling and Mental Health Service \(CAMHS\)](#) & the [Harvard Representation Initiative \(HRI\)](#)

Immigrant Solidarity Support Group

Fridays, 3-4PM

Contact [Keyse Angelo](#) or [Michelle S Gutierrez](#) for more information, including the meeting location.

This is an in-person support group for Harvard students who are undocumented, DACA recipients, TPS holders, or from mixed-status families.



JOIN OUR COMMUNITY!

HARVARD UNDOCUGRADUATE COLLECTIVE

OUR MISSION

- The Harvard UndocuGraduate Collective (HUGC) is an emerging initiative bringing together undocumented graduate students across Harvard's graduate and professional schools to build community, share resources, and create networks of support.

WHO CAN JOIN?

- We welcome Graduate Students across ALL Harvard schools with personal lived experience!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO STAY CONNECTED!




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HARVARD REPRESENTATION INITIATIVE

Pro Bono Immigration Legal Services for the Harvard Community




LEGAL SERVICES
Our pro-bono legal representation includes assistance with filing immigration applications and representing clients before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), in Immigration Court, and beyond.

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT:
hri@law.harvard.edu
(617) 495-6648

SOCIAL WORK
We offer social work support to all clients as part of their legal representation. Our clinical social work team can assist with emotional support, health insurance issues, financial concerns, food insecurity, and other resources on and off campus.

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION



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HARVARD IMMIGRATION REPRESENTATION CENTER FOR PRO-BONO

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Join the Harvard Student Parents and Caregivers Network

Harvard-wide Student Group



Want to be a leader?
Email stugroups@fas.harvard.edu



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This Harvard-wide student group is welcoming new members and leaders! Email stugroups@fas.harvard.edu.



Harvard University Peer Coaching Initiative

[Learn more and register here.](#)

The Harvard University Peer Coaching Initiative (HUPCI) is a non-competitive opportunity for Harvard students and researchers to

1. learn and practice core interpersonal skills
2. build a high-trust relationship with an effective thought partner
3. stay more centered and intentional during their time at Harvard.

A three-time Culture Lab Innovation Fund winner, it is also a chance to help build a more inclusive community at Harvard.

HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
Language Education Acquisition Research Neuroscience

LEARN LABS

What factors relate to **EDUCATIONAL** outcomes?
How do kids learn **LANGUAGE**?
How do children **ACQUIRE** knowledge?
How do children **REASON** about the world?
What can **NEUROSCIENCE** teach us about development?

Harvard University researchers are recruiting **children ages 0-12** to participate in research studies with us!

If you're interested, please visit <https://bit.ly/cocodev> or **scan the QR code** to join our contact list!

SCAN ME

If you have any questions, please email us at learnlabs.harvard@gmail.com
Website: <https://projects.la.harvard.edu/learnlab>

Attention HGSE Parents - Opportunities to Contribute to Child and Education Research!

[Sign up here](#) to express interest and learn more.

Calling all junior scientists! We know many of you are looking for ways to give back to the community - but time feels so short these days, especially with little ones to chase after. At the LEARN Labs of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, we understand these pressures (as we are parents, too)! That's why we've been

developing new ways for parents and children to get involved in science. We are offering multiple opportunities for you and your children to participate in research activities both in local lab spaces or online – providing fun, enriching, and educational experiences with our trained scientists, typically alongside compensation for your family's time.

If you are interested, please consider signing up to be part of our participant database. This would mean that the information you provide will be stored in our electronic database for us to contact you about future studies that are relevant to your child's age group. Importantly, filling out this form does not mean that you have promised us to participate in any of our studies yet. After signing up, we may contact you to tell you more about what studies and activities we have available for you and your child.

Questions? Interested? Please feel free to contact us via email at learnlabs.harvard@gmail.com or one of the scientists on-staff, [Joseph Colantonio](#), to learn more about opportunities for your child to participate in child development research.



Together We Thrive: HGSE Accessibility and Inclusion Initiatives

Together We Thrive is a new collaborative initiative born out of HGSE’s DEI Coordinating Committee (DEICC) to highlight the important accessibility and inclusion resources for our community to utilize. Revitalized in Spring 2024, the DEICC is a cross-campus coalition sponsored by the Dean’s Office to coordinate community-wide, DEI-related efforts for maximum impact. This group identified three initial recommendations to better support accessibility and inclusion at HGSE.



Work Accountability Groups (WAGs) are over for the 2024-25 academic year.

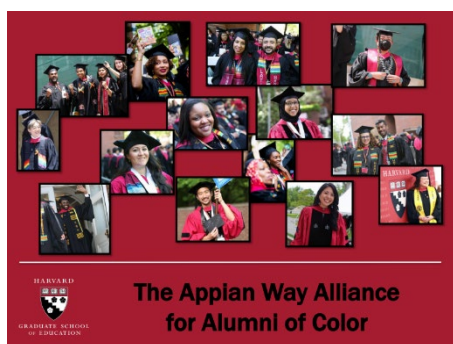
Student Support Services in the Office of Student Affairs will be offering Work Accountability Groups (WAGs) twice a week on Zoom (**Thursdays 8-10 PM and Sundays 2-4 PM**) throughout each semester, September-December and February-May. These accountability groups are two hours long and provide a space for students to work together with fellow students, in the comfort of their own workspace, and in a supportive environment. An Academic Coach will run the accountability group and will be there to provide structure and any immediate support needed by students.

For more information, please visit the [WAG website](#).

Crimson Cupboard



The Office of Student Affairs has a limited number of shelf-stable food items available to students who may be facing food insecurity. To access the cupboard, please fill out this [brief survey](#) with your contact information. Rilda Kissel (Associate Director of Student Support Services) will follow up to arrange a time for students to access the pantry.



The Appian Way Alliance for Alumni of Color

The mission of [The Appian Way Alliance for Alumni of Color](#) (The Alliance) is to create a vibrant, inclusive, active, and supportive community of HGSE alumni and students of color. The Alliance creates opportunities through community-wide and regional events for alumni of color to connect with one another; enhances relationships between alumni and students of color; provides academic, career, and other types of support to students; and proactively addresses issues of equity, inclusion, access, and diversity at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and in our communities. Please [contact The Alliance](#) if you have any questions or want additional information, and please join their [LinkedIn group](#)!



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!

RELIGIOUS RESOURCES



Harvard Chaplains

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.

A 2nd Community Prayer Space is Now Available!

From now until March 31, all HGSE community members can access Read Hall 102 as an additional prayer space to our Longfellow Hall 214 room. Prayer mats and stones will be provided in late January. Only a Harvard ID is required to access, no further steps needed.



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.

Whether you're looking to unwind with friends, dive deeper into Hebrew language and culture, or celebrate the High Holidays, Harvard Hillel has got something for everyone. [Sign up for the Grad Events newsletter](#) today.



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