

— HGSE — Weekly

Office of
Student Affairs



Monday, February 3, 2025

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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!




Harvard UndocuGraduate Collective

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Ongoing

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 AND REFUGEE CENTER FOR ALL PERSONS

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Ongoing

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.

Spring Semester 2025



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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

February Series [Virtual]

Care.

February CareTalks from Care.com

Click the links to register.

- February 6: Emotional Wellness: [Relaxation to Reduce Stress](#)
- February 11: Disability & Neurodiversity: [Caring for Your Older Child with Disabilities](#)
- February 12: Financial Wellness: [Tax Tips](#)
- February 20: Succeed at Work: [Emotional Intelligence](#)
- February 25: Your Healthy Lifestyle: [Your Healthy Heart](#)

- February 26: Child Care & Parenting: [Raising Children in a Diverse World](#)

This series will continue throughout the year. [Click here to download the brochure.](#)

Now through Friday, February 7 [In Person]



Valentine's Toiletry Drive

Donate unopened toiletries, cosmetics, and menstrual hygiene products!

Where: Gutman Library Entryway

When: Now through Friday, February 7th

Donations will benefit the Cambridge YWCA. Questions? Call Harvard Recycling at 617-496-4891.

HARVARD
Campus Services
RECYCLING & WASTE SERVICES

eliminating racism
empowering women
ywca Cambridge, MA

HARVARD
Office for Sustainability

Valentine's Toiletry Drive

Location: Gutman Library entryway

Bring in your unneeded, unused and **unopened** toiletries, cosmetics, and menstrual hygiene products to share with the Cambridge YWCA through this annual collection drive led by Harvard Recycling. The following items are especially appreciated:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Laundry pods or detergent
- Liquid body wash
- Face wash
- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes

Questions? Please contact [Dailey Brannin](#) at [Harvard Recycling](#).

Monday, February 3, 12-1PM [Virtual]



CSO Monday Brown Bag Lunch Series: How to Prepare for a Career Fair

Are you thinking about attending a career fair this spring? If so, we invite you to join our **virtual session**, where we will provide you with valuable tips on making the most out of this opportunity. During the session, you will learn strategies that will help you maximize your time at the career fair, make a positive impression, connect with potential employers, and much more!

[Click here to join the session!](#) No registration necessary.

Monday, February 3, 2:30-4:30PM [In Person]



Student Community Forum

Location: Gutman E 5

Student Community Forums are an opportunity for students to come together to discuss challenges, opportunities, and tensions for strengthening our HGSE community. Piloted in the spring of 2024, community forums emerged as an effort to increase student voice on campus, while simultaneously providing students with a chance to hear from each other about their experiences. During our community forum time, we will have a chance to hear from each other in both small and large group formats. This event is hosted by HGSE's ODEI.

Begins Tuesday, February 4, 2025



Join Harvard Hillel's Shabbat Hosting Lab (Grad Student Cohort)

[Register here.](#) Please note that spots are limited and registration does not guarantee a spot.

This 10-week cohort learning fellowship is designed to help you develop confidence and knowledge about Shabbat rituals, create your own Shabbat skill set, and become a fearless host—capable of facilitating a memorable table experience in your own living space, all while drawing on the rich wisdom and traditions of Jewish culture.

All participants will receive a \$500 stipend.

Classes will be held in the Harvard Hillel Library on Tuesdays at 7:15PM.

It's going to be a fun and enriching journey—don't miss out!

Tuesday, February 4, 4:30-5:45PM [In Person]



Zachary Bleemer
*Assistant Professor of Economics,
Princeton University*

Partnering in Education Research
Center for Education Policy Research
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

PIER PUBLIC SEMINAR
**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND
RACIAL INTEGRATION**

February 4, 2025 | 4:30-5:45 pm
Eliot Lyman Room, Longfellow Hall
HGSE & Livestream
Refreshments will be provided.

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PIER Public Seminar: Affirmative Action and Racial Integration

Location: Eliot Lyman Room, Longfellow Hall

Join us to hear Zachary Bleemer discuss Affirmative Action and Racial Integration. Bleemer is an Assistant Professor of Economics from Princeton University and a labor economist who studies American higher education. Bleemer has conducted groundbreaking research on affirmative action, strengthening an understanding of an urgent question in higher education.

Wednesday, February 5, 1:30-2:30PM [Virtual]

NOW RECRUITING!

HPL & EVIDENCE TEACHING FELLOWS

We are excited to announce that How People Learn (HPL) and Evidence will be opening applications for Teaching Fellows (TFs) for summer 2025!

This is a fantastic opportunity to serve as a learning facilitator for the next cohort of HGSE Ed.M. students, sharing your own knowledge and growing in your skills as an educator with the support of HGSE faculty and fellow TFs.

Please read the job descriptions linked below carefully and apply via the links provided within the documents.

HOW PEOPLE LEARN

App opens Feb 1
App closes Feb 15

Job description [here!](#)

EVIDENCE 101

App opens March 1
App closes March 21

Job Description [here!](#)

HPL is an online course that will run from June-July. Training will be in May.

Evidence will run twice: once online (June-July) & once on-campus (August).

Questions? Join us for an panel with faculty and former TFs! [Register here](#) for the Zoom session on Feb 5, 1:30-2:30 PM ET. Can't make it? Join us for office hours [here](#) or email foundations@gse.harvard.edu.

Hiring TFs for HPL and Evidence 2025!

[Click here to register for the information session.](#)

Interested in becoming a Teaching Fellow for HPL or Evidence for Summer 2025? Join faculty and former TFs for an information session about the hiring process.

Can't make it to the info session? [Email us](#) for the recording or [sign up for Office Hours Q&A](#) with the Foundations team here.

Application windows:

- February 1-16 for How People Learn
- March 1-21 for Evidence

Help welcome the next cohort of HGSE students!

Weekly: Thursday, February 6, 4-5:30PM [In Person]

HGSE HANGOUT

EVERY THURSDAY

4:00 - 5:30 PM

GUTMAN LIBRARY CAFÉ

HGSE Hangout

Location: Gutman Library, 1st Floor

HGSE Hangouts are back for the spring semester! Join your fellow HGSE students every Thursday to unwind over snacks, conversations, and games. Food will be served on a first come, first served basis.

Deadline: Friday, February 7



Seed for Change Student Grant Competition

Awards up to \$30,000 to Catalyze Change in India

[Click here for more information.](#)

The Seed for Change (SFC) student competition provides monetary prizes to bold, creative ideas that have the potential for widespread impact in India. The SFC competition aims to develop a vibrant ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship by supporting interdisciplinary student projects that could positively impact social, economic, and environmental issues in India. This competition is sponsored by the [Harvard University Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute](#).

Friday, February 7, 12-1PM [Virtual]



Education Consulting

Education Consulting

[Register here.](#)

Discover the exciting possibilities of a career in education consulting! Join our panel of industry experts (and HGSE alums!) as they share their experiences shaping educational programs, advising institutions, and driving transformative change. Learn about diverse career paths, essential skills, and how to make a lasting impact in this dynamic and growing field. Whether you're passionate about strategy, innovation, or empowering educators, this panel promises to be informative and engaging.

Panelists include:

- Valentina Tovar Schelaas, Ed.M. '22 - Associate Consultant, Education Resource Strategies
- Senna Lamba, Ed.M. '22- Associate Consultant, Education First Consulting
- Jaymi Cohen, Ed.M. '17 - Principal, Stalom

Additional panelists may be added as their availability is confirmed.

Saturday, February 8, 1-4PM [In Person]

I ♥ Science



[Register here.](#)

Shake off the winter blues and let your inner scientist loose. This popular annual event offers the opportunity to interact with professional scientists and amateur collectors while trying your hand at simple science explorations. Meet Harvard scientists who study extinct animals, zombie flies, and black holes! Learn from the Boston Mineral Club and MassWildlife. Bring your rock, mineral, or fossil samples to discuss with local collectors. Create colorful shadows while exploring light.

This event is sponsored by the Harvard Museum of Natural History.

FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, February 10, 10-11:30AM [In Person]



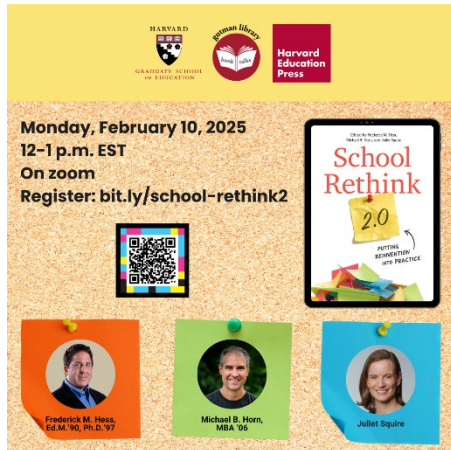
EdEthics Case Discussion

[Send us an email](#) to RSVP and receive a copy of the case.

Location: Gutman 437

EdEthics helps educators and policy makers explore ethical dilemmas in schools through short, accessible normative case studies. Join us for case discussion about what, if anything, universities should do to address potentially problematic iconography (like statues and portraits of slaveholders, for example) on campus. Snacks will be provided!

Monday, February 10, 12-1PM [Virtual]



Gutman Library Book Talk - School Rethink 2.0

[Click here to register](#) and receive the Zoom link.

Join us for the Gutman Library Book Talks, a captivating series of discussions hosted jointly by the Harvard Graduate School of Education and Harvard Education Press. These events showcase a diverse array of authors who delve into the latest and most compelling topics in education today. Open to the public and completely free, these talks are designed to inspire, inform, and ignite conversation among educators, students, and lifelong learners alike. Whether you join us in person or online, each session promises enriching dialogue and a deeper understanding of educational phenomena.

Tuesday, February 11, 3:30PM [In Person]

Beyond the Glass Ceiling
Women Belonging and Thriving in Academia

Women continue to be underrepresented in STEM disciplines in academia, with notable gaps in areas such as engineering and computer science. Despite advancements towards gender equity, issues such as gender bias and fewer leadership opportunities continue to affect women in STEM. Join our panelists as they share their experiences navigating barriers in higher education and stay after for more individual discussions!

Dr. Gloria Ayee
 Harvard Kennedy School
 Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy

Dr. Christine Bassem
 Wellesley College
 Andrew Paine Assistant Professor in Computer Science

Dr. Gretchen Brion-Meisels
 Harvard Graduate School of Education
 Senior Lecturer on Education and Faculty co-chair for the Identity, Power, and Justice in Education Concentration

February 11
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3:30 pm Panel
4:30 pm Networking
Food provided!

Register Now!

Women Belonging and Thriving in Academia

[Register here](#) by **Saturday, February 8.**

Location: Harvard SEAS

This fireside chat will feature our very own faculty member, Dr. Gretchen Brion-Meisels, Senior Lecturer on Education and Co-Chair of the Identity, Power, and Justice in Education Concentration. She will be joined by Dr. Christine Bassem, Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Wellesley College.

The event will focus on women's experiences navigating higher education and excelling in their academic careers, as well as how to foster a more inclusive environment in academia. It's a wonderful opportunity, particularly for women considering a career in higher education, to gain insights into preparing for a career in higher ed.

Biweekly: Next event Wednesday, February 12, 11AM-1PM [In Person]



CSO Career Lab - Alternating Wednesdays through May 7

Location: Gutman 2nd Floor

Do you have a question about your resume, internship opportunities, or career exploration? Stop by our career lab for a quick, 15-minute drop-in session. No appointment is needed. It's first come, first serve!

Career Lab happens every other Wednesday, on Gutman's 2nd floor from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. For the Spring 2025 semester, Career Lab will take place on the following Wednesdays: January 29, February 12, February 26, March 12, March 26, April 9, April 23, and May 7.

Wednesday, February 12, 3-5PM [In Person]



Career Fair: K-12 Schools Career Fair

[Register here.](#)

Location: GCC

This in-person Career Fair connects HGSE students with K-12 schools looking to hire our graduates! Attending employers will represent public schools and districts, charter schools and charter management organizations, as well as independent schools. Don't miss this opportunity to network with participating employers and learn about open positions.

Additional Spring '25 Career Fairs (log into the Hub for details):

- [Social Impact Career Fair](#), March 5, 3-5PM, GCC
- [US vHire Career Fair](#), March 10, 11AM-1PM on Zoom
- [International vHire Career Fair](#), March 13, 7-9AM on Zoom
- [Media & Tech Career Fair](#), April 3, 12-2PM on Zoom

Thursday, February 13, 12-3PM [In Person]



FixIt Clinic

Got something that's broken? [Register your item here.](#)

Good at fixing stuff? [Sign up here](#) to be a FixIt Coach.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Location: Cabot Science Center

Have you been holding onto a broken item in the hopes of repairing it? (Or perhaps found a nearly-working item at a Freecycle?) If so, come to our Fixit Clinic. With help, you'll disassemble your item, troubleshoot the issue, and (hopefully) repair it!

Hosted by Harvard Libraries, Harvard Recycling & Waste, and Harvard Art Museums. Contact dailey_brannin@harvard.edu with questions.

Thursday, February 13, 3PM [Virtual]



Education Now | Maintaining a Culture of Free Expression on College Campuses

[Register here.](#)

Many American colleges and universities are reexamining how to balance free expression and open dialogue with preserving a safe, productive, and respectful learning environment. We will look at lessons to be learned from evolving views about free speech policies on college campuses.

Series begins Tuesday, February 18, 12:30-1:30PM [In Person]

HAPPIER HOUR
A SOBER CURIOUS EVENT
Tuesday, February 18 | 12:30-1:30pm | Milstein East A

SOBER CURIOUS
The Blatant Step, Queer Icons, Loud and Proud, and Deep Connection: Asking It All on the Other Side of Alcohol
RUBY WARRINGTON
Founder of the Sober Curious Movement

REGISTRATION STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

Join best-selling author and founder of the sober curious movement, Ruby Warrington, for a lunch talk and workshop on alcohol: why we drink and why alcohol and high-stress professions often intermix.

THE PETRIE-FLOM CENTER FOR HEALTH LAW, POLICY, ETHICS, AND ECONOMICS AT HARVARD LAW SCHOOL
THE WELLBEING WORKING GROUP
HARVARD LAW SCHOOL DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

Happier Hour: A Sober Curious Event

Location: Milstein East, Harvard Law School

Free lunch served only to those who [register here](#).

Join best-selling author and founder of the sober curious movement, Ruby Warrington, for a lunch talk and workshop on alcohol: why we drink and why alcohol and high-stress professions like law often intermix. Warrington will discuss her journey with alcohol consumption, and will lead a discussion on getting curious about drinking culture. This event is co-sponsored by Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law and Policy and the HLS Student Wellbeing Working Group.

Questions? Email dos@law.harvard.edu.

Series begins Tuesday, February 18, 5-6PM [Virtual]



Queer Women's Group

The Queer Women's Group is open to undergraduate and graduate women who identify anywhere under the LGBTQ+ umbrella. Common topics include navigating sexuality, relationships, family, health, and academics. We will meet biweekly on Tuesdays during the spring semester, February 18-April 29. Contact [Becky Nelson](#) for more information.

WOMEN'S QUEER GROUP
A CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT GROUP

Open to undergraduate and graduate women who identify anywhere under the LGBTQ+ umbrella. Common topics include navigating sexuality, relationships, family, health, and academics. Open to undergraduate and graduate LGBTQ women interested in a safe space to discuss sexuality, relationships, family, health, academics and more.

MORE INFO

DATES
Tues, 2/18-4/29
Every other Tuesday!

TIME
5:00PM - 6:00PM

LOCATION
ONLINE (Zoom)

If you are interested and would like more information please schedule a brief screening call.

GROUP LEADER
Becky Nelson, LMHC

CONTACT
metson@nuhs.harvard.edu

HARVARD UNIVERSITY Health Services

Thursday, February 20, 5-6PM [Virtual]



Careers in Education Panel: Non-profits

[Register here.](#)

Explore the rewarding world of non-profit careers at our upcoming panel discussion! Hear from inspiring professionals who are making a difference through mission-driven work. Learn about diverse roles, the skills needed to succeed, and how to align your career with your passion for social impact. Whether you're drawn to program management, fundraising, advocacy, or community engagement, this panel will provide valuable insights and guidance for your non-profit career journey.

Thursday, February 20, 6-8PM [Virtual]

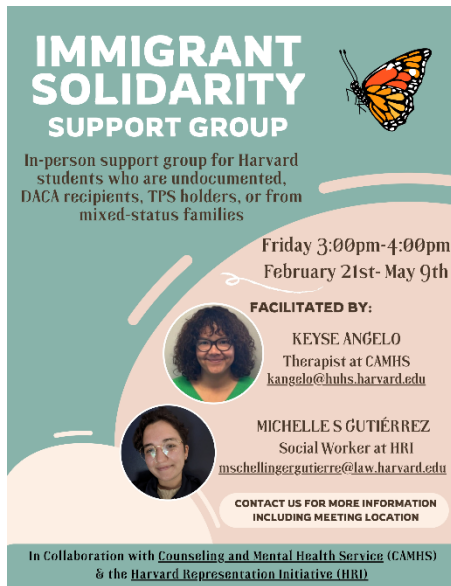


HGSE Alumni in Residence: SK Lee, Ed.M. '13

[Register here.](#)

Attend this virtual session to meet with SK Lee, Ed.M. '13, a certified coach and investor/LP, to discuss your career aspirations and ask your burning questions. Each student will register for a 20-minute time slot.

Begins Friday, February 21, 3-4PM [In Person]



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:

KEYSE ANGELO
Therapist at CAMHS
kangelo@hubs.harvard.edu

MICHELLE S GUTIÉRREZ
Social Worker at HRI
mschellingergutierrez@law.harvard.edu

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

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.

Monday, February 24, 12-1PM [In Person]



CSO Brown Bag Lunch Series

What is Your Brand?

CSO Monday Brown Bag Lunch Series: What is Your Brand?

[Register here.](#)

Location: Larsen 214

Building your brand to describe yourself is an ongoing process. Learn how to harness the power of LinkedIn and other media to promote your personal and professional identity to your network and potential employers.

Deadline: Monday, February 24, 5PM



Ed Entrepreneurs Summer Fellowship Award

HGSE is very pleased to offer the Education Entrepreneurship Summer Fellowship. The purpose of this Fellowship is to provide funding for students and recent alumni to advance their entrepreneurial ventures during the months of June, July, and August 2025. A limited number of fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis. For more details, [click here](#).

Wednesday, February 26, 4:00-7:15PM [In Person]

HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION REFORM IN SOUTH KOREA: THE ROLE OF PERSONALIZATION AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Presentation by **Tae-Hee Yim**, Education Governor of Gyeonggido, South Korea.
Moderated by **Dr. Fernando Reimers**

Event Sponsors:

- GLOBAL, INTERNATIONAL, AND COMPARATIVE EDUCATION CONCENTRATION AT HGSE
- EDUCATION POLICY ANALYSIS PROGRAM AT HGSE
- LEARNING DESIGN, INNOVATION, AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AT HGSE
- EDUCATION LEADERSHIP, ORGANIZATIONS, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM AT HGSE
- KIM KDO FORUM ON KOREA CURRENT AFFAIRS AT THE HARVARD KOREA INSTITUTE

Mr. Tae-Hee Yim has been serving as the Governor of Gyeonggido Office of Education, Republic of Korea, since July 2022. From 2017 to 2021, he held the position of President of Hanyang National University. Before transitioning to the education sector, he was a distinguished political leader of the Republic of Korea, serving as Chief Presidential Secretary and Minister of Employment and Labor.

EVENT INFORMATION | Wednesday, February 26th | 4:00pm-6:00pm | Gutman Conference Center 1 & 2 | No RSVP Required
Reception to follow in Eliot Lyman Room from 6:00pm-7:15pm

JULIA_NEWCITY@GSE.HARVARD.EDU

Education Reform in South Korea: The Role of Personalization and Artificial Intelligence

Lecture: 4:00-6:00PM, GCC 1-2

Reception: 6:00-7:15PM, Eliot Lyman Room, Longfellow Hall

Join Dr. Fernando Reimers and guest presenter Tae-Hee Yim for a public lecture on matters of education reform in South Korea; Mr. Tae-Hee Yim is the Education Governor of the Province of Gyeonggido, South Korea. The presentation is open to all and no RSVP is required.

February 27, 11AM-1PM [Virtual]

HGSE ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

ALUM IN RESIDENCE

Casey Lartigue, Jr., ALB '89, Ed.M. '91
Co-Founder
Freedom Speakers International (FSI)

February 27, 2025
11:00AM-1:00PM ET
In-person - Gutman Library

Learn more about Casey & register for a 20-minute fireside to discuss your career aspirations and questions at bit.ly/CaseyLartiguejr

Alum in Residence: Casey Lartigue, Jr., Ed.M. '91

Location: Gutman 260

Casey Lartigue, Jr., ALB '89, Ed.M. '91, is the inspirational co-founder of Freedom Speakers International (FSI), a nonprofit organization based in

Seoul that empowers North Korean refugees to share their stories through public speaking and writing. Utilize Casey's expertise by booking a 20-minute meeting to discuss your career aspirations and burning questions. Please select your preferred timeslot from the available options in the registration form.

February 27, 3-3:30PM [Virtual]



Education Now | Confronting Our Epidemic of Loneliness

[Register here](#) to receive the Zoom link.

Former U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy declared America's problem with loneliness an epidemic that represents a major public health risk for individuals and society. We will dig into new research investigating the underlying causes of the problem, including the relationship between mental health challenges and loneliness, and share ideas for beating it on college campuses and in many other communities.

Application Deadline: Sunday, March 9

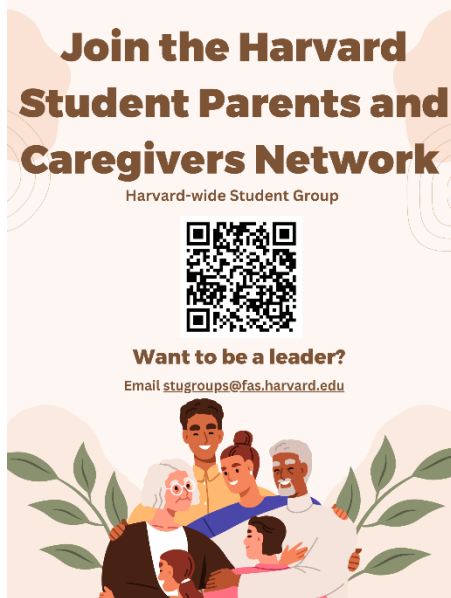


Student Conference Fund!

HGSE is committed to supporting students' academic and professional development both within and outside of the classroom. The Student Conference Fund helps defray the cost of travel and registration fees for students who are presenting at or attending academic conferences between January 6 and May 6, 2025.

[Click here for more information.](#)

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



Join the Harvard Student Parents and Caregivers Network

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



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.

WAGs

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

More information and Zoom links on the Hub.



Work Accountability Groups - WAGs resume Sunday, February 9

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 the year, September-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.

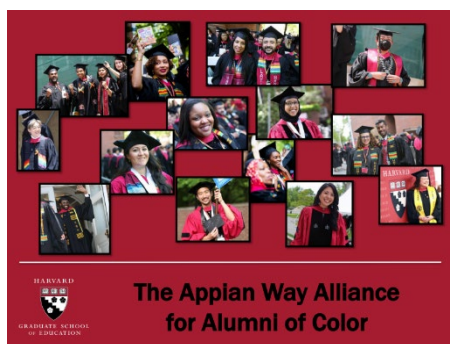
For more information, please visit the [WAG website](#).

Crimson Cupboard

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 at HGSEalliance@gmail.com 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

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.

