

— HGSE — Weekly

Office of
Student Affairs



Monday, January 13, 2025

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FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline: Friday, January 17

Call for Proposals: AOCC 2025
Ready to reset, reimagine, inspire, engage, and make an impact? AOCC is now accepting proposals for this year's conference! Showcase your expertise and talents, spark meaningful discussion, and connect with changemakers across the education ecosystem.
•Deadline: Friday, January 17
•Details: Find guidelines and application information here: [Proposal Guidelines](#). | [Alumni of Color Conference](#)
Submit your proposal today and help shape the future of innovation and collaboration at AOCC 2025!



THE POWER OF CRITICAL
HOPE.
RESET. REIMAGINE.

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[here](#). The deadline has been extended to Friday, January 17.

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Ongoing



Need a reminder on how to book space on campus?

HGSE students may use the [Events Reservation System \(EMS\)](#) to request study rooms and small rooms for simple meetings that do not require AV support or catering. Please email roomrequest@gse.harvard.edu for support.

HGSE students and student organizations looking to hold an event or activity on campus during the Spring Semester will first need to complete the [Event Registration Form](#) at least 10 business days before the proposed event date. Please review the [HGSE's Event Policies](#) before submitting the form.

Questions? Email [Crystal Quintanilla](#) in the Office of Student Affairs.

Application Deadline: Monday, January 20



Student Affairs

Spring Internship Opportunity: Join the OSA Team!

The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) is excited to offer an internship opportunity for a current HGSE student who is passionate about cultivating student engagement and contributing to impactful programming. The Student Affairs Intern will support OSA staff with community building and wellness initiatives. More information about the position can be

found on the Hub.

Interested candidates should email a resume and cover letter to andrea_le@gse.harvard.edu by January 20th.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tuesday, January 14, 8-9:30AM [Virtual]



AI Education: Research-Informed Design Principles and Pedagogies

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

AI technologies are rapidly evolving, and with them, the critical need for research-informed and engaging AI education is growing. Drawing from experience in beta-testing Khan Academy's Khanmigo and working with industry experts at Google Deepmind through the Raspberry Pi Foundation, Rehana Al-Soltane in this webinar explores the design principles that have guided world-leading AI literacy initiatives. This event is sponsored by the Career Services Office.

January Series [Virtual]



January CareTalks from Care.com

Click the links to register.

- Jan. 14 [Disability & Neurodiversity](#): Caring for Your Child with Disabilities
- Jan. 15 [Aging and Adult Care](#): Putting You in the Care Equation

- Jan. 16 [Success at Work](#): The Science of Goal Setting
- Jan. 22 [Child Care & Parenting](#): Raising Well-Balanced Children
- Jan. 28 [Your Healthy Lifestyle](#): Eat Your Way to a Healthy Year

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

Sign up by Wednesday, January 15, 5PM

Tournament Date: January 19



Harvard Graduate Intramural Indoor Volleyball J-Term Tournament

Play volleyball with us! There will be a J-Term Volleyball Tournament on January 19 at the MAC from 12PM-5PM. All levels of play are welcome! Anyone without a gym membership can just sign a waiver to participate. [Sign-up here](#) by January 15th at 5PM.

Deadline: Wednesday, January 15, 2025



Spring Resume Book is now open!

[Click here to submit your resume.](#)

Get noticed by employers by uploading your resume to the Spring Resume Book! This digital, searchable resource will be shared with all employers who attend one of the spring career fairs.

Wednesday, January 15, 6-7PM [Virtual]



Conspire and Align: A New Approach to Management

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

Join HGSE alum Dr. Stephen McClain from the Management Center for an engaging session on management. Managers working for social justice must reckon with history: many modern-day management practices have roots in U.S. slavery and worker exploitation. Still, we believe that management can be a force for good. At The Management Center, we believe that management, fundamentally, is about conspiring and aligning with your team. This event is sponsored by the Career Services Office.

FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sign up by January 20 at 5PM

Season begins January 27 [In Person]



Harvard Graduate Intramural Indoor Volleyball League 2024-25 Season

[Sign up here](#) by January 20 at 5PM.

Play volleyball with us! All levels welcome.

January 21-23, 4-8PM [In Person]



HGSAS J-term Mini Course: AI Tools for Learning Design

Location: Harvard Cambridge campus (specific location TBD)

[Click here for more information.](#)

[Click here to sign up.](#)

[Click here for the syllabus.](#)

Hello educators and students! Are you ready to build your confidence in using AI tools responsibly and effectively for lesson planning? This January, dive into Harvard GSAS's J-term mini-course: AI Tools for Learning Design. Register here and check out the syllabus for all the details. Let's take the mystery out of AI!

Note: This course will run January 21-23, not January 20-22 (printed elsewhere).

Sign up by Wednesday, January 22



HGSE Connectx

[Register here.](#)

Looking to make new friends, build a professional network, and explore cultural perspectives at HGSE? Sign up for HGSE Connectx, a new partnership between the Office of Student Affairs and HGSE students that matches small, interest-based groups of 3 every week to help you forge meaningful connections. Each week, you'll meet new peers, exchange ideas, and even get customized event recommendations based on common interests. To sweeten the deal, students will receive \$5 Gutman Cafe vouchers for meeting peers. Don't miss out on an easy way to grow your community and enrich your HGSE experience during your time here!

Thursday, January 23, 6-7PM [Virtual]



Careers in Education Panel: Big Tech

[Register here.](#)

Interested in a job in Big Tech? Attend this panel to hear from HGSE alumni currently working in this field. They will share insights into the current landscape and trends in Big Tech, how you can stand out in the hiring process, and what the future looks like in this sector. Please register and let us know what questions you have for them!

Panelists include:

- Hazzan Mohammed, Ed.M. '23 - Instructional Designer, Amazon
- Emile Zounon, Ed.M. '23 - Digital Success Manager, IBM Leanne
- Trujillo-Salas, Ed.M. - Global Program Manager, Google for Education

Thursday, January 23, 4-5:15PM [In Person]



Skip the Small Talk

Location: GCC Area 5

[Register](#) by Monday, January 13.

Kick off the spring semester by connecting with your classmates! Join us for Skip the Small Talk, an event where you can get to know others by talking about the things you actually care about! We'll be offering prompts with "big talk" conversational questions to get you started, and we'll have lots of structure to facilitate meaningful conversations. We'll give you ground rules and guide you through the event to make sure you feel comfortable and safe sharing as much of yourself as possible while still feeling in complete control of how much you divulge.

Want to learn more about Skip the Small Talk?
Visit the website at <https://www.skipthetalk.org>.

Friday, January 24, 9AM-1:15PM [In Person]



HGSE Global Education Conference - Global Challenges, Local Solutions: Advancing Equity, Innovation, and Sustainability in Education

Location: Larsen 106

This conference is free and open to the public.

[Click here to download the conference schedule.](#)

Presenters will share the result of their work with government leaders around the world examining how education policy reform can address emerging issues in education systems around the world. Their work will be discussed by global leaders of thought and practice in international development organizations.

Friday, January 24, 10AM-11:30AM [In Person]



EdEthics Case Discussion

Location: Gutman 404

Email justice@gse.harvard.edu to receive a copy of the case.

The EdEthics initiative at HGSE helps educators and policy makers think through challenging ethical dilemmas in schools. Join us for a case discussion featuring one of our new cases written in collaboration with the Harvard & the Legacy of Slavery initiative. Snacks provided!

Friday, January 24 1PM-3PM [In Person]



Friday, January 24
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Askwith Hall

Open Dialogue

Empathetic Listening

Respectful Engagement

Come join Penn Badgley and Nura Mowzoon for an interactive conversation about the challenges and opportunities of fostering meaningful dialogue in polarized times. During this two-part event, Penn and Nura will provide the audience with a framework for thoughtful interpersonal dialogue, and then engage with students to find points of unity, challenge assumptions, and build bridges across divides. During the live discussion, students will be empowered to apply these principles of dialogue in their everyday interactions.

After leaving, students will be encouraged to continue this work by participating in other HGSE events that seek to encourage respect, trust, and candid dialogue across the HGSE community and beyond!



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January 24-26, Times vary [In Person]

NEW YEAR = NEW YOU

**HAPPINESS RETREAT
@ HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

Gain the power of yoga, breath & deep meditations from in person learning and experience a happier you!

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Deep Sleep <small>increase</small> 218% <small>INCREASE</small> <small>for Harvard students</small>	Well-Being <small>increase</small> 50% <small>INCREASE</small> <small>for Harvard students</small>
Stress <small>reduction</small> 56% <small>REDUCTION</small> <small>for Harvard students</small>	Depression <small>reduction</small> 70% <small>REDUCTION RATE</small> <small>for Harvard students</small>

Free to attend for Harvard students

sky CAMPUS HAPPINESS

Jan 24-26 2025
 Fri - 3 PM - 7 PM
 Sat & Sun - 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
 Gutman (HGSE), Science Center/HUH

STUDENTS: \$245 \$0
FACULTY/ STAFF: \$275

RSVP here...
 Hosted by The Wellbeing Collective
 An officially recognised student organisation of the Harvard Graduate School of Education

Forbes POPSUGAR. HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW yoga journal

Happiness Retreat: New Year Refresh Edition

- **Friday, Jan. 24, 3-7PM (Gutman Conference Center, food incl.)**
- **Saturday, Jan. 25, 12:30-3:30PM, Science Center**
- **Sunday, Jan. 26, 12:30-3:30PM, Science Center**

[Sign up here.](#)

Welcome this New Year 2025 with simple Yoga and meditation tools and techniques to empower your daily life, while having fun. Learn evidence-backed, internationally acclaimed techniques while enjoying with people, music and games! This 3-day, 3-hour/day, on-campus retreat, fully funded specially for all Harvard students is sponsored by HGSE's student organization, The Wellbeing Collective.

Tuesday, January 28 6-7PM [Virtual]

Careers in Education Panel



Big Tech

Careers in Education Panel: Foundations

[Register here.](#)

Join us for an engaging career panel exploring the rewarding world of working in foundations! Hear from HGSE alumni about how they've turned their passion for social impact into meaningful careers. Gain insights into the unique opportunities, challenges, and pathways within this dynamic sector. Whether you're interested in grantmaking, program management, or building impactful partnerships, this panel will inspire and inform your next steps!

Panelists include:

- Danubia Campos Camargos Silva, Ed.M. '17 - Senior Program Officer, The Boston Foundation
- Kamila Muhammad, Ed.M. '19 - Program Officer, Alphawood Foundation
- Alison Gross, Ed.M. '14 - Education Program Officer, Barr Foundation

Thursday, January 30 11:30AM-1:30PM [In Person]



HGSE Freecycle

Location: Gutman Commons Cafe

Start the new year off fresh! This popular event promotes reuse and functions like a yard sale, except everything is free (yay!). How it works:

1. Donate items you no longer need by dropping them off in the bin in the Gutman Library entryway starting December 11th, or directly at the Freecycle.
2. Pick up something new-to-you that you could use. A donation is not required to shop the Freecycle.

Favorite Freecycle items include books, office supplies, school supplies, toys, and kitchen essentials. Remainders are donated to the Harvard Recycling and Surplus Center in Allston.

Volunteer at the Freecycle

Lend a hand for a half hour at the Freecycle. As a thank you, each volunteer will receive a reusable bamboo utensil set and tote bag in appreciation of your time and energy! If interested, reach out to Sustainability Manager [Anne Sargent](#) to sign up or with any questions.

Friday, January 31, 2025, 6PM [In Person]



Save the Date: HGSE Night with Harvard Hockey

Pre-game Social at 6:00 PM

Game starts at 7:00 PM

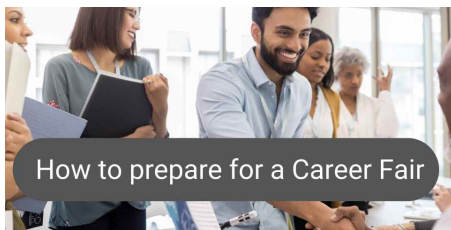
Ticket Price: \$10 (+ \$3 transaction fee)

[Purchase your ticket\(s\) here.](#)

Join us for an unforgettable night of Harvard Hockey on Friday, January 31st! Watch the Crimson take on Princeton at the Harvard Bright-Landry Hockey Center in a special event open to HGSE students, faculty, staff, and friends.

Kick off your evening at 6 PM with a lively pre-game social, enjoying snacks and a cash bar. The first 100 attendees to arrive at the pre-game social will receive a free HGSE swag item! Then, gear up to cheer on the Crimson as HGSE Dean Nonie Lesaux drops the puck at 7 PM. Don't miss out on the excitement—show your Harvard pride and be part of this special event!

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



CSO Monday Brown Bag Lunch: 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.

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!

Deadline: Friday, February 7, 2025



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](#).

Deadline: Monday, February 24, 2025 at 5PM EST



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](#).

Application Deadline: Sunday, March 9, 2025

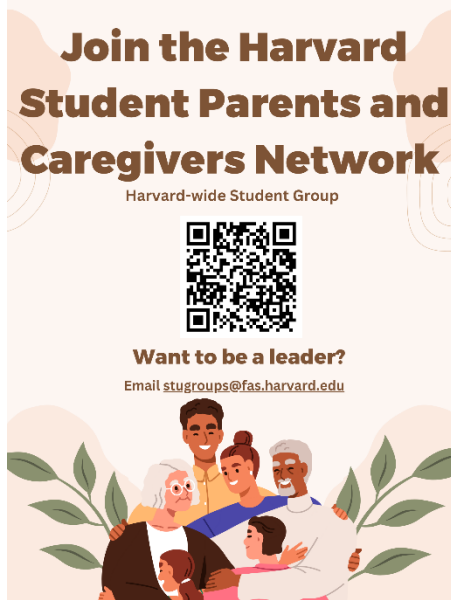


Student Conference Fund!

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

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.

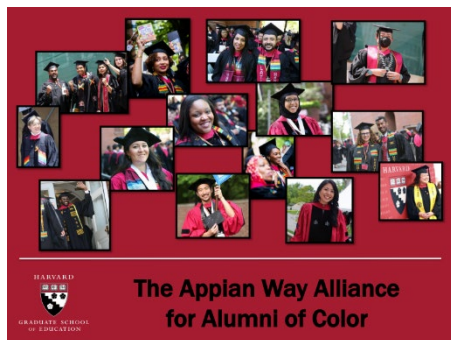
For more information, please visit the [WAG website](#).

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

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.

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.*

