

— HGSE — Weekly

Office of
Student Affairs



Monday, November 18, 2024

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FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up by Wednesday, November 27

The Power of Critical HOPE: Resist. Reimagine. Reset.

The time is now to lead with purpose and courage. Join us on the leading edge. Convening, connecting, and building a movement rooted in critical hope and action to drive change. We are calling on visionary leaders to resist complacency, reimagine what's possible, and reset our collective future. This is your chance to drive impact and create change.

Answer the call. Complete the interest form by November 27, 2024, and become a catalyst for change.

The logo for the Alumni of Color Conference (AOCC), featuring the letters "AOCC" in a stylized font with a rainbow gradient, and the text "ALUMNI OF COLOR CONFERENCE" below it.

The Power of Critical Hope: Resist. Reimagine. Reset.

Join a Planning Committee for the 2025 Alumni of Color Conference (AOCC)

[Click here to sign up.](#)

The time is now to lead with purpose and courage. Join us on the Leadership Convening Committee and be part of a movement rooted in critical hope and transformative change. We are calling on visionary leaders to resist complacency, reimagine what's possible, and reset our collective future. This is your moment to drive impact and inspire others. Answer the call and become a catalyst for change.

AOCC dates: February 28-March 1, 2025

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, November 18, 12PM-1PM EST [Virtual]



Monday 11/18/24
12-1p.m. EST on Zoom
Register: bit.ly/TinkeringToTransformation

WITH AUTHOR MEREDITH HONIG MODERATED BY JENNIFER CHEATHAM

Gutman Library Virtual Book Talk - From Tinkering to Transformation: How School District Central Offices Drive Equitable Teaching and Learning

[Register for the Zoom link.](#)

Author Meredith Honig will be joined by moderator Jennifer Perry Cheatham, Ed.D.'10, to discuss the book, which calls on superintendents and other district leaders to rethink the very premises that underlie the long-standing ways of working in their central offices. Using lively case studies, detailed examples, and performance data from ten US school districts, Honig and co-author Lydia Rainey deftly highlight how central offices must transform in order to support equitable teaching and learning in schools.

Monday, November 18, 4:30PM-5:30PM EST [In Person]



UX Research @ HGSE: Kickoff Event

Location: Larsen 214

Please [RSVP here](#).

Interested in learning about user experience (UX) research? Considering a career in tech and want to explore different roles? Join UX Research @ HGSE, an officially recognized student organization, for its kickoff event! Come learn about the field of UX research and how it differs from UX design, and meet other people interested in UXR. Food will be provided!

Tuesday, November 19, 12PM-1PM EST [Virtual]



HGSE Industry Coffee Chat: Learning Design

Join HGSE alumni and current students for a career conversation focused on Learning Design! The event will feature a panel of alums from this industry followed by time for Q&A and open discussion. Please come prepared with questions that are top of mind for you!

Panelists include Andrea Flores, Ed.M. '14, Sophie Mortner, Ed.M. '18, Stephen Barber, Ed.M. '22, and Hazzan Olusegun Mohammed, Ed.M. '23 with more to be announced soon.

[Register here](#).

Tuesday, November 19, 9AM-12PM EST [In Person]



Black Teacher Archive Wikidata Edit-a-thon

Gutman Conference Center 1-2

The Gutman Library invites you to contribute to an important digital humanities project while immersing yourself in the history of African American educators and learning Wikidata skills! Breakfast will be provided.

[Sign up here.](https://bit.ly/bta-wiki)

Tuesday, November 19, 4:30PM-5:30PM EST [In Person]



Class Gift Volunteer Meeting!

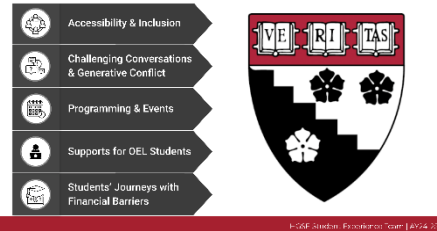
Location: Gutman 439

Please RSVP to grace_carew@gse.harvard.edu.

The Class Gift Campaign is a longstanding tradition that gives current students the opportunity to pay it forward for future HGSE students. If you're interested in helping to raise money for financial aid, learning about fundraising, and connecting with your fellow peers, join the Development Office tomorrow from 4:30–5:30 P.M. on campus to learn more about how you can get involved.

Wednesday, November 20, 5PM-6PM EST [In Person & Virtual]

Help enhance the HGSE Ed.M. experience!



**Student Experience Team (SET) Project Launch -
Join a Project Team to Enhance the HGSE Ed.M.
Experience!**

[Sign up here!](#) The location will be posted ASAP on the sign-up form, and also in next week's Weekly Update.

Interested in getting hands-on experience with user research (user testing, design thinking, focus groups, etc.) and building your leadership skills? If so, we invite you to join a student-led project team with SET!

SET projects are a fantastic opportunity for students to work with peers and HGSE campus stakeholders to research and enhance aspects of the Ed.M. experience. SET will be leading projects on accessibility and inclusion, challenging conversations and generative conflict, event programming and coordination, OEL supports, and students' journeys with financial barriers. In each of these topics, project team members will have the opportunity to work collaboratively to design a research plan, gather feedback from peers, analyze findings, and share insights with HGSE decision-makers. Join us for pizza or on Zoom to learn more about our projects and how you can serve as a Project Lead or Member!

Questions? Email set@gse.harvard.edu.

Wednesday, November 20, 5PM-6PM EST [In Person]



Around the World @HGSE

Location: Larsen 203

[Click here to register.](#)

This event seeks to foster a sense of community and inclusivity at HGSE by highlighting the cultural richness of our diverse student body. Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of international snacks, explore music from around the world, create friendship bracelets, and engage in speed networking to connect with peers. It's a fun and interactive way to celebrate diversity, build connections, and share experiences. This event is sponsored by the Southeast Asian Student Organization and Cross-Cultural Education.

Thursday, November 21, 1PM-2PM EST [In Person]



TeachAI Fireside Chat

Location: Gutman 437

[Click here to register.](#)

Join us in conversation with HGSE alumn Pam Vachatimanont, TeachAI and Code.org Director of Operations and Partnerships joining virtually. Learn more about her work in education policy and promoting the safe, effective, and responsible use of AI in schools. Pam has helped develop resources for local, state, and national education systems to integrate the benefits of AI and mitigate risks. She formerly worked at UNICEF, UNESCO, and has years of experience in the education policy and edtech sectors. This event is sponsored by GICE.

Thursdays, November 21 and December 5, 4PM-5:30PM EST [In Person]



HGSE Hangout

Location: First floor of the Gutman Library

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.

HGSE Hangout & Pub Night: The culminating event of the fall semester's HGSE Hangouts will take place on December 5th. Join the HGSE community for a special celebration to toast to the end of the fall semester.

Thursday, November 21, 5PM-9PM EST [In Person]



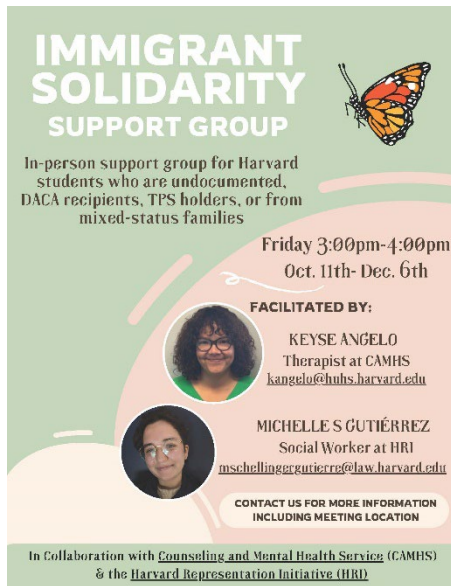
ArtsThursdays: Celebrating Native American Craft Brewers

Location: Harvard Museum of Natural History, 26 Oxford Street, Cambridge

[Click here to register.](#)

Join us for a free, fun night at the Harvard Museums of Science & Culture. Come with a date, come with friends, or make new friends while strolling through the galleries.

Fridays (ongoing), November 22 through December 6, 3PM-4PM [In Person]



Immigrant Solidarity Support Group

Location: Email facilitators for location.

Join the Immigrant Solidarity Support Group, facilitated by [Keyse Angelo](#) from Harvard Counseling and Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and [Michelle S. Gutiérrez](#) from the Harvard Representation Initiative (HRI).

Friday, November 22, 7PM [In Person]



Harvard Graduate Night at Men's Basketball

Location: Lavietes Pavilion

[Click here for tickets.](#)

Harvard Graduate Night is back! Join Harvard Men's Basketball as Harvard welcomes back families, friends and alumni to Boston for a big weekend on campus! Come cheer on the Men's basketball team on the eve of Harvard-Yale with this exclusive discount offer! As a special offer, all Harvard Graduate Students have exclusive access to \$10 tickets to this game!

Saturday, November 23, 10AM-3PM EST [In Person]



Harvard-Yale Tailgate

[Click here to get tickets.](#) Hurry! They're going fast! All ages welcome.

Location: Roadrunner, Brighton (Boston)

Join HBS and Yale SOM for a combined tailgate and watch party at Roadrunner in Brighton. Enjoy music from our own DJs, food, and a jumbo screen showing the Harvard-Yale football game starting at 12 PM. Tickets include food and entry to the venue, with bars accepting cash and card for drinks—friends and family welcome!

Friday, November 22, 4PM-6PM EST [In Person]



HGSE International Arts Lollapalooza

Gutman Conference Center

Please [RSVP](#) here.

Join us at the International Arts Lollapalooza, an annual celebration that brings together HGSE's vibrant international and multicultural community with a showcase of food, music, dance, and performances. Come cheer on our talented student performers, enjoy a meal of international cuisines, and immerse yourself in the dynamic spirit of the HGSE community.

If you require accessibility accommodations, please contact [Andrea Le](#) at least 48 hours in advance.

FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, November 26, 11:30AM-1PM EST [In Person]



HGSE Student Thanksgiving Luncheon

Gutman Cafe

[Click here to sign up.](#)

Please join us for a Thanksgiving meal with the HGSE community! The lunch will include turkey and all the fixings. Vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and dairy-free options will be available. This meal is free of charge for all current HGSE students. To ensure we have enough food to go around, we kindly request that you RSVP. We hope to see you there!

Sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs

Monday, December 2, 12PM-1PM EST [In Person]



EXPLORE YOUR WELLBEING DURING STRESSFUL TIMES

Monday, December 2nd
12 - 1 pm
Eliot Lyman Room, Longfellow Hall

RSVP Required
Lunch will be served



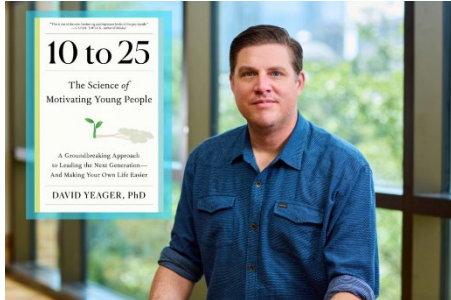
Explore Your Wellbeing During Stressful Times

Location: Eliot Lyman Room, Longfellow 2nd floor

[Click here to sign up.](#)

This Workshop will feature two health educators from the Harvard Center for Wellness and Health Promotion. The session will focus on wellbeing and selfcare for graduate students. This event is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs.

Wednesday, December 4, 2PM-3PM EST [In Person]



Book Talk with David Yeager

Location: Larsen 106

Join the EPA and HDE programs for a talk with David Yeager entitled *Mentoring Adolescents: From Developmental Science to Education Policy*. Yeager, a prominent education psychologist at UT-Austin, will discuss his new book, [10 to 25: The Science of Motivating Young People: A Groundbreaking Approach to Leading the Next Generation—And Making Your Own Life Easier](#). There will be brief remarks from HGSE faculty Martin West, Alejandro Ganimian, and Stephanie Jones along with an audience Q&A.

[RSVP here](#) for a chance to win a copy of 10 to 25! Any HGSE student can attend and is eligible to win a copy of the book, which will be given out at the conclusion of the event.

Thursday, December 5, 2PM-4PM EST [In Person]



The HGSE Gingerbread House Competition

Location: Gutman Conference Center

[Click here to sign up by Monday, December 2nd.](#)

The Office of Student Affairs invites you to celebrate the end of the fall semester with hot chocolate, snacks, and a gingerbread house decorating contest! Assemble a team of up to 5 HGSE students to compete. We will provide you with the gingerbread house materials and decorations. The rest is up to you! The completed gingerbread houses will be

displayed at the HGSE Hangout and End of Semester Celebration on December 5th for voting. Prizes will be awarded to the members of the team with the most votes. Spectators and non-competitive cookie decorators are encouraged to attend!

Friday, December 6, 9:30AM-11AM EST [Virtual]



Crimson Connect: Alumni Student Networking

Join HGSE Alumni Engagement for a virtual event that will connect HGSE alums and current students. Crimson Connect is designed to give students the opportunity to practice their professional networking skills and meet with alumni to hear about career paths and life after HGSE. Alumni from a variety of HGSE programs, graduation years, and geographies around the globe will attend and will share their post-HGSE career experiences.

[Register here.](#)

Submission Deadline: Monday, December 9, 2024

Conference: May 22-23, 2025 [In Person]



Cross University Collaborative Mentoring Conference (CUCMC)

Location: University of Pennsylvania

[Click here for more information.](#)

CUCMC is a unique conference that promotes student leadership and mentorship across universities, with a mission to support intergenerational scholarship. This year, we will

explore the theme: “Child and Family Research Advancing Social and Education Equity by Creating and Supporting Dynamic Family-School-System Connections.” We encourage you to submit a presentation that aligns with this theme.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



WAGs

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

More information and Zoom links on the Hub.

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Work Accountability Groups

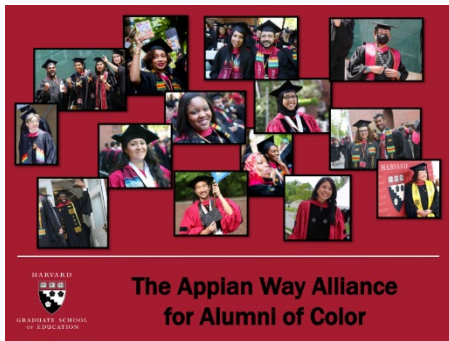
Student Support Services in the Office of Student Affairs will be offering Work Accountability Groups (WAGs) twice a week on Zoom (Thursdays 8-10 PM and Sundays 2-4 PM) throughout the year. These accountability groups are two hours long and provide a space for students to work together with fellow students, 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. Stay tuned in the OSA Weekly newsletter for the start date for this year's WAGs.

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 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 [CWHHP](#), 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.