

— HGSE — Weekly

Office of
Student Affairs



Monday, November 4, 2024

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FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, November 4, 12PM-1PM & Friday, November 8, 11:45AM-1:15PM [In Person]



Sign up for Office Hours with Jarrod Chin, HGSE's Chief Diversity Officer

Students are encouraged to [sign up for a time to meet with Jarrod](#) to discuss their experience as a student at HGSE. Students are invited to sign up whether they have a specific topic they would like to speak about or if they would just like to connect more informally.

Tuesday, November 5, 12PM-3PM & Wednesday, November 6, 12PM-2PM EST [In Person]



Sign up for Office Hours with Kevin Boehm, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Student Life

Gutman Library 2nd Floor

Students are encouraged to [sign up for a time](#) to meet with Kevin to discuss their experience as a student at HGSE. Students are invited to sign up whether they have a specific topic they would like to speak about or if they would just like to connect more informally.

Students who would like to meet but are not available during these times are encouraged to sign up for a time to meet via [Kevin's Calendly link](#).

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, November 4, 12:30PM-4PM EST [In Person]



HGSE Gets Out the Vote!

Gutman 440

Let's get out the vote! Come join students, faculty, and staff any time on Monday, Nov. 4 from 12:30-4:00 for a non-partisan event to assure that more Americans vote and have their voices heard in this crucial election. You'll have opportunities to both text and phone bank. All HGSE students, faculty, and staff are welcome. Bring a friend or colleague! Michael Ansara, a seasoned organizer and trainer, will provide a brief training. We'll have pizza and snacks.

Monday, November 4, 3PM-4PM EST [Virtual]

Join a **Design Thinking Workshop** led by a Learning Designer from the TLL!



Student Experience Team Workshop 3: Design Thinking with Kelley Hirsch

Learn from Kelley Hirsch, a Learning Designer at HGSE Teaching and Learning Lab. She will discuss the process of planning and facilitating a design sprint focused on reworking assignments in HPL and share lessons learned from the process.

[Sign up here!](#) Questions? Email [Katherine Farrar](#).

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



Safe Space - Save the Date!

Gutman 305

Join student organization HGSE Safe Space for their orientation event! Meet new friends, learn about their mission to build an inclusive and supportive community, and enjoy fun activities like bracelet-making. Snacks will be provided as Safe Space introduces their vision for creating a space where everyone feels welcome.

Monday, November 4, 5PM EST [In Person]



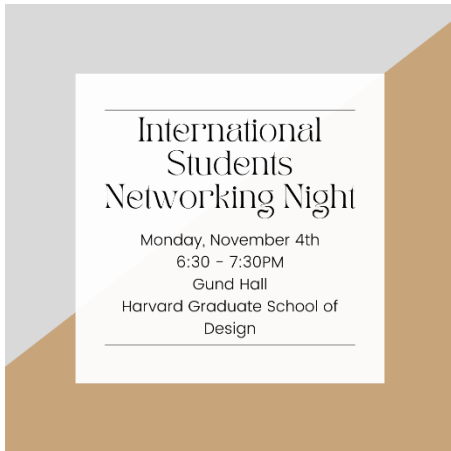
Pan-Asian Coalition for Education Kickoff!

Longfellow 207

Join PACE's kickoff event for an evening of Asian treats and music while connecting with fellow Pan Asian students committed to educational and social justice issues. Come share your vision for our community and discover opportunities to get involved as we create a welcoming space to meet and build meaningful connections.

To RSVP and sign up for PACE, [click here](https://tinyurl.com/HGSEPACE2024).

Monday, November 4, 6:30PM-7:30PM EST [In Person]



International Students Networking Night

Gund Hall, Porticos (Harvard Graduate School of Design)

International Students Networking Night is a unique opportunity to connect with global peers across Harvard. Engage in impactful conversations, exchange career insights, and hone your networking skills with fellow international students from GSD, HGSE, HBS, and HKS. It's the perfect occasion to build connections and expand your professional network at Harvard!

Light refreshments will be provided. Space is limited; [RSVP required](#).

Tuesday, November 5, 12PM-1:15PM EST [Virtual]



The U.S. Job Search Toolkit: Essential Information and Strategies for International Students

[Please Register](#)

Are you an international student at HGSE eager to gain work experience in the U.S. after graduation?

Join us for a webinar hosted by the Career Services Office, Harvard International Office, and Office of Student Affairs. Learn about potential immigration options post-graduation, explore the art of networking in the U.S., and learn how to navigate the job search timeline in harmony with visa requirements. Attendees will also gain tips on how to confidently discuss immigration status with potential employers. Equip yourself with the knowledge and tools to expertly navigate your U.S. job search — we hope to see you there!

SIGN UP FOR November 5



Free Back-up Care Copays for Election Day (November 5)

Juggling school closures, child care, work, and voting? Count on Care.com! They will cover your copay for child backup care received on Election Day.

Submit your request early to secure Backup Care on November 5th and your copay will be waived at checkout.

Book care at hgse.care.com.

Wednesday, November 6, 11AM-1PM EST [In Person]



Career Lab

Gutman 2nd Floor Suite

Do you have a question about your resume, internship opportunities, or career exploration? Stop by Career Services' 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.

Wednesday, November 6, 2:30PM EST [In Person]



Fireside Chat With EasyA: From 0 To 1M+ Users

Location: Gutman 305

Join student organization HGSE Blockchain Club for an engaging fireside chat with the founders of EasyA as they share insights into their journey of scaling to 1 million users. We'll explore their approach to building a successful edtech mobile app, discussing the challenges and milestones they've encountered along the way as they expand to new continents and plan on opening their own university.

Friday, November 8, 12PM-1PM EST [In Person]



Najelaa Shihab Student Networking Event

Larsen G01

Join Najelaa Shihab, [Chen Yidan Visiting Global Fellow](#) and distinguished educator and innovator in the field of education in Indonesia for a student networking lunch. Lunch provided. Come with your questions!

Friday, November 8, 5PM-6PM EST [In Person]



Relax, Rejuvenate and Refresh

Location: Gutman 305

With days getting darker and assignments piling up, HGSE student organization, the Wellbeing Collective, recognizes that some of us are in need of a community to come together and just relax and enjoy indoors with simple guided meditation, light music and mini-meals. Time for a loving community to come together.

FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, November 12, 12PM EST [Virtual]

care.

Peaceful and Present: Managing the Holiday Season

[Click here](#) to register.

The holiday season can be joyful, but it can also be challenging. Whether you're caring for aging relatives, juggling the demands of parenting, or dealing with the absence of a loved one, you might find yourself feeling overwhelmed. If this sounds familiar, this session is for you.

Join Letisha Bereola, back by popular demand, for practical, no-nonsense strategies to make the season more manageable and enjoyable. No spa day

suggestions here, just down-to-earth tips that can make a difference.

Tuesday, November 12, 6PM-7PM EST [In Person]



International Alumni Career Panel

Gutman Conference Center 1

Join the Career Services Office to hear from international HGSE alumni about job searching in the US as an international student. Panelists will share what they have been doing since HGSE, how they approached the job search, and how they secured their current position. Gain insights into how to start to look for a job in the US, what the challenges are, and tips for success. Light refreshments will be provided.

[Register through the Hub.](#)

Wednesday, November 13, 9:30AM-10:30PM EST [Hybrid]



Coffee Chat for HGSE International Students

Location: [Zoom](#) and Gutman 440 (light breakfast will be served)

Please [RSVP](#).

Join us for the virtual DEI Coffee Chat, where a panel of international HGSE alumni will share their insights on integrating international experiences into the U.S. classroom context. Gain valuable strategies on how to bring international perspectives to class discussions and discover ways to leverage your HGSE

learning for impactful work in your home country. Dive into a conversation about the unique opportunities and challenges of translation and adaptation of concepts like DEI across cultural contexts. Don't miss this opportunity to build community, ask questions, and learn from international peers.

Wednesday, November 13, 4PM-5PM EST [Virtual]



What's Working: Where Schools are Getting It Right

Schools are often spoken about needing improvement, but what are they doing right? Join Harvard Education Press authors **Michael Casserly, Peter W. Cookson, Jr., and Michael B. Matsuda** as they talk about the ways in which schools are succeeding and how teachers and school leaders can develop more strategies for success. The discussion will be moderated by HEP author **Meredith I. Honig**.

[Register here.](#)

Stay informed about webinars and new books in education by [subscribing to Harvard Education Press's newsletter.](#)

Wednesday, November 13, 12:30PM and 6PM EST [In Person]



Mississippi Delta Lunchtime Panel Event

Time: 12:30PM

Location: Harvard Law School, [Wasserstein Hall](#), Room 1019.

Join us for a lunchtime panel event featuring a fireside chat with [Dr. Mary Coleman](#), Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Economic Mobility Pathways and author of many publications, including the book [Land, Promise, and Peril: Race and Stratification in the Rural South](#). Jillian Morrison will facilitate the conversation.

Mississippi Delta Celebration

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Harvard Law School Austin Hall Lobby

Please join the [Mississippi Delta Project](#) for our annual Delta Celebration. The Celebration is an opportunity to meet and reconnect with Harvard community members, the Delta Directions Consortium, MDP student leaders, and guests who share a commitment to the Delta region and supporting rural communities. We will also be joined by the [Delta Scholars](#) who will be on campus as part of their Boston Conference, a follow-up to their Summer Institute program in the Delta. Please feel free to share this invitation with friends and colleagues who may be interested in joining and forming new connections. All are welcome!

Wednesday, November 13, 4:30PM-6:30PM EST & Friday, November 15, 1:30PM-3:30PM EST [In Person]



Leading Systemic Change: A Workshop by Najelaa Shihab

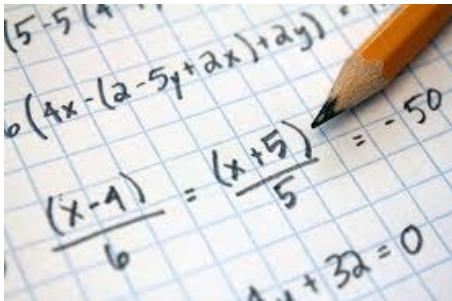
Location: Larsen G06

Join Najelaa Shihab, distinguished educator and innovator in the field of education in Indonesia, for a 2-session workshop on Leading Systemic Change.

[Sign up here.](#)

Hosted by the Chen Yidan Visiting Global Fellows Program.

Wednesday, November 13, 6PM EST [Virtual]



Panel Discussion: The Algebra I Question

HKS Wexner Building, 434 AB Conference Room

The Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston at HKS is convening a panel discussion to learn about the complex decision of middle school math offerings that Cambridge has been confronting and especially the question of whether to offer Algebra 1 to some or all 8th graders. The goal of the panel discussion is to learn more about how school districts have been addressing this question both locally and nationally. Some particular questions that the panel might address include: What makes this decision such a challenge? What are its equity implications? What are its implications for students' math trajectories?

The panel will be moderated by Tom Loveless, an education policy scholar. Panelists will include: Adrian Mims from The Calculus Project, Siobahn Mulligan from the Cambridge Public Schools, Elizabeth Hudson from the Cambridge School

Committee, and Chris Huffaker from the Boston Globe.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Thursday, November 14, 12PM-2PM EST [Virtual]



Alumni in Residence: Patrick Healy, Ed.M. '19, Performance Consultant, Coach

[Register for a 20-minute session](#) to meet with Patrick Healy, Ed.M. '19, an experienced learning and performance consultant, coach, and instructional designer.

To learn more about Patrick's background and register [click here](#).

Thursday, November 14, 3PM-3:30PM EST [Virtual]



Education Now | Teaching Students to Listen and Talk Across Differences

In our polarized times, how can educators help young people cultivate the mindsets and skills needed to engage respectfully and constructively with people who have different points of view? Our panelists will discuss ways to guide students to listen to different perspectives, navigate conflict, and seek common ground.

[Register for the Zoom link.](#)

Thursday, November 14, 5PM-6:30PM EST [In Person]



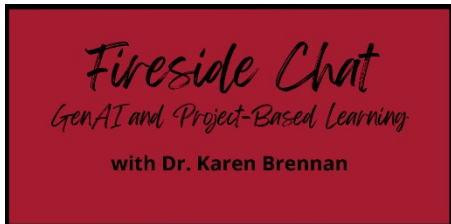
Askwith Education Forum | Redefining Education Leadership for Turbulent Times

Askwith Hall

Superintendents everywhere face mounting pressures to improve academic outcomes with diminishing resources in a fractious political environment. What is the current state of the role — and education leadership more broadly? What knowledge, skills, and dispositions are most needed to lead school systems today, and how can we inspire the next generation of talented leaders to take on one of the hardest jobs there is?

[Register to attend.](#)

Thursday, November 14, 7:30PM-8:30PM EST [Virtual]



Faculty Fireside Chat: GenAI and Project-Based Learning

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

Student-directed projects offer a powerful and personally meaningful way for learners to explore a variety of concepts, practices, and perspectives. However, defining goals, determining project scope, and accessing the right resources in support of that work can be challenging. Join HGSE Professor of Practice and LDIT Faculty Co-Chair Dr. Karen Brennan, along with Paulina Haduong, Ed.M. '14, Ph.D. '23, Avantika Kolluru, Ed.M. '24, and Sally Yao, Ed.M. '24 for an interactive conversation about how Generative AI can be a valuable tool in supporting the creative work and learning process of student-directed projects.

Applications due Friday, November 15



Express Grants are now open through Friday, November 15th for Fall applications.

The Office for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging offers Express Grants of \$200 to \$1,000 to support Harvard community members in advancing diversity and fostering a culture of belonging. Ideal for planning Harvard-wide events, lectures, and community programs, proposals should impact the Harvard community and explore themes of diversity, inclusion, identity, and culture. Projects that engage multiple Harvard schools are prioritized. Learn more here.

Student who wish to apply for funding to organize a new Affinity Celebration, must apply for Express Grants in the Fall.

[Click here](#) for more information and to apply.

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

A promotional graphic for a virtual book talk. At the top, it features logos for Harvard University, Harvard Education Press, and the Gutman Library. Below the logos, the text reads: "Monday 11/18/24", "12-1p.m. EST on Zoom", and "Register: bit.ly/TinkeringToTransformation". In the center, there is a QR code and a book cover for "FROM TINKERING TO TRANSFORMATION: HOW SCHOOL DISTRICT CENTRAL OFFICES DRIVE EQUITABLE TEACHING AND LEARNING" by Meredith I. Honig and Lytha R. Rainey. At the bottom, there are two circular headshots: one of the author, Meredith Honig, and one of the moderator, Jennifer Cheatham. Below the headshots, it says "WITH AUTHOR MEREDITH HONIG" and "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.

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.](#)

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



HGSE International Arts Lollapalooza: Call for Performers

Gutman Conference Center

The International Arts Lollapalooza is an annual event to celebrate HGSE's international and multicultural community through food, music, dancing, and performances. All students are welcome to sign up to perform or share their cultures through art.

If you would like to perform, [please fill out this survey](#) by **Wednesday, November 13th**. There is no need to be a professional performer to participate, and the event is not confined to live performances - poems, paintings, photography, etc. are welcome!

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.](#)

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



HGSE Student Thanksgiving Luncheon

Gutman Cafe

[Click here to sign up](#) by Friday, November 15.

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!

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Submission Deadline: Monday, December 9, 2024

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



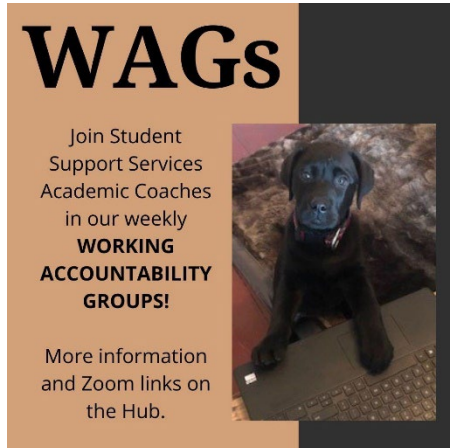
Cross University Collaborative Mentoring Conference (CUCMC)

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

A graphic for WAGs (Work Accountability Groups). It features the text "WAGs" in large, bold, black letters on a brown background. Below it, smaller text reads: "Join Student Support Services Academic Coaches in our weekly **WORKING ACCOUNTABILITY GROUPS!**" and "More information and Zoom links on the Hub." To the right of the text is a photograph of a black dog sitting on a laptop keyboard.

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. 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.

