

# — HGSE — Weekly

Office of  
Student Affairs



**Monday, May 11, 2026**

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## FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Class Gift Campaign Ends This Week!

There is still time to **make a Class Gift of \$20.26** and join nearly 200 peers in supporting financial aid for next year's students.

**Donate by Wednesday, May 13**, to receive recognition in the commencement program as a student donor. In appreciation, you receive a special HGSE lapel pin to wear on your graduation regalia.

These can be picked up in **Longfellow G012**:

- May 12 (3-5pm)
- May 14 (3-5pm)
- May 20 (10-1pm)

**Please bring your gift confirmation.**

To coordinate a different pickup time, email [giving@gse.harvard.edu](mailto:giving@gse.harvard.edu).

## THIS WEEK



## Beyond Oil: Education for Growth, Inclusion, and Human Flourishing in Venezuela

Tuesday, May 12, 9AM-5PM EDT | In Person

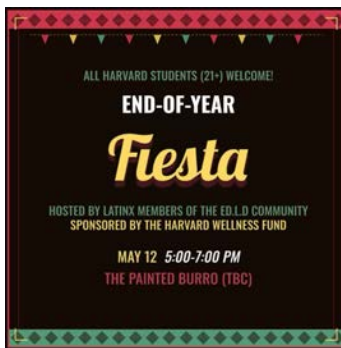
The Education Lab for Latin America at HGSE is hosting Beyond Oil: Education for Growth, Inclusion, and Human Flourishing in Venezuela.

The conference will gather students, researchers, and practitioners to explore six priorities for transforming Venezuela’s education system, including early childhood, learning recovery, education for democracy, teacher policy, financing, and the well-being of students and educators.

The event is free, with **advance registration required**.

**Askwith Hall**

**Questions for Conference Organizers.**



## End-of-Year Fiesta

Tuesday, May 12, 5PM-7PM EDT | In Person

Bienvenidas, bienvenidos, y bienvenedes! Join in for an End-of-Year Fiesta hosted by Latinx members of the Ed.L.D. community. Dinner will be provided at The Painted Burro (location to be confirmed via email).

All Harvard students (21+) are welcome to attend. Please note that while dinner will be provided, guests will be responsible for purchasing their own drinks. This event is supported by Harvard's Wellbeing Project Fund to promote relational health within the HGSE community.

Space is limited; the first 24 individuals to **RSVP** will be confirmed. Additional respondents will be placed on a waitlist and notified accordingly.

**Questions for the Fiesta organizers.**



## Social Innovation Fellows Program Information Session

Thursday, May 14, 3PM-4PM EDT | Virtual

The **Social Innovation Fellows Program** is a rigorous co-curricular program for changemakers committed to addressing critical social problems in new and creative ways. The Fellows Program supports selected students – known as SICI Fellows – advancing progress on a social problem through an effort of their own design. Through weekly co-curricular programming, coaching, mentoring, and seed funding (up to \$30K), this accelerator provides a platform for students to explore, develop, and scale efforts while in school and post-graduation. Collectively, Fellows’ work represents innovation across issues, around the world, and within sectors - encompassing civil society, business, government, and NGO organizations.

**\*\*Please Note:** this opportunity is available for HGSE students who will be enrolled during the 2026-27 academic year\*\*

**Register for the virtual information session** hosted for interested students.

DISSERTATION RESEARCH – PARTICIPANTS NEEDED  
TAKE A SURVEY ON TEAMWORK!



**Teamwork:  
How Well Do Teams *Really* Work  
at HGSE?**

**Why take this?**

- Help surface what's **actually going on** with collaboration; the wins and the frustrations
- Enter a **raffle for Amazon gift cards**
- Your responses are **confidential**

Open to students, TAs, and instructors

Take the survey  
<https://bit.ly/hgse-teamwork>

## Take a survey about teamwork at HGSE!

**Survey Open until Friday, May 15**

Take part in a dissertation research survey on the collaborative experience at HGSE. Whether group work has been your best or worst experience, the research teams want to hear from students, TFs, and instructors. Complete the survey and enter a raffle for Amazon gift cards.

[Participate in the Teamwork Survey.](#)

[Questions about the Teamwork Survey.](#)

THE NEXT LEVEL LAB

## Learning Summit

Where Learning Science Meets the Future of Work

Friday, May 15, 2025  
Longfellow Building – Cambridge, MA  
Harvard Graduate School of Education



**CALL FOR POSTERS**

Poster proposals welcome from K-12, higher education, and...

- Workforce Development
- Workplace Learning
- Adult & Lifelong Learning
- Nontraditional Post-Secondary Pathways
- Learning Sciences and Emerging Technology

All submissions welcome — Real projects, early research, prototypic designs.

Registration: [Save April 18th](#)

Sign up to attend and/or submit poster proposal here:



## Next Level Lab Learning Summit

**Friday, May 15, 9AM-5PM EDT | In Person**

New technologies, shifting labor markets, and a growing body of research in cognitive science and the learning sciences are changing how adults learn in workforce and workplace settings. The Next Level Lab, a research group housed within Project Zero at HGSE, is bringing together practitioners, researchers, and leaders for a day of exchange, provocation, and collaboration. For students, there will be opportunities to learn from experts, network with potential employers, and share work in a poster reception.

[Register for the Learning Summit.](#)

[Questions for Next Level Lab.](#)



## From Iran: A Visual Testimony

**Special Exhibition: Friday, May 15 - Sunday, March 21, 2027**

Created over the course of fourteen years, Iranian photographer Azadeh Akhlaghi's project stages and photographs pivotal moments from Iran's tumultuous twentieth-century history. Drawing on meticulous archival research and her background in cinema, she casts professional and nonprofessional actors and photographs each scene from multiple angles to reimagine historical events as complex tableaux, set in real locations in Iran.

**Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology, 11 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge**

[Visit the Peabody Museum website for more information.](#)

[Questions for the Harvard Museums of Science & Culture.](#)



## Step Into Art/Mother Caroline Academy Exhibit Reception

**Sunday, May 17, 2PM-4PM EDT | In Person**

Please join Gutman Library for a festive exhibition reception! Mother Caroline Academy's sixth graders will present their Step Into Art self-portraits and writing inspired by contemporary artist Gio Swaby. Together, we will celebrate the students' creativity and our 18th year of partnership!

[RSVP for Step into Art.](#)

**Gutman Gallery (1st Floor)**

[Submit your questions about the Exhibition and/or Reception.](#)

## FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



## Queer Hack-a-thon

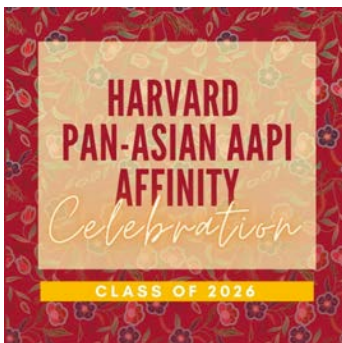
**Monday, May 18, 1:30PM-5PM EDT | In Person**

Do you have an idea for a lesson, tool, practice, or policy that you want to queer? Is there a piece of art, an object, or game you want to create that would benefit LGBTQIA+ youth – or other marginalized youth – in your community? Got a question about how to queer something you're still struggling with, that you need help puzzling through? This hack-a-thon is a chance for you to learn a bit about best practices for supporting LGBTQIA+ youth (or yourself!) while either queering or creating something to bring back to your home context. Snacks, music, and supplies provided!

**Gutman 305 \*New Location\***

[REGISTER FOR QUEER HACK-A-THON.](#)

[Questions for Gretchen Brion-Meisels.](#)



## Harvard Pan-Asian AAPI Stole & Graduation Celebration 2026

**Tuesday, May 26, 11AM-11:45AM EDT | In Person**

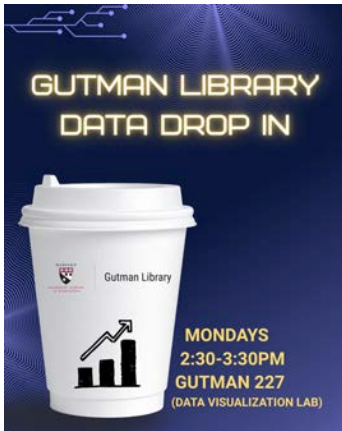
Harvard Pan-Asian AAPI Class of 2026 — this is for you! Celebrate graduation with an AAPI Heritage Stole and join the AAPI Affinity Celebration to mark this achievement alongside fellow graduates, family, and friends 🌍

[Place Your Order and Buy Your Tickets.](#)

[Questions for the Celebration organizers.](#)

*Sponsored by the Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance.*

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



## Gutman Library Data Drop In - Every Monday at 2:30PM

Gutman Library invites you to hang out at the Gutman Data Lab every Monday from 2:30-3:30pm (excluding University holidays). Talk about your projects, share knowledge, and learn new skills! Coffee, tea, and treats will be available.

**Gutman 227**



## Scripture in Community - Every Thursday at 9AM

What does the Bible say?

Join the HLS Program on Biblical Law and Christian Legal Studies for a weekly public reading of the scripture at HGSE.

Breakfast is provided. Walk-ins are welcome, but RSVPs are strongly encouraged.

**Gutman 437**

[RSVP for Scripture in Community.](#)



## Work Accountability Groups

Student Support Services hosts weekly **Work Accountability Groups (WAGs)** on Zoom. These accountability groups will hold space for students to gather and work in a supportive environment. Each WAG is 2 hours long and they are hosted multiple times throughout the week:

- Thursdays, 8 - 10 pm ET
- Sundays, 2-4 pm ET



## Harvard UndocuGraduate Collective

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. HUGC also encompasses students from mixed-status households and those with other liminal statuses, recognizing the shared challenges and community needs.

[Email HUGC.](mailto:undocucollective@gmail.com)



## Introducing Wellthy's Backup Care for HGSE Students

Life throws curveballs, and when it does, **Wellthy is here to help.** As a HGSE student, you can access emergency backup care services for your children when your regular care is unavailable.

For those times when school is closed, your babysitter is sick, or your usual care plans are disrupted, Wellthy offers vetted in-center, community-based, and in-home childcare solutions. Because life happens, and now, you have help!



### **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 CWHP newsletter** for more information on wellness offerings, classes, and workshops!

## **RELIGIOUS RESOURCES**



### **Harvard Interfaith Engagement**

Through the lens of **interfaith engagement**, the University seeks to foster respect for all identities, build relationships between communities, and encourage cooperation for the common good. The result will be a more resilient and connected community of students who have the skills to navigate and lead in a diverse world.



### **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.



### **Harvard Chaplains**

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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**.



#### **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.



### 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.



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



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