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HGSE Weekly

Office of Student Affairs

HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Monday, November 2, 2026

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✨FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENTS✨



Diwali Celebration

Sunday, November 8, 7PM-8PM EST | In Person

Hosted by the HGSE Office of Student Affairs and GSAS Student Center

We are pleased to invite you to celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights!

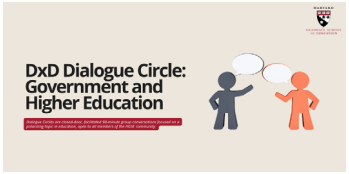
Join graduate students from across Harvard for an eventful evening with food, music, dancing, and more! The evening will also include a Bollywood Dance Workshop. Please reserve your ticket!

The **event is free for HGSE students and one guest.** HGSE students should use this link to reserve tickets.

Tickets cost $10 for all other Harvard graduate students. Non-HGSE student tickets can be purchased online.

Contact the Event Organizer.

Lehman Hall, GSAS Student Center in Harvard Yard



DxD Dialogue Circle: Government and Higher Education

Monday, November 9, 11:30AM-1PM EST | In Person

Some believe universities should remain independent from political influence, free to decide what they teach, whom they admit, and how they govern themselves.

Others argue that because universities receive public funding, educate future leaders, and shape society, elected governments have both the right and the responsibility to hold them accountable when they believe universities have lost the public's trust.

Where do you stand? Let's discuss this in this dialogue circle.

Sign up on the Event Page

Contact the Event Organizer

Sponsored by the Dialogue Across Differences (DxD) Initiative



The Crimson Soiree: HGSE End of Year Formal Event

Friday, May 7, 2027 7PM-11PM EDT | In Person

The HGSE End-of-Year Formal Committee proudly presents The Crimson Soiree.

On May 7th, join us for a black-tie (optional) event in Cambridge, MA, to celebrate your accomplishments and dedication to education this year.

Save the date to dance the night away with your favorite songs, free drink tickets, activities, hors d'oeuvres, photo booth pictures, and more.

Tickets on sale in April 2027.

Contact the Event Organizer

Sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs

THIS WEEK



Calling All Harvard Student Founders: Apply for the 2027 President's Innovation Challenge today!

Monday, November 2 - December 8, 2026

Harvard Innovation Labs invites student founders from all 13 Harvard schools to apply for this year's President's Innovation Challenge, themed "Unprompted": celebrating people who bring ideas to life without waiting for permission.

Applicants compete for a share of over $500,000 in non-dilutive funding from the Bertarelli Foundation, plus expert feedback, pitch coaching, and i-lab membership.

Apply by Dec. 8.



Cultural Heritage Impacts Economic Development: Case of Georgia

Monday, November 2, 4:30PM-5:45PM EST | Hybrid

Georgia restored its millennia-old statehood following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. A critical component of rebuilding an independent and sovereign nation was the development of a viable economic foundation. Unlike its resource-rich neighbors around the Caspian Sea, Georgia possesses limited oil and gas reserves. However, the country is endowed with other strategic assets, including its rich natural and cultural heritage and its location at the crossroads between Central Asia and European and global markets. Thirty-five years after regaining independence, Georgia offers insights into how these assets can be transformed into economic competitiveness.

Join in for this conversation with Dr. Mamuka Tsereteli and Shota Bagaturia. Local snacks will be served.

Register on the Event Page

Contact the Event Organizer

Rubenstein Building - R-414-AB (HKS)

Sponsored by the Harvard Center for International Development



Race in the Machine: The Making of Algorithmic Bias

Wednesday, November 4, 6PM-7:15PM EST | Hybrid

This panel brings together scholars who investigate how race is embedded in technologies like clinical algorithms, search engines, computer vision, and AI, and resulting harms. How can we understand race through technology, and untangle these systems to promote justice? Exhibit viewing follows.

Register on the Event Page

Contact the Event Organizer

Sponsored by the Harvard Museum of Science & Culture

HGSE Open Mic & Karaoke

Wednesday, November 4, 6:15PM-9:30PM EST | In Person

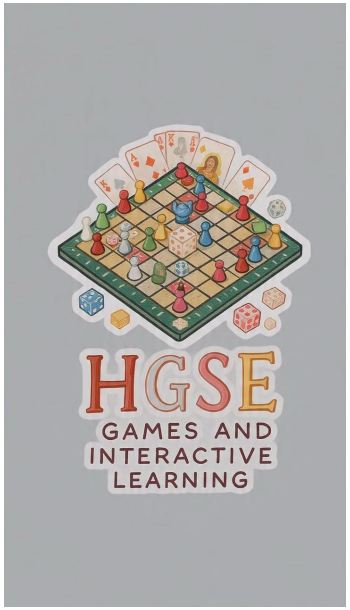
Join Mic Drop for an open mic & karaoke of horror!

You can stay on theme with the horror or wander whichever direction you choose, it is only a thought. This is a space to perform, experiment, try something new, and find your people :) Whether it be poetry, singing, playing an instrument, doing stand-up, dancing, improv-ing with nothing prepared, karaoking, or whatnot -- the stage is yours to make what you would like! Only one rule: have the funnest of funs. Come curious, come creative, and come cheer loud and proud!

Event Sign-up

Contact the Event Organizer

Mic Drop is an officially recognized student organization at HGSE.



HGSE Game Night

Wednesday, November 4, 6:30PM-9PM EST | In Person

Please join HGSE Games and Interactive Learning for our weekly game night series! The student club will be offering a wide variety of games. Feel free to bring your own games as well. All experience levels are welcome.

Larsen 214

Contact the Event Organizer

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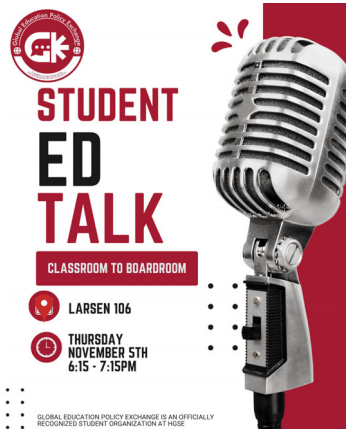
Prevention Team
Office for Community Support, Non-Discrimination, Rights and Responsibilities

Prevention Team Open House!

Thursday, November 5, 2PM-4PM EST | In Person

Join the Prevention Team for an open house in the ✨new ✨ Community Prevention Space in Smith Campus Center 935.

Questions for the Prevention Team



ED Talk

Thursday, November 5, 6:15PM-7:15PM EST | In Person

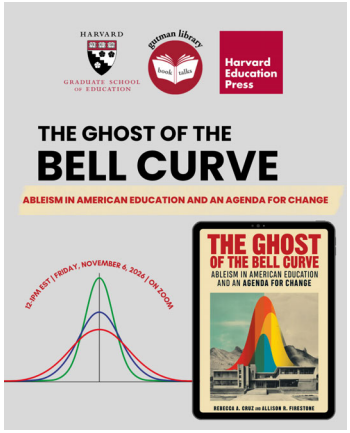
Join the Global Education Policy Exchange (GEPE) in **Larsen 106** to support your peers at an inspiring ED Talk event.

Come listen as your fellow classmates take the stage to share powerful, personal stories of leadership, resilience, and global educational impact. Be there to cheer them on, connect with the policy community, and leave deeply inspired by the diverse journeys of your HGSE peers.

Registration

Questions for GEPE

GEPE is an officially recognized student organization at HGSE



Gutman Library Virtual Book Talk - The Ghost of the Bell Curve

Friday, November 6, 12PM-1PM EST | Virtual

How did we arrive at an education system so deeply shaped by ableism? In The Ghost of the Bell Curve, Rebecca A. Cruz and Allison R. Firestone explore this question and address the persistent problem of poor academic and social outcomes for students receiving special education services.

Register for the Zoom link



AI + Learning Differences Hackathon

Saturday, November 7 - Sunday, November 8 | In Person

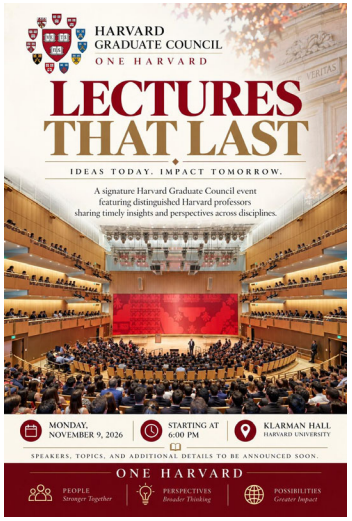
A two-day hackathon where people with lived experience of learning differences, students, educators, and engineers co-design more accessible ways to learn.

More information on the website

Email the AI + Learning Differences team

Sponsored by HGSE, Alana Institute, and Perkins School for the Blind

FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



Lectures That Last

Monday, November 9, 6PM-9PM EST | In Person

The event will feature one professor from each of Harvard's 12 graduate schools, with each speaker delivering a seven-minute talk on what they would teach if it were their last chance to teach something.

The evening will celebrate the lasting impact of teaching, learning, and ideas across the University. Students from all schools and fields are warmly invited to attend.

Klarman Hall (HBS)

Sponsored by the Harvard Graduate Council



Uncommon Ground: Practice Civil Disagreement and Stewarding Dialogue

Thursday, November 12, 2-4PM EST | In Person

How do we engage in meaningful dialogue across differences without retreating into what feels comfortable or escalating into unproductive conflict?

This experiential workshop invites HGSE students to step into structured conversations around timely and complex issues, practicing the skills required to navigate disagreement with curiosity and courage.

Gutman Conference Center 4&5

Register on the Event Page

Email the Event Organizer

Sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs



iCreate: Conversation with Forbes 30 Under 30 Honoree April Lockhart

Thursday, November 12, 6PM-7PM EST | In Person

Join iCreate as we welcome April Lockhart, a disability advocate, content creator, and fashion influencer, for an inspiring conversation exploring creativity, representation, authenticity, and the power of embracing what makes us different. Through her work and growing platform, April continues to challenge traditional beauty standards and redefine what inclusion looks like across fashion, media, and beyond.

RSVP to Attend

Contact the Event Organizer

iCreate is an officially recognized student organization at HGSE



Mississippi Delta Celebration

Thursday, November 12, 6PM EST | In Person

Please join the Mississippi Delta Project (MDP) for the annual Delta Celebration, held in Hark South, second floor of the Casperson Student Center, on the Harvard Law School campus in Cambridge, MA.

The Celebration is an opportunity to meet and reconnect with members of the Harvard community, 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.

Email the Mississippi Delta Project



Gutman Library Virtual Book Talk - The New American Frontier

Friday, November 13, 12PM-1PM EST | Virtual

New technologies are reshaping the foundations of the US economy, with implications that may ultimately affect nearly every industry. But unlike previous waves of technological changes—when gains mostly accrued to the most educated or most privileged amongst us—this time could be different.

In The New American Frontier, Rachel Lipson shows that there is still a real opportunity for good-paying jobs that do not require a four-year degree to build these technologies and maintain them.

Register for the Book Talk

Questions? Send them in from the "Contact us" page on the Event Page



Career Pathways in Education and Media

Friday, November 13, 4PM-6PM EST | In Person

Join us for a conversation with professionals from Sesame Workshop and Disney Jr. about the many pathways into careers at the intersection of education, media, and storytelling.

The event will feature **Kim Keith Berglund, Vice President of Development at Disney Jr**. and an HGSE alumna, **Manabu Nagaoka, Vice President, General Manager, and Executive Producer, Japan, and Head of Sesame Street English at Sesame Workshop** and an HGSE alum; and **Louis Henry Mitchell, Creative Director of Character Design at Sesame Workshop.**

The program includes panelist presentations, a moderated conversation, audience Q&A, small-group career conversations, and a hands-on character design session. Stay afterward for informal networking.

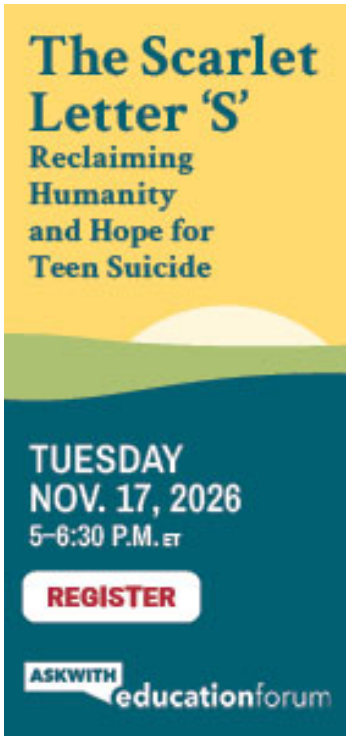
Registration to attend

Contact the Event Organizer

Gutman Conference Center 4 & 5

Presented by the HGSE Animation Studio, an officially recognized

student organization exploring animation as a medium for learning, storytelling, reflection, and connection.



Askwith Education Forum: The Scarlet Letter S: Reclaiming Humanity and Hope for Teen Suicide

Tuesday, November 17, 5PM-6:30PM EST | Hybrid

Please join the HGSE community for an Askwith Education Forum on a difficult and important topic: understanding and preventing suicide among teens. Dr. Pamela Morris-Perez will share research and prevention strategies, discuss how adults can respond when a young person may be at risk, and consider how we can approach this issue with greater compassion and care.

Askwith Forum Registration

After the forum, the Office of Student Affairs will host an optional, facilitated conversation to reflect on ideas raised during the event and discuss how we can support young people and one another.
You can register for the DxD Debrief here.

If you or someone you know needs support in the U.S., call or text 988. Harvard students can also call the CAMHS Cares Line at (617) 495-2042, available 24/7.



Passport to HGSE: A Night Around the World

Tuesday, November 17, 6PM-9PM EST | In Person

Celebrate the cultures and talents of HGSE's international community!

Join us for an evening of student-hosted booths, games, food from cuisines around the world, and performances by HGSE's international community members.

All HGSE students and their guests are welcome. Register if you plan to attend!

Interested in hosting a booth or performing?
👉 **Sign up to host a booth or perform by Friday, November 13!**



HGSE Night with Harvard Women's Basketball

Wednesday, November 18, 4PM EST | In Person

Join members of the HGSE community for a pre-game reception before cheering on the Harvard Women's basketball team as they take on Syracuse!

Pre-game reception will take place from 4-5 pm in the Murr Center Hall of History. Game tip-off is scheduled for 5 p.m. in Lavietes Pavilion, located directly adjacent to the Murr Center.

All HGSE community members and their friends and family are invited to attend.

Tickets are not required for the pre-game reception but are needed to attend the game. Purchase your discounted tickets.



Building Your Personal Website

Thursday, November 19, 3PM-4PM EST | Virtual

Looking for ways to share your research experiences, leadership involvements, and/or professional accomplishments in a more flexible and dynamic way beyond just LinkedIn posts?

Consider building a personal website where you can share your passion, story, and aspirations in a more personalized way! In this webinar, hosted by our Communications Lab, you will learn some tips and suggestions about personal branding, professional identity, and digital storytelling through building a digital CV and/or online portfolio.

Register for the Webinar

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Career Lounge @HGSE Hangout

Thursday, November 19, 3PM-5PM EST | In Person

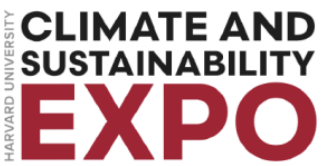
Join CSO @HGSE Hangout!

Do you have a question about your resume, cover letter, interview, career exploration, etc.? Stop by our Career Lounge for a quick, 15-minute drop-in session. No appointment is needed. It's first come, first served!

Registration page

Contact Career Services

Gutman Gallery



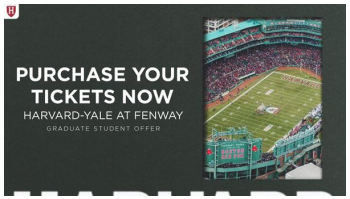
Harvard Climate & Sustainability Career Expo

Friday, November 20, 1PM-4:30PM EST | In Person

Harvard University is deeply committed to supporting sustainability efforts and finding effective and equitable solutions to climate change.

Join us for the annual career expo, a collaborative effort across Harvard schools and Massachusetts Institute of Technology to connect organizations focused on climate, sustainability, energy, environmental protection, resilience, and related fields, with Harvard and MIT undergraduates, graduate students, and alumni.

Expo Details



Harvard Graduate School Tickets - Harvard-Yale at Fenway

Saturday, November 21 | In Person

Harvard graduate students, secure your tickets for the Harvard-Yale game!

Use the exclusive graduate student link to purchase your tickets and join us at Fenway for another historic rivalry matchup. Tickets are limited.

Harvard-Yale tickets are managed by the Harvard Ticket Office. Please contact 617-495-2211 with your questions.



Mastering Your Academic Presentation

Tuesday, December 1, 3:30PM-4:30PM EST | Virtual

Do you have an academic presentation coming up? A major class assignment or even a conference symposium?

The Communication Lab is here to help elevate your academic presentation to the next level! In this webinar, they will share tips and suggestions for structuring your research presentation clearly and concisely, translating findings into substantive and accessible language, and highlighting your research impact for an academic audience.

Register for the Webinar

Contact the Event Organizer

Sponsored by Gutman Library & the Communications Lab

CSNDR Prevention Lunch and Learn

Thursday, December 3, 12PM-1PM EST | In Person

The Prevention Team is excited to launch our first series of Community Lunch and Learn events, which will be hosted in our Community Prevention space in Smith Campus Center 935!

Make your own bookmark and discuss “Calling In,” a Framework for Dialogue-Based Intervention. Light snacks, tea, and other treats will be served.

Space is limited, please register

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Call for Submissions: 2027 Harvard Review Chapbook Prize: In Translation

Open through Tuesday, December 15

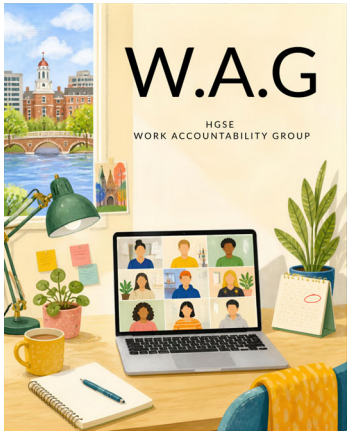
Harvard Review invites submissions for its 2027 Chapbook Prize: In Translation, welcoming unpublished prose translations of fiction or nonfiction between 15,000 and 30,000 words.

Judged by Jeffrey Yang, the prize awards the winner $500, publication in a limited edition chapbook, and an invitation to read at Harvard University. Submit through Submittable by December 15, 2026; the entry fee is $20, with a limited number of fee waivers available.

Full guidelines and submission form

Contact the Harvard Review Editorial Office

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



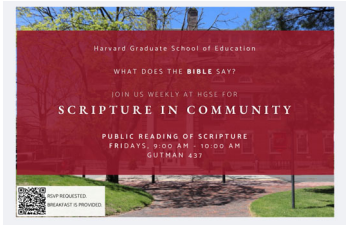
Work Accountability Groups (WAGs)

Thursdays & Sundays | Virtual

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

Learn more and join a WAG

Email Rilda Kissel your WAG questions



Scripture in Community - Every Friday

Fridays, 9AM-10AM EDT | In Person

What does the Bible say? Join in weekly to listen to Scripture in community. Breakfast will be provided.

Walk-ins are welcome, but RSVPs are strongly encouraged.

Gutman 437

Sponsored by the HLS Program on Biblical Law and Christian Legal Studies

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!



Need a boost with your assignments, presentations, or research projects?

HGSE/Gutman Library's Peer-to-Peer Services are here to help!

Connect with fellow students for support in writing, verbal communication, AI tools, and data analysis through our Writing

Center, Communications Lab, AI Lab, and Data Lab programs. Whether you're seeking feedback, guidance, or hands-on practice, our trained peers are ready to assist you at every stage of your academic journey.

Book your Peer-to-Peer Services session today and take your skills to the next level!

David S. Rosenthal center for wellness and health promotion Harvard University Health Services

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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