

# — HGSE — Weekly

Office of  
Student Affairs



Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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## HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPLY BY Monday, March 10



### Spring 2024 Semester HGSE Ed.M. Student Conference Fund Application

HGSE is committed to supporting the academic and professional development of students both within and outside of the classroom. The Student Conference Fund seeks to help defray the cost of travel and registration fees for Ed.M. students who are presenting or attending conferences. Students who are presenting are eligible for up to \$750 in funding; students who are attending are eligible for up to \$500 in funding. All conferences must align with the mission of HGSE.

**Spring semester applications** are now open for conferences that take place between 1/3/2024 and 5/12/2024. **The spring semester** deadline to apply is Monday, March 10th.

[Learn more and apply here.](#)

## THIS WEEK

Wednesday, January 17, 6PM-7PM EST



Radical Rest (Hybrid Event)

*Facilitated by Deaweh Benson, Ed.M. '17*

Take time to rest. Join this transformative yoga and meditation practice to experience deep rest. We will start with a gentle yoga flow to release emotional and physical tension from the body. Then, we will transition into a guided meditation to help facilitate a sense of ease throughout the body and mind.

For more information, [click here](#).

APPLY BY Friday, January 19



ODEI Spring Student Internships Available

To learn about the position and apply, [click here](#).

The ODEI Internship Program provides HGSE students with paid internship opportunities for those committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives for all HGSE community members (faculty, staff, students, and alumni). ODEI interns are tasked with project-based assignments aimed at developing inclusive, equitable, and

sustainable policies and programming across axes of identity.

Friday, January 19, 8AM-6PM EST



Global Education Conference: *Education, Climate Change and Inequality*

Gutman Conference Center

At this conference, graduate students in the course, **Education Policy Analysis and Research in Comparative Perspective**, taught by Professor Fernando M. Reimers, with the assistance of Mohammed Begi, Jolyn Chia, Priyanuj Choudhury, Sooty Heng, Nam Nguyen, Margaret Wang, and Whitney Warren at HGSE will share the result of their work with government leaders around the world examining how education policy reform can address climate change and inequality through education. Their work will be discussed by global leaders of thought and practice in international development organizations.

[Click here](#) for the conference program.

Friday, January 19, 2PM-5PM EST



Self-Defense Course offered by Harvard Police Department (HUPD)

Gutman Conference Center 4 and 5

**Please RSVP to reserve your space** by the deadline of Wednesday, January 17th at 12PM ET.

This course is taught by HUPD officers and tailored towards violence anyone could encounter. The course will review basic safety and awareness principles and introduce basic options for physical self-defense.

## FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, January 22, 12PM-1PM EST

**BLOOMBERG  
HARVARD**

City  
Leadership  
Initiative

### Bloomberg Harvard Fellowship Offerings Information Session

Elliott Lyman Room, Longfellow Hall, 2nd Floor

Learn about exciting fellowship opportunities from the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, located at the Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University. The information sessions will cover application details, insight into the fellowships themselves, and will feature previous fellows who will discuss their experiences to date. Gain real-world experience in select U.S. and international cities to address specific challenges in city hall. These paid fellowships are open to all graduate students across Harvard, including both continuing and graduating students. Meet us in person for refreshments and information or join a virtual session to find out more about applying for these fellowships!

Tuesday, January 23, 11AM-2PM EST

## WINTER FREECYCLE

Don't trash it or buy it new...  
Freecycle it!

- GIVE** Drop off your donations  
Bring in clean, usable school, office and home items that you no longer need to the Gutman lobby through Friday, January 19, or directly to the Freecycle.
- TAKE** Bring home something new-to-you  
No donation necessary to shop. We'll donate the remainders through Harvard Recycling.



### HGSE WINTER FREECYCLE

Gutman Commons Café

Come Freecycle with us! This popular recurring HGSE reuse event, the Freecycle, is like a yard sale where everything is free. The Freecycle promotes reuse by giving you a chance to

- Donate items you no longer need and pass them along to someone who has a use for them, and/or

- Pick up something new-to-you that you could use.

**Favorite Freecycle items include books, office supplies, school supplies, toys, and kitchen essentials.** Drop off your donations now through Friday, January 19th in the collection bin in the Gutman 1st floor lobby, or directly at the Freecycle. A donation is not required to shop the Freecycle.

**Any items leftover will be donated to the Harvard Recycling and Surplus Center in Allston.**

**Can't make it to the Freecycle? Shop (for free!) at the Harvard Recycling and Surplus Center every Monday and Thursday from 10am – 1pm.**

Tuesday, January 23, 12PM-1PM EST



#### How to Best 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 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! [Register through the Hub.](#)**

Wednesday, January 24, 3PM-3:30PM EST



#### Confronting Bullying in the Cyber Age | Education Now

**Digital communication is a vital part of teens' and tweens' lives, but it can also make them vulnerable to harassment in virtual and physical spaces. Join Gretchen Brion-Meisels and guest speakers for the latest insights and strategies to empower educators, parents, and students.**

**[Register here.](#)**

Wednesday, January 24 & Saturday, January 27



Upcoming Events with Chief Minister of Sierra Leone, David Sengeh

**Please join Chief Minister of Sierra Leone, David Sengeh, for two events on his work with radical inclusion in education. As the former Minister of Basic and Secondary Education for Sierra Leone, he will discuss how he worked to foster inclusive education and the impact he perceives it making.**

**Event 1: Discussing Radical Inclusion in Sierra Leone- Wednesday, January 24th, 12:30-1:30pm, Askwith Hall**

**This public lecture/discussion will be focused on the principles found in the book *Radical Inclusion: Seven Steps to Help You Create a More Just Workplace, Home, and World* written by David Sengeh. Reception to follow.**

**Event 2: Radical Inclusion in Schools: A Practical Workshop- Saturday, January 27th, 8am-1pm, GCC 4 &5**

**Over the course of one 5-hour session, students will learn about the principles of radical inclusion at play in Sierra Leone and will have an opportunity for group coaching with Dr. Sengeh to apply those principles to their own working contexts. Light refreshments will be provided.**

**[RSVP and find more information here.](#)**

Thursday, January 25, 1PM-3PM EST



Independent & Global Schools Career Fair

**[Register to attend](#) and receive updates about the event. This in-person Career Fair connects HGSE students with U.S.-based independent and private schools, as well as global and international schools. Don't miss this opportunity to network with participating employers and learn about open positions. Registered employers include the American School of Bombay, Beacon Academy,**

Brewster Madrid, Carney Sandoe, Carroll School, Chadwick School, Cristo Rey Boston High School, Dexter Southfield, International School Manila, Prestans Online Academy, The San Francisco School, and The Winsor School. **Please check the Hub** for updates on the employers' list!

Thursday, January 25, 5PM-9PM EST



ArtsThursdays at the Harvard Museum of Natural History

Join us for a free, fun night at the Harvard Museum of Natural History!

Come with a date, come with friends, or make new friends while strolling through the galleries.

**Register here.**

Contact [hmscprograms@hmsc.harvard.edu](mailto:hmscprograms@hmsc.harvard.edu) with any questions or for more information.

Wednesday, January 31, 4:30PM-5:30PM EST



Careers in Education Panel: Direct Service Non-Profits

Gutman 305

This is the first panel in the "Careers in Education" Panel Series! **Please check the Hub to register.**

Wednesday, January 31, 5PM-6:30PM EST



## Healthy Childhood in a Changing Climate | Askwith Education Forum

Join us as we welcome Chelsea Clinton, education and public health advocate, to moderate a panel conversation at the Harvard Graduate School of Education on the impacts of environmental change on early childhood development.

[Register here.](#)

Wednesday, January 31, 6PM-8PM EST



Ed  
Ethics.

## EdEthics Online Case Discussion

EdEthics helps educators and policy makers explore ethical dilemmas in schools through short, accessible normative case studies. Join us for an upcoming virtual case discussion on Wednesday, January 31 from 6-8pm EST. Email [justice@gse.harvard.edu](mailto:justice@gse.harvard.edu) for a copy of the case and the Zoom link.

Friday, February 9 & Saturday, February 10



**10<sup>th</sup> European Conference**  
9-10 February 2024

## The European Dream 2024 - *A Continent at the Crossroads*

Student organizations at HKS, HLS, GSAS and HSPH are delighted to announce the launch ticket sales for the 10th European Conference at Harvard.

This year's conference will bring together top thinkers and doers from Europe and around the globe to explore solutions to some of the world's most pressing issues. Come be a part of the conversation — all are welcome!

Learn more and secure your ticket [here](#).

Saturday, February 10



**33rd Annual Women in Business Conference**

# Shaping Success, Together

Hosted by the Women's Student Association, a student club at Harvard Business School

**Including Speakers From...**

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February 10th, 2024  
9:30am - 5pm  
Harvard Business School

**Tickets**



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WOMEN'S STUDENT ASSOCIATION

## 33rd annual Women in Business Conference

Join the HBS Women's Student Association on February 10th for the **33rd annual Women in Business Conference**. The theme of this year's conference is "Shaping Success, Together."

Buy your tickets [here](#)! They include breakfast, lunch, and a post-conference happy hour, plus goodie bags for a select number of attendees (details to come!).

**Attention all Harvard female founders -- the WSA is thrilled to bring back the 2nd annual Female Founders Pitch Competition taking place at the same day at the conference.**

The pitch competition seeks to highlight female founders and entrepreneurs in the Harvard ecosystem and connect them to fellow founders, investors, and advisors. Five finalists will pitch to a panel of investors for a chance to win one of three non-dilutive cash prizes.

**Please submit startups [here](#)!** Applications close January 14th, 2024 at 11:59pm ET.

Friday, March 1, 12PM-2PM EST



HGSE ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

## ALUMNI IN RESIDENCE



**Dr. Claudia Espinosa, Ed.M. '19**  
*Founder & Executive Director  
Latinas On the Verge of Excellence -  
L.O.V.E. Mentoring*

**March 1, 2024**  
Gutman Library, Room 260

This session will be held between 12 - 2 ET. Each student will sign up for a 20-minute timeslot to meet with Claudia about their career aspirations and to ask her questions.

Learn more about Michelle & register at [bit.ly/claudiaespinosaAIR](https://bit.ly/claudiaespinosaAIR)

Questions? Email [alumnserv@gse.harvard.edu](mailto:alumnserv@gse.harvard.edu)

## Alumni in Residence

Register: [bit.ly/claudiaespinosaair](https://bit.ly/claudiaespinosaair)

Meet Dr. Claudia Espinosa, Ed.M. '19, the visionary Founder and Executive Director of Latinas On the Verge of Excellence - L.O.V.E. Mentoring.

Utilize Dr. Espinosa's expertise by booking a 20-minute meeting with her on campus.

Questions? Email [alumnserv@gse.harvard.edu](mailto:alumnserv@gse.harvard.edu).

Thursday, March 7 through Saturday, March 9



Burning Refuge: The Inaugural Social-Spiritual Liberation Conference at Harvard Divinity School

**Register now.**

In March an exciting and radical conference will host its inaugural offering at Harvard Divinity School to convene critical and interdisciplinary Buddhist scholarship, activism, and arts to chart a path forward into true social-spiritual liberation.

Conference themes include Buddhism and Race, White Supremacy, and Colonialism; Sex, Gender & Queer/Trans Being; Capitalism & Labor; Technology, AI & Meta-Narratives of Progress; Environmental Justice, Animal Liberation & Deep Ecology.

The **call for papers/abstracts remains open** for any undergraduate/graduate student or scholars inspired to speak on issues related to the aforementioned themes.

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



The Harvard University Peer Coaching Initiative

The Harvard University Peer Coaching Initiative (HUPCI) is non-competitive opportunity for Harvard students and researchers to:

- (1) learn and practice core interpersonal skills,
- (2) build a high-trust relationship with an effective thought partner,
- (3) and stay more centered and intentional during their time at Harvard.

A Culture Lab Innovation Fund winner, it is also a chance to help build a more inclusive community at Harvard. Past participants say “this is not a high time commitment, but very high value.”

Learn more and register at **[www.convu.com/hupci](http://www.convu.com/hupci)**.



### Queer Women's Group

**CAMHS** is offering a confidential support group open to undergraduate and graduate women who identify anywhere under the LGBTQ+ umbrella seeking a safe space to share thoughts, feelings, and experiences, learn about available resources within and outside Harvard, and receive support around navigating various life domains, including relationships, family, health, sexuality, and academics.

It's a 12-session group that will be meeting on Tuesdays from the beginning of February through the end of April from 4:30-5:30pm on the 4th floor of the Smith Campus Center and is open to registered Harvard students who have paid the 2023-2024 Student Health Fee. To learn more [visit this site](#).



## ALUMNI

### Alumni Engagement Tip

Starting the networking process or looking to get started? Create an “elevator pitch” (approximately 30 seconds) to describe your educational focus at HGSE and your desired career path. This will help drive your conversations, showcase your goals, and help deepen connections with alumni!



### 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!

# 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 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. WAGs will start up in the fall semester, so stay tuned for the official schedule. For more information and to join, and please [visit here](#).**

## RELIGIOUS RESOURCES



## 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](#).**



### 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.



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