

— HGSE — Weekly

Office of
Student Affairs



Tuesday, January 2, 2024

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HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



2024 Lunar New Year Celebration: Join the planning team!

Do you celebrate the Lunar New Year? Are you interested in helping to plan a Lunar New Year Celebration at HGSE?

If so, please email Andrea Le (andrea_le@gse.harvard.edu) to be added to the planning team. Our first planning meeting will be scheduled for early January via Zoom.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, January 3, 10:30AM EST

CENTER FOR

ASTROPHYSICS

HARVARD & SMITHSONIAN

**The Influence of In-School and Out-of-School
Computer Science Experiences on Students'
Computer Science Interest and Identity: Results
from an NSF funded Study**

The Science Education Department at the Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian invites you to join their Monthly Seminar, presented by Drs. Gerhard Sonnert, Susan Sunbury, and Rongxiu Wu.

For the wellbeing of a society more and more dependent on high technology it is crucial to have both a large and diverse cadre of competent computer science professionals and a computer-literate citizenry. Toward these goals, sweeping initiatives have been underway to boost the young generation's exposure to computing. This seminar presents findings of a large nationwide survey of 6,044 beginning college students at 59 institutions about the influences of a wide range of in-school and out-of-school experiences with computer science on students' computer science interest and computer science identity.

[Click here to join the Zoom.](#)

NOMINATIONS DEADLINE: Friday, January 5



**AOCC Registration, Proposals, Award
Nominations & a Call for Volunteers!**

[Register for the 2024 Conference here.](#)

We also welcome award nominations on the following categories: the *Alumni Achievement Award*, the *Tina Hansar Award for Educational Equity*, the *Kolajo Paul Afolabi Award for Commitment to Educational Justice*, the *Faculty Award for Educational Equity*, and the *Turner Cooper Award for Commitment to People-First Practice in Education*.

To submit a nomination, please visit the [AOCC website](#). Deadline: Friday, January 5.

Are you interested in being a part of an AOCC committee? Please complete [this form](#) to express your interest. Deadline to complete the form is **Monday, January 15th, 2024**. A member of the AOCC planning

team will reach out to you in late January with more details. Thank you in advance!

FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

PURCHASE YOUR PASS BY Tuesday, January 9



MBTA Spring 2024 Semester Passes

The HGSE Office of Student Affairs is pleased to share that we are able to offer MBTA Semester passes at a 25% reduced rate for all students. To receive this discount, students must purchase the pass for the entire four-month period (**February 1st** through **May 31st**), through the HGSE marketplace portal.

There are a number of different pass types available, so be sure to check which pass would best fit your needs. For pass descriptions, please visit the [MBTA website](#).

As a reminder, all purchases are final sale and are non-refundable.

To place your order, [click here](#).

The **deadline for ordering** is **Tuesday, January 9 at 11:59pm EST**.

Wednesday, January 10, 12PM EST



Mindful Beginnings with Meaningful Self-Care Webinar

A new year often means a fresh start, but it's not always easy to sustain new goals and habits when life keeps happening.

Common advice is to "prioritize self-care," but what does that truly mean?

Dr. Lauren Cook, an expert in reducing anxiety and building a life that feels expansive, will coach you to create a personalized self-care routine you can sustain. Join this Care.com webinar for evidence-based insights and practical techniques for reducing anxiety and building resilience, empowering you to take on all that 2024 serves up.

Can't join live? Sign up anyway, and they'll send a

recording.

[Register here.](#)

Wednesday, January 10, 6PM-7:30PM EST



VocalMakers: Constructing Conversations

Gutman Conference Center E5

Facilitated by Terence Tan, Ed.M. '16, GM, North America at edm8ker

Dive into the world of STEM with a linguistic twist through our Talking Bot Activity. In this creative project, you'll build a bot that records and replays voice messages, using simple circuitry. This activity not only introduces basic electronics but also serves as an innovative tool for language practice. During this workshop, participants will be introduced to different techniques to introduce Maker-centric learning in the classroom.

Questions? Please reach out to alumserv@gse.harvard.edu

Thursday, January 11, 12PM-1PM EST



Staying Positive During Your Job Search (Virtual)

Facilitated by Montgomery Thomas II, Associate Director, Career Education at HGSE

Join us for a session on staying positive during your job search. The job search can be an emotional and physical roller coaster. Learn strategies for increasing resiliency and its importance to well-being and balance.

[Register on the Hub.](#)

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](#).

Thursday, January 18, 12PM-1PM EST

HGSE Winter Green Team Meeting

You're invited!



JOIN US FOR THE WINTER GREEN TEAM MEETING

All HGSE students, faculty and staff interested in making our school healthier and more sustainable are encouraged to join the HGSE Green Team! The [HGSE Green Team first came together in 2006](#) to implement school-wide conservation efforts and has since helped create (among many others) our popular events promoting reuse and waste reduction, and communications encouraging you to use your reusable bottle instead of buying single-use, disposable water bottles.

At this meeting, we will **enjoy a (free!) plant-based and planet-friendly lunch**, connect with each other, share new developments, and hear from:

- Faculty member Dr. Tina Grotzer about her work and her group, Discussions in Climate Education (DiCE)
- Ed.M. candidate Rainee Wang about the Digital QIANG Garden project she is developing that marries ecology, ritual, environmental justice and art education.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 10th so we can plan accordingly to avoid food waste. Thank you and see you there!

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](#)

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

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.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 23
11 AM – 2 PM
GUTMAN COMMONS CAFÉ



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.

February through April 2024



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.

Contact Rebecca Nelson if you are interested in joining: rnelson@huhs.harvard.edu.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



Job Opportunity Scam Targeting Students

The Office of Student Affairs has been made aware that some students may have received an email from what appears to be a Harvard affiliate sharing information about a job opportunity with Heart to Heart International. We have heard from some of the purported senders of that email that they did not, in fact, send the email and that there is an issue with their email account. Students are reminded to be vigilant in protecting their personal information. The best place to find job opportunities for HGSE students is the [HGSE Job Board](#), managed by the HGSE Career Services Office.



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!



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.



