

— HGSE — Weekly

Office of
Student Affairs



Monday, October 2, 2023

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HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



HARVARD GRADUATE
COUNCIL
Twelve Graduate Schools
One Harvard

Calling all current master's students: Please cast your vote for the EdM HGC Representative

The Harvard Graduate Council (HGC), is a student government representing all twelve of Harvard University's graduate and professional schools. HGC is responsible for advocating on behalf of graduate students before the school's central administrators, including the President of Harvard University and the Provost's Office. Each year, HGSE sends two student representatives (one doctoral student and one master's student) to serve as voting members on HGC. **Master's students, please cast your vote now.**

Voting will close at 9:00AM on Thursday, October 5th.

New Zoom Link for Work Accountability Groups



The HGSE Work Accountability Groups (WAGs) have a new Zoom link, as of September 28.

Please delete any old links you have saved and use this link instead: <https://harvard.zoom.us/j/94812687620?pwd=bEIRODJCR2RhWpUQjlSbWNMdnhEUT09>.

Meeting ID: 948 1268 7620
Passcode: 678631

More information about Work Accountability Groups can be found on the [Office of Student Affairs website](#).

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 1 through Saturday, October 7



Let Freedom Read: Banned Books Week

We want to hear from you! What is your favorite challenged/banned book and why does it mean so much to you?

Please email myanne.krivoshey@gse.harvard.edu and let us know!

We can keep your response as anonymous as you would like.

We plan to share these on our social media channels ([@gutman_library](#) on Twitter and [gutman_library on Instagram](#)) during Banned Books Week (October 1-October 7, 2023).

Monday, October 2, 5PM - 7PM EDT

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SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATIONS CLUB
PRESENTS

TRANSFORMING EDUCATION
The Story of
Pratham Education Foundation

JOIN US FOR A FIRESIDE CHAT WITH

MADHAV CHAVAN
Co-Founder and President,
Pratham Education Foundation

UKMINI BANERJI
Chief Executive Officer,
Pratham Education Foundation

&

PRIYA R.
Ford Foundation
Practice of Innovation

October 2nd, 2023,
5:00PM - 7:00PM ET

Gutman Library
Harvard Graduate School of Education

Co-sponsored by

South Asia Institute
INDIA CONFERENCE BY STUDENTS AT HARVARD

The panel discussion will be followed by a reception.

Please note: This event requires you to register as we have limited spots available

Transforming Education: The Story of Pratham Education Foundation

The HGSE Social Entrepreneurship and Innovations Club is proud to present their first event of the year!

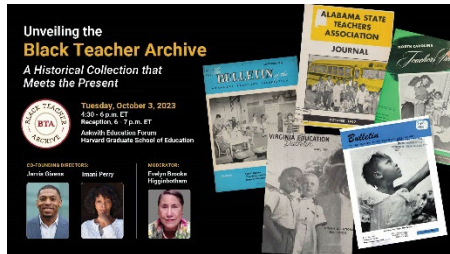
This event will be a panel discussion led by Professor Fernando Reimers with Rukmini Banerji (CEO, Pratham) and Madhav Chavan (Co-Founder, Pratham) to discuss Pratham's institutional journey, and the lessons in the process about advancing educational opportunity through a civil society organization. Since Pratham was an important case study for all HGSE students during the Foundations Evidence course (Teach At The Right Level), students will be able to relate the concepts and work done by Pratham.

[Click here to sign up!](#)

Contact student organization

leaders manasi_mehan@gse.harvard.edu OR jobellegacuya@gse.harvard.edu with any questions.

Tuesday, October 3, 4:30PM - 6PM EDT



Askwith Education Forum: Unveiling the Black Teacher Archive: A Historical Collection that Meets the Present

Askwith Hall

Join us for a special Askwith Education Forum marking the launch of the Black Teacher Archive — a groundbreaking new digital repository that centralizes the experiences of Black educators during Jim Crow and creates new portals to understanding the history of African American education.

Continue the conversation with attendees and speakers during a reception showcasing the Black Teacher Archive exhibit.

[RSVP here.](#)

Wednesday, October 4, 3PM - 3:30PM EDT



Education Now: Understanding the Relationship Between Parent and Teen Mental Health

New research is helping to shine a light on the influence of parental mental health on teens. We'll discuss strategies to better support the mental well-being of parents and caregivers, with a view to preventing anxiety and depression in adolescents.

[Register here.](#)

Wednesday, October 4 & Friday, October 6



Join UNICEF's Suman Sachdeva for two upcoming events!

Are you curious about UNICEF and what it might be like to work there? Curious about Foundational Learning in Sierra Leone or India? Meet with visiting fellow Suman Sachdeva at one of her upcoming events:

Working at UNICEF: A talk with Suman Sachdeva

Wednesday, October 4th, 4:30-5:30, Gutman 305
Co-sponsored with the Career Services Office, coffee provided,

[RSVP](#)

Student Networking Lunch

Friday, October 6th, 12-1pm, Longfellow 229
Lunch Provided

[RSVP](#)

For more information on Suman Sachdeva or the Chen Yidan Visiting Global Fellows program, please [visit our website](#).

Thursday, October 5, 5PM - 9PM EDT



Join us at the Smith Campus Center for the 6th annual

GRAD FEST

Thursday, October 5th

Family Activities 5-6:30pm | 21+ 7-9pm



Musical Performances | Wellness Stations
Salsa Dancing | Beer & Wine Bar | Free Food
Family Activities | Harvard Resources | Giveaways
& So Much More!

2023 Annual Grad Fest

Smith Campus Center

Due to popular demand, additional tickets will be released Monday, October 2nd at 12pm. Limited quantity, so act fast!

Visit <http://www.harvardgradcircle.com> to learn more.

Note: Door tickets will begin at 7:45pm based on room capacity only. No guarantee of entry.

Gather and connect with the Harvard Graduate Student Community at the 6th annual Grad Fest! All Harvard University graduate students, spouses/partners, and their families are invited.

Family Activities take place from 5-6:30pm with 21+ activities beginning at 7pm.

Live music, featured performers, games, salsa dancing, family story hour and more.

Friday, October 6, 6PM EDT



HGSE Hangouts at the Queen's Head Pub

45 Quincy Street, Cambridge – located in the same building as Sanders Theater - below the entrance to Annenberg Hall (the first-year dining hall)

Join your fellow HGSE students at the Queen's Head Pub every Friday throughout the fall semester to connect over food and drinks. Food will be served on a first come, first served basis. Beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. The event begins at 6:00PM and you can stay as long as you like! Karaoke begins at 9:00PM.

There will be no HGSE Hangout on October 27th, November 17th, or November 24th

If you require accessibility accommodations, please contact Andrea Le at andrea_le@gse.harvard.edu at least 48 hours in advance.

Friday, October 6, 4:30PM (in English) & Saturday, October 7, 4PM (In Mandarin)



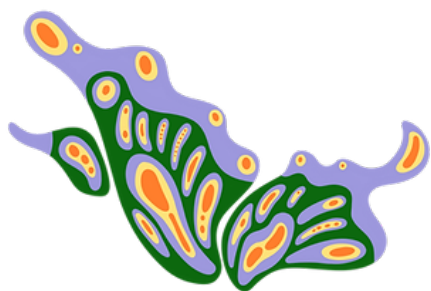
HGSE Improv Game On

HGSE Improv, an officially recognized student organization, invites you to 2 hours of game play. We will play improv games, and experience everything from fun and laughter to teamwork, trust building and self reflection.

It is NOT about performing or acting - no scripts, no theater experience required, no directors.

[Register here.](#)

Friday, October 6 & Saturday, October 7



2nd Annual Harvard Trans+ Community Celebration

[Register here!](#)

All events are free, open to the public, and accessible for mobility devices and sensory needs.

Join in on conversations around the stories of intersex leaders, trans+ people in sport, navigating gender-affirming healthcare, disability & transness, and much more. With 60+ events over two days, there really is something for

everyone.

Month of October



Teaching & Teacher Leadership Social Media Filming

TTL students will be filming around HGSE for our recruitment campaign. They might ask if you're interested in answering a question on camera. It's totally up to you!



FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, October 10, 12PM EDT

Register For Free



About Our Presenter Niro Feliciano, LCSW

Niro Feliciano, LCSW is a psychotherapist, best-selling author, national media commentator and contentment coach. She holds a master's degree from Columbia University, is a columnist for Psychology Today, and frequent guest on TODAY. She is the author of "This Book Won't Make You Happy - 8 Keys to Finding True Contentment" and the podcast host of "All Things Life." For more, visit nirofeliciano.com

Connected and Content: Mental Health Strategies for the Whole Family

Celebrate World Mental Health Day with Care and Niro Feliciano, LCSW, psychotherapist, best-selling author, national media commentator and contentment coach. In our fast-paced world, individuals and families are under more strain than ever, and focusing on our holistic well-being has never been more important.

Register for free to attend. From practical ways to manage stress and anxiety to tips on supporting the mental health of every member of your family, you'll walk away with tools you can put into practice right away.

Can't attend this **virtual event** live? Sign up anyway to receive the recording.

Tuesday, October 10, 3:30PM - 4:30PM EDT



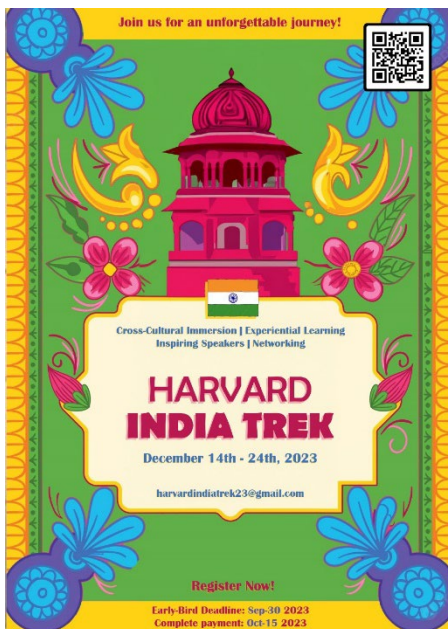
SET Workshop 1: Focus Groups as a Tool for Empathizing

Interested in honing your skills around how to better understand the perspectives, needs, and motivations of your learners?

Join the Student Experience (SET) Team as we practice using focus groups as a tool for empathizing with learners

[RSVP here.](#)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, October 10



Student-Organized Trek to India

Harvard India Trek is an immersive experience for all graduate students across Harvard, offering a deep dive into the rich tapestry of Indian culture, cuisine, and heritage. The Harvard India Trek will also provide a unique opportunity to connect with influential government representatives, visionary industrialists, and inspiring personalities who have dedicated their passion and efforts to shaping the future of India. [Register here.](#)

For more information, contact Sanjana De at sanjanade@gse.harvard.edu.

Harvard India Trek is a student-run trek that is not affiliated with any of Harvard's schools. HGSE and Harvard are not responsible for any representations made in this announcement or any accompanying material.

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY: Wednesday, October 11



October is LGBTQ+ History Month

The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) would like to invite students, faculty, and staff to celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month on **Wednesday, October 11** – National Coming Out Day – from **4 to 6pm**. In the Gutman Reading Area (1st floor). Students, faculty, and staff interested in sharing their coming out story—all forms of expression (storytelling, song, dance, poetry reading, spoken word, etc.) are welcome! please email andres_galindo@gse.harvard.edu. This event is open to all.

[Please RSVP.](#)

Thursday, October 12, 11:30M - 1:30PM EDT



The OSA Presents: Color for Joy

When: Thursday, October 12 @ 11:30-1:30 - Drop in any time!

Where: Longfellow 228

Join your GSE peers and the Office of Student Affairs for our first monthly anti-stress gathering of the 2023-2024 school year. Infuse your regular routine with new friends, 72 colors, creative choices, and screen-free action.

Coloring supplies and light snacks provided. Feel free to bring your lunch.

Friday, October 13, 12PM - 1:15PM EDT

askwith
education
forum

HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Askwith Education Forum: Supporting Teen Wellbeing in a Tech-Filled World: A Conversation with the U.S. Surgeon General

Join us as we launch HGSE's new Center for Digital Thriving by welcoming the U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy, to the Askwith Education Forum for a conversation that gets to the heart of how families and educators can help young people build and sustain their digital wellbeing.

[RSVP here.](#)

Friday, October 13, 4PM EDT



Future of Cities: Extreme Heat

Askwith Hall

Future of Cities: Extreme Heat will welcome a panel discussing concerns around environmental justice and public health as global average temperatures rise.

Cosponsored by the Office of the Vice Provost for International Affairs, the Office of the Vice Provost for Climate and Sustainability, and the Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University, this discussion will convene experts in urban planning and design, building design and materials, environmental science, public health, and medicine to share their ideas on tangible next steps for lessening the impact of extreme heat.

Learn more about Worldwide Week at Harvard (October 9-13) [here](#).

Sunday, October 15



Symposium on Gifted Education

Gutman Conference Center

Do you know why gifted education is an equity issue?

Do you have a learner who is sensitive to noise, smells, tags on clothes or just plain sensitive?

Please come to hear why Gifted Education may not be what you think it is. Discover how to identify and meet the needs of Gifted and Twice Exceptional (2E) Learners and how addressing the needs of gifted learners decreases the equity gap.

- Breakfast, lunch, snacks with coffee, tea and reception with hors d'oeuvres.
- If you're a teacher, you can earn 10 PDPs!
- There will be a kids program as well (Ages 5-12)
- Special guest keynote speaker, Massachusetts Commissioner of Education, Jeff Riley, HGSE Alum
- Notable Speaker and HGSE Academic Dean, Prof. Martin West
- MAGE is sponsoring a reduced rate for Harvard Students \$25 from \$135 (IDs checked at door)
- For more information go to www.massgifted.org/conference

For questions, please email: HAEdBoston@gmail.com

Presented by Harvard Alumni for Education (HAE) and the Massachusetts Association for Gifted Education (MAGE).

FALL SEMESTER DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 18



2023-2024 HGSE 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 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.

Fall semester applications are now open for conferences that take place between 9/6/23 and 12/17/23.

The **fall semester deadline** to apply is **Wednesday, October 18th, 2023.**

[Learn more and apply here.](#)

Saturday, October 28, 4PM EDT



Fall Fest & Harvard vs Dartmouth

Harvard Athletics is inviting all Harvard graduate students as well as friends and families to come to our homecoming football game on October 28th when your Harvard Crimson take on their rivals from Dartmouth.

All members of the Harvard graduate school community are invited to take part in this special offer with tickets to the game discounted to only \$10.00.

Gates open at 1PM and guests can enjoy our **Fallfest activities such as food trucks, live music and more.** Be sure to stick around after the game as well as we shoot off fireworks to cap off the night!

Tickets can be found at gocrimson.com/grads and if there are any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to Chris Giuliano at cgiuliano@fas.harvard.edu. Go Crimson!

Monday, November 6, 6PM EST



Mississippi Delta Celebration

**Milstein East A, Wasserstein (WCC 2036),
Harvard Law School**

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.

Thursday, November 9, 12PM-2PM EST



Alumni in Residence: Kate Milani McGrath, Ed.M. '22

Register: <https://bit.ly/katemilaniAIR>

Meet with **Kate Milani McGrath, Ed.M. '22**, Director of Research Advisory Services @ EAB to discuss your career aspirations and ask burning questions. Students must register for a 20-minute timeslot in advance using [this form](#).

Please contact HGSE Alumni Engagement at alumserv@gse.harvard.edu with any questions.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



Val's Financial Wellness Tip of the Month

Understanding the strengths and weaknesses of your relationship with money is key to building a strong financial future.

Take [a free assessment](#) to learn more about you and your money.

Presented by the HGSE Financial Aid Office.



Interested in Writing? Presenting? Editing?

The **Science in the News** Blog is looking for writers, speakers, and graphic designers who want to write about, present, and share cool science for a general audience!

SITN accepts interested people of all experience levels and their blog gets around 8,000 readers a day, so this is a great way to get your voice out there.

Interested in Longform (~1,000 words long) Blog Writing? Complete [this form](#).

Presenters are wanted for the Seminar Series. [Applications are due](#) September 30th.

Fill out [this brief form](#) if you're interested in becoming an editor for the SITN blog.

Feel free to reach out to sitnbostonblog@gmail.com if you have any questions.

[Sign up](#) for the listserv to be in the know!



30% discount on all Harvard Education Press titles for HGSE students

HGSE students are ALWAYS eligible for a 30% discount on all titles published by Harvard Education Press!

Browse our website at <https://hep.gse.harvard.edu/>, and then [complete this form](#) to purchase at the discount!



Touch Tour: Ancient Mesopotamia

Harvard Museum of the Ancient Near East, 6 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge

Available Sundays 1:00–2:00 pm during the following periods:

October 1–December 4, 2023

January 22–March 9, 2024

March 18–April 24, 2024

Also available by appointment: select Monday–Fridays from 2:00–3:00 or 3:00–4:00 pm

Available for blind and visually impaired visitors, this tour explores the [From Stone to Silicone](#) exhibition featuring ancient Mesopotamia. Touchable replicas are coupled with description to spark discussion about the sculpted art in the Assyrian palace of King Ashurnasirpal II.

Free. Registration required at least one week in advance. Service animals are welcome. To request a reservation, please complete [this form](#) or call 617-495-2916.



**BLOOMBERG
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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Student Opportunities at the Bloomberg Center for Cities

The Bloomberg Center for Cities is a university-wide center with many opportunities for students from all Harvard Schools who are interested in cities, including fellowships, research opportunities, resources, and experiential learning opportunities.

[Subscribe](#) to their email list to receive the latest news, events, and opportunities.



The Appian Way - HGSE Student Magazine

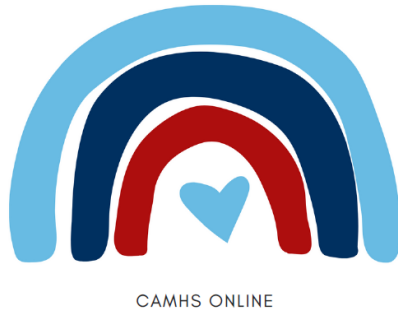
Interested in launching The Appian Way for the 2023-24 academic year?

The Appian Way is an online platform and print magazine dedicated to highlighting the outstanding achievements and projects of HGSE students. It serves as a hub for sharing inspiring stories, innovative research, and impactful experiences.

[Click here](#) to see the 2023 edition.

To reactivate this student organization, [start the recognition process here](#).

Looking for guidance or more information? Contact the 2023 editor-in-chief, [Nancy Palencia Ramírez '23](#).



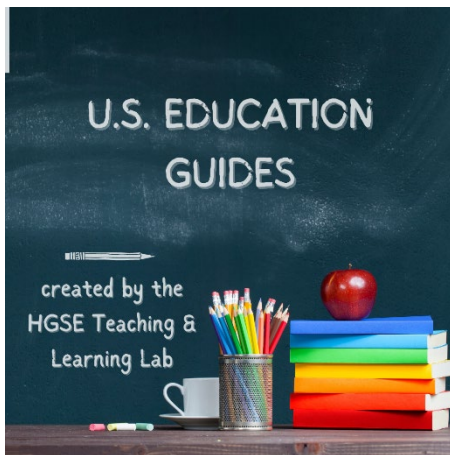
Virtual Group & Workshops

CAMHS Virtual Groups and Workshops

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Counseling and Mental Health Services (CAMHS) virtual offerings this semester.

Groups and workshops include:

- Asian Student Affinity Group
- Women's Queer Group
- Grieving & Coping Together
- Emerger - grupo terapéutico en español
- Overcoming Perfectionism through Self-Compassion
- Recovery Group for Harvard Students
- Mindfulness Self-Care for Students of Color
- Men's Queer Group
- Graduate Students Therapy Group



U.S. Education Guides

HGSE students bring a vast array of backgrounds and experiences to the classroom and community. In recognition that many of our students may be new to the education sector and/or the U.S. context, the Teaching and Learning Lab (TLL) has created a series of [resource guides](#), which provide background information on the U.S. education system. They include:

- Guide to the Organization and Structure of U.S. Education (Pre-K – 12)
- Guide to U.S. K-12 Policy & Administration
- Guide to U.S. Higher Education

Please feel free to reach out to [Silvana Rueda](#) at the TLL if you have any questions. Happy referencing!



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

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.



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