

— HGSE — Weekly

Office of
Student Affairs



Monday, November 20, 2023

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HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



HGSE Alumni of Color Conference (AOCC) Call for Proposals

We welcome proposals to present at this year's **AOCC** (Friday & Saturday, March 1st & 2nd).

Please make sure that your work, research, artistry, etc. is in line with this year's theme: ***Embracing Resistance, Joy, and Solidarity.***

To submit a proposal, please review the Proposal Guidelines and Selection Criteria in the [AOCC website](#).

Friday, December 1, 6PM-9PM EST



HGSE Hangout & Talent Show

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 for the final HGSE Hangout of the fall semester! We have reserved the entire Queen's Head Pub to end the fall semester in style with food, a talent show, and music from HGSE's own DJ Spynz and Justis Lopez. Food will be served on a first come, first served basis. In addition, the first 100 HGSE students to attend will receive a drink ticket for beer, wine, or a non-alcoholic beverage.

Additional beverages will be available for purchase.

Please bring your HGSE ID and a government issued ID.

If you are interested in performing in the talent show, please [sign up](#) by **Monday, November 27th at 9:00AM**.

Event co-organized and hosted by Vincent Ferguson (LDIT), King Adjei-Frimpong (ELOE), and Sienna Xu (ELOE) in partnership with the Office of Student Affairs.

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

THIS WEEK

Monday, November 20, 12PM-1PM EST



Tips for Surviving Winter in Cambridge & Hot Chocolate Bar

Larsen G06

Drop-in friendly/no RSVP required.

Join HGSE Ed.M. student Katie Filiakova for tips and tricks on how to survive the winter in Cambridge. Katie is excited to offer insight on how to stay warm and prioritize health and wellness during the winter months given her experience growing up in Russia and attending college in Maine.

A free hot chocolate bar will be offered at this event.

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Monday, November 20, 5:30PM-7PM EST



HipHopEx info-jam session!

Eliot Lyman Room (Longfellow 2nd Floor)

Come learn about HipHopEx, The annual Can't Stop Hip Hop Conference, and how you can get involved. And you won't want to miss the jam session!

For additional information email justislopez@gse.harvard.edu.

Tuesday, November 21, 11:30AM-1PM EST



HGSE Thanksgiving Luncheon

Gutman Café

[Register to attend.](#)

Please join us for a Thanksgiving meal with the HGSE community! The lunch will include turkey, dressing, and all the fixings. Vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and dairy-free options will be available. This meal is free of charge for all current HGSE students, staff, and faculty.

To ensure we have enough food to go around, we kindly request that you [RSVP](#). We hope to see you there!

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LAST DAY TO DROP OFF Wednesday, November 22



HGSE Winter Clothes Drive

Give back to the Cambridge community! All donations will support Cambridge Rindge and Latin (CRLS) students in need!

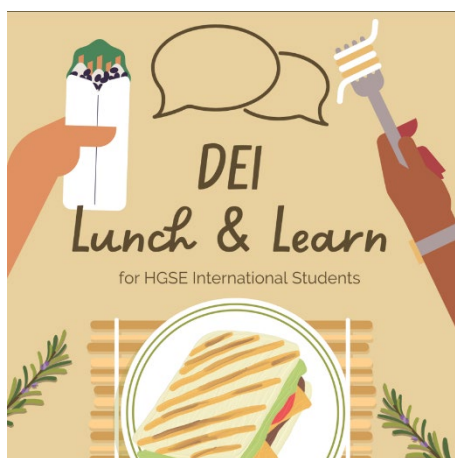
New or gently used, in all sizes: winter coats, sweaters, shirts, pants, socks gloves, boots, scarves and hats!

Drop off items at Gutman Library.

Questions? Email cguanzing@gse.harvard.edu.

FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, November 28, 11:45AM-1PM EST



DEI Lunch & Learn for International Students

Gutman Conference Center 3

[Register here](#)

The DEI Lunch & Learn series is a space for HGSE international students to convene, connect, and explore topics of diversity, equity, and inclusion in a brave and supportive space. Conversations will be facilitated by **Dr. Junlei Li** (HGSE faculty member and co-chair of the HDE Program), **Andrea Le** (Associate Director of Community Building and International Student Support), and **Annie Lewis** (Program Coordinator for the International Student Experience).

During our next lunch, we will use various case studies to explore thoughtful ways to communicate and ask questions when encountering difficult situations. [Please RSVP](#) if you plan to attend. Lunch will be served.

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Tuesday, November 28, 12PM-1PM EST



OECD Employer Briefing (Virtual, sponsored by the HKS)

Presenters: Martin Wassermann, Talent Management Analyst and Gabriele Masiulyte, Learning Support Officer

The [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development](#) (OECD) is an international organization. They be discussing internship recruitment as well as recruitment for regular positions are open on an ongoing basis. Internships - onsite, remote or hybrid. Full time positions - relocation to Paris is required, working modality is hybrid. Most of OECD post-grad positions are open to OECD member country nationals. [Click here for the list of member countries.](#)

[Click here](#) for the Meeting URL

MULTIPLE DATES Tuesday, November 28, 3PM-4PM EST



**BLOOMBERG
CENTER FOR CITIES
HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative - Student Fellowships Information Sessions

[See session details here.](#)

You are invited to learn about the 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 (11/28 & 12/4) or join a virtual session (12/7 & 12/11) to find out more about applying for these fellowships!

Tuesday, November 28, 4PM-5PM EST



Become a Skillful Jobseeker Using GoinGlobal (Virtual, sponsored by GoinGlobal)

Interested in finding a job or internship across town or around the world?

- Learn how to connect your career objectives with hiring opportunities by identifying key employers and industry contacts for informational interviews and professional networking.
- Get a realistic understanding of work permit and visa requirements, financial considerations and other prime factors critical to career success in a new location.
- Identify American employers seeking to hire international professionals for their U.S. operations through H-1B visa petitions - and learn how to connect this information to current job opportunities.

[Register here!](#)

Wednesday, November 29, 10AM-12PM EST



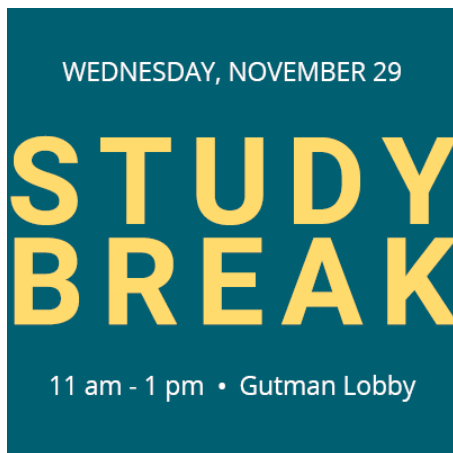
**WELCOME TO
OUR NEW HOME
AT HGSE!**

Gutman Second Floor Celebration

Academic Affairs, Student Services, and Library Teams invites you to celebrate with us and enjoy a hot chocolate bar!

Stop by anytime between 10AM and 12PM.

Wednesday, November 29, 11AM-1PM EST

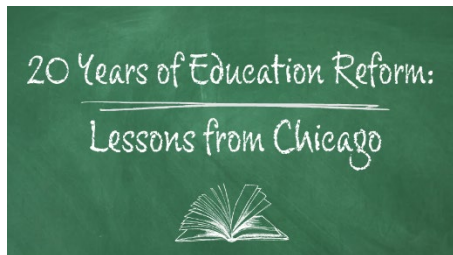


You're One Smart Cookie

Did someone say free cookies? On Wednesday, November 29, stop by Gutman lobby for a well-deserved study break.

Learn more about the annual class gift campaign and how you can make a positive difference in the lives of future HGSE students!

Wednesday, November 29, 5PM-6:30PM EST



Askwith Education Forum | 20 Years of Education Reform: Lessons from Chicago

Askwith Hall

How does a district sustain progress through leadership transition and turbulent times? We'll take a close look at 20 years of educational reform in the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) – the fourth largest district in the U.S. – with current and former CPS CEOs Pedro Martinez, Janice K. Jackson, and Arne Duncan, former U.S. Secretary of Education.

[Register here.](#)

Wednesday, November 29, 6PM-8PM EST



**Ed
Ethics.**

EdEthics Online Case Discussions

EdEthics creates case studies that explore ethical dilemmas that teachers, school and district leaders, and educational policy makers face. Join us for upcoming virtual discussions about brand new cases on **Wednesday, 11/29** and **Thursday, 12/14 from 6-8pm EST.**

You can attend just one or both! Email seobrien@gse.harvard.edu to RSVP and receive a copy of the cases.

Thursday, November 30, 10:30AM-12PM EST



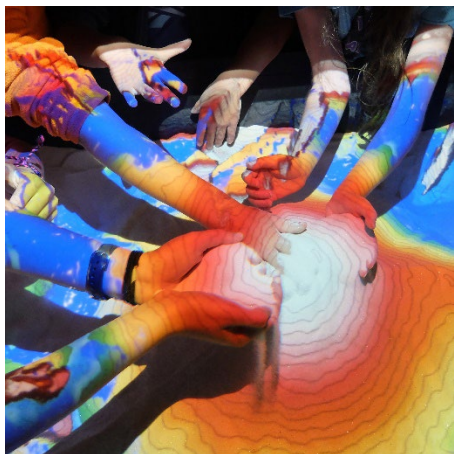
Crimson Connect: Alumni Student Networking

Register: <https://bit.ly/nov2023crimsonconnect>

Join us for a virtual event that will connect HGSE alums and current students. Crimson Connect is designed to give students the opportunity to practice their professional networking skills and meet with alumni to hear about career paths and life after HGSE. Alumni from a variety of HGSE programs, graduation years, and geographies around the globe will attend and will share their post-HGSE career experiences. The virtual event will be held via Zoom meeting and attendees will be rotated in and out of breakout rooms.

Questions? Contact the HGSE Alumni Engagement Team at alumserv@gse.harvard.edu.

Thursday, November 30, 5PM-9PM EST



ArtsThursdays: AR/VR Explorations

Join us for a free art + science night at the Harvard Museum of Natural History and the Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology!

Come with a date, come with friends, or make new friends while learning and strolling through the galleries. Participate in engaging special activities and enter a free raffle to win museum gifts and membership. This month, we are exploring virtual and augmented reality within the galleries. [Click here](#) for more information.

Thursday, November 30, 7PM-8:30PM EST

First Generation Celebration Dinner

Dear First Gen community, You are formally invited!

www.un.org/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities.

Monday, December 4, 12PM-2PM EST



Alumni in Residence: Michelle Wantuch, Ed.M. '17

[Register here.](#)

Meet with **Michelle Wantuch, Ed.M. '17**, Senior User Researcher at Microsoft 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.

Tuesday, December 5, 12PM-1PM EST



Leading Your Job Search

Gutman Conference Center 3

Join **Montgomery Thomas II, Associate Director, Career Education**, from HGSE's Career Services Office for a workshop on leading your job search. More than ever, jobs come from networking and other self-directed strategies, not just job listings. Learn creative job search methods to maximize your options and beyond.

[Register on The Hub.](#)

Thursday, December 7, 12PM-1PM EST



HGSE Industry Coffee Chat: DEIB

[Register here.](#)

Attend to connect with HGSE alums and current students who work in or have interest in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging roles across different industries. This will be an active participation session to discuss the topics and questions that are top of mind for you. This panel will be moderated by Julian Braxton, Ed.M. '99.

Thursday, December 7, 2PM-4PM EST



Gingerbread House Competition

Gutman Conference Center 4-5

[Register here.](#)

The Office of Student Affairs invites you to celebrate the end of the fall semester with hot chocolate, snacks, and a gingerbread house decorating competition! All are welcome to join for food, fun, and camaraderie. This event has an optional “ugly sweater” theme – see the registration link for more details.

To participate in the competition, please assemble a team of up to 5 HGSE students to compete and register your names by Friday, December 1. We will provide you with the gingerbread house materials and decorations. The rest is up to you! Photos of the completed gingerbread houses will be shared with the HGSE community for voting. Each member of the winning team will receive an HGSE sweatshirt. [Please sign your team up here.](#)

Want to participate in this event but need to find team members? Please email annie_lewis@gse.harvard.edu.

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APPLY BY Thursday, December 7, 11:59PM EST



2024 President's Innovation Challenge

The Harvard Innovation Labs is accepting applications for the 2024 President's Innovation Challenge. Student founders from all 13 Harvard schools are invited to apply by December 7 to show us how their startups can change the world. Founders will benefit from our robust innovation community, feedback from expert judges, and the chance to win a share of \$515,000 in non-dilutive funding from the Bertarelli Foundation.

[Student applications](#) are due December 7, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

PURCHASE YOUR PASS BY Tuesday, January 9, 2024



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**.

Friday, March 1 & Saturday, March 2, 2024



Save the date! 2024 HGSE Alumni of Color Conference (AOCC)

Our power is rooted in our connection to one another and our ability to organize across differences. History has demonstrated how solidarity movements, rooted in shared humanity and joy, have propelled us towards justice because none of us are free until all of us are free. When resisting multiple forms of oppression, embodying joy and solidarity is not a singular act—it is a discipline, a praxis, and a way of being in the world.

This year's conference theme, **Embracing Resistance, Solidarity, and Joy**, invites participants to consider: What is the current moment asking of us? How do we center joy in the fight for justice? How do we embrace and exercise resistance, solidarity, and joy in our collective struggles for liberation?

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



Ready for Winter?

This [list of shops](#) in the Cambridge area offers ideas of where to find essential winter items so you can prepare for the cold weather on any budget. While the timing of the first snowfall can vary, we recommend having winter clothes ready by mid-November.

Suggested items include a waterproof, insulated winter coat with a hood; gloves; a warm scarf; a hat; thermal base layers; warm socks; and waterproof winter boots with rubber soles (or some other material that has good traction for icy conditions).

If you'd like to recommend a shop to this list of resources or have questions, please email annie_lewis@gse.harvard.edu.



Submit Your Research to the HKS Student Policy Review

The HKS Student Policy Review is a student-run publication at Harvard Kennedy School that welcome submissions from across Harvard on timely policy issues. Submissions can be policy analyses, op-eds, or other type of articles focused on a specific policy area, and are reviewed on a rolling basis.

[Click here](#) for the submission portal.



Alumni Engagement Tip

Join the Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE) group on LinkedIn to access the 8,000+ members and use the advanced search function on LinkedIn to find connections based on specific criteria (school, industry, region, etc.)



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.*