

— HGSE — Weekly

Office of
Student Affairs



Monday, December 11, 2023

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HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

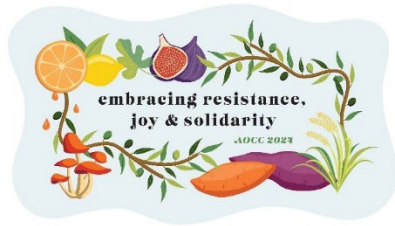


Vote for Your Favorite Gingerbread House!

Calling all HGSE students! It's time to [vote for your favorite gingerbread house](#) from the HGSE Gingerbread House Competition. Each member of the winning team will receive an HGSE sweatshirt as a prize! Voting closes on **Thursday, December 21st at 12:00PM ET**. Winners will receive an email and be featured on the [OSA Instagram account](#) at @hgse_osa.

Note: to keep voting fair, only HGSE students will be eligible to participate. You will be asked to sign in using your Harvard ID.

[Vote here!](#)



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

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

The deadline to **submit proposals to present at this year's Alumni of Color Conference** is this Friday, December 15. **To submit a proposal**, please review the Guidelines and Selection Criteria on the [AOCC website](#).

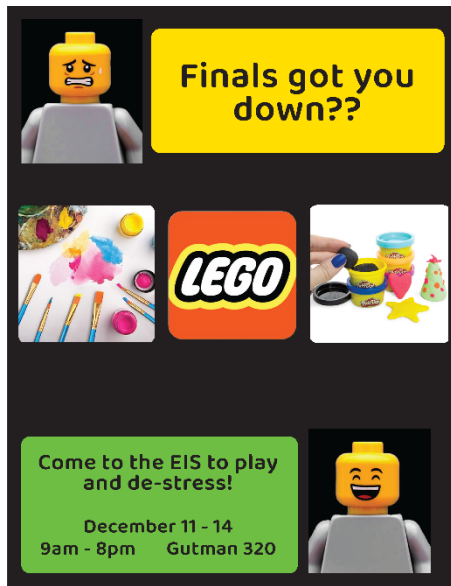
We also welcome award nominations on the following categories: the *Alumni Achievement Award*, the *Tina Hansar Award for Educational Equity*, the *Kolajo Paul Afolabi Award for Commitment to Educational Justice*, the *Faculty Award for Educational Equity*, and the *Turner Cooper Award for Commitment 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!

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 11 through Thursday, December 14, 9AM-8PM EST



De-stress in the EIS

Finals got you down?

Come to the EIS (**E**ducation **I**nnovation **S**tudio, Gutman 320) to play and de-stress! We will have many toys and tools kits available to explore.

Questions? Contact [Marc Raila](#).

Monday, December 11, 1PM-2PM 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.

Monday, December 11, 7PM-8PM EST



Join SET for a student-led focus group on New Student Onboarding

HGSE's student-led Student Experience Team (SET) is gathering feedback from all Ed.M. students to analyze and synthesize recommendations for HGSE stakeholders.

New Student Onboarding: Help us improve the onboarding experience and onboarding site for future HGSE students! We are interested in identifying ways to ensure that the right support and information are provided at the right time for incoming students. Please [register here](#).

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

Tuesday, December 12, 3PM-4PM EST



Get the Real Facts on U.S. Work Visas (Virtual, sponsored by GoinGlobal)

Join GoinGlobal's immigration experts to explore visa options for fast-tracking US employment.

Both international students studying in the US and American employers alike often struggle to navigate the complex array of work visa options allowing foreign nationals to work in the United States upon graduation. GoinGlobal has teamed up with top immigration attorneys, Mark Rhoads and Crystal Malik, to host a series of webinars that offer clear guidance on the best visa pathways for success. During this webinar, they will explore the most common options available to international scholars such as F-1 Optional Practical Training, the H1B visa, and alternatives to the H1B for those who qualify. Additionally, they will address permanent resident green card issues and, time allowing, conclude with answering participant questions.

[Register here.](#)

Tuesday, December 12, 4PM EST

HARVARD RADCLIFFE INSTITUTE
INVITATION



Free Speech, Political Speech, and Hate Speech on Campus

Knafel Center OR Online on Zoom
10 Garden Street Cambridge, M 02138

In today's fraught political and societal climate, Harvard Radcliffe Institute will host an interdisciplinary panel to discuss the purposes and scope of academic freedom and the legal norms that govern how universities respond to conflict and protest.

Speakers will explore the constitutional and statutory rules that govern universities; how these rules interact with the institutions' research, teaching, and service missions and codes of conduct; and the line between protected political speech and hate speech.

You can register for this event [here](#).

*Live closed captioning will be available for this webinar.
This event is free. All are welcome to attend.*

Thursday, December 14, 6PM-8PM EST



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 an upcoming virtual discussion on **Thursday, 12/14 from 6-8pm EST**.

Email seobrien@gse.harvard.edu to RSVP and receive a copy of the case.

THIS WEEK through Thursday, December 21, 12PM-4:30PM EST

<https://hbs.edu/belab>
917/998-6361 | belab@hbs.edu
77 Arrow Street, Cambridge, MA

**BEHAVIORAL
LAB**
HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL

PARTICIPATE IN

BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH

Negotiation Study
\$10.00 | In-Person | 30 min

Engage in a brief conversation with another participant and earn \$10

Sessions Weekdays: 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Until 12/21

Final Negotiation Sessions with the BeLab for the Year!

We have one more HBS Behavioral Lab study this year and we could use your help in filling remaining sessions!

Engage in a brief conversation with a fellow BeLab participant and earn \$10 for your participation in this 30-minute study. We have 15 more sessions to complete before the end of the calendar year and we would love your help in reaching our goal!

[Sign up here.](#)

FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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**.

Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 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, 2024, 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, 2024, 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.](#)

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



Harvard Students-Parents and Caregivers:

The new university-wide Harvard Student Parent & Caregiver Network (HSPCN) wants to hear from you! [This anonymous survey](#) is an opportunity to share your experiences and needs as a child or adult caregiver so that we can better serve and advocate for you - open to ALL Harvard students and alums! All participants can enter a raffle to win one of four \$50 Visa gift cards!



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.