

# — HGSE — Weekly

Office of  
Student Affairs



Monday, December 4, 2023

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### Reminder about Tuesday course schedule:

Please note that Tuesday, December 5th will follow a Friday class schedule. If you have any questions, please email [registrar@gse.harvard.edu](mailto:registrar@gse.harvard.edu).

## HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

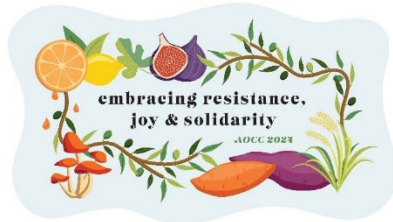


### Introducing the Community Food Table

Since there are frequently multiple events on campus with different timelines for their meals and breaks, it is not possible to truly know when an event is over, and a group has finished with its catering. To make that clearer to all and to cut down on waste, a new centralized location for surplus food has been created on the first floor of Gutman (located to the right of the main entrance).

All food that can be safely served at the conclusion of all events will be brought there for the community to enjoy. Food that is not positioned in that location should

be assumed to be reserved for attendees of a specific event.



### AOCC Registration, Proposals, & Award Nominations

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

The deadline to submit proposals to present at this year's AOCC is Friday, December 15. **To submit a proposal**, please review the Guidelines and Selection Criteria in 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.



### 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!

## THIS WEEK

Monday, December 4 - Friday, December 15



### Join SET for student-led focus groups on New Student Onboarding & Generative AI Use at HGSE!

HGSE's student-led Student Experience Team (SET) is gathering feedback from all Ed.M. students to analyze and synthesize recommendations for HGSE stakeholders. **Please join us for cookies and conversation in an upcoming focus group to share your insights!** In appreciation for your time, all focus group participants will receive a HGSE duffel bag.

- **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](#) to join us in-person (Thursday, 12/7 from 5-6) or online (Monday, 12/11 from 7-8pm).
- **Generative AI Use at HGSE:** With the arrival of AI, we know that many students use AI for learning, and many students don't! Whether you use AI frequently, occasionally, or never, we want to hear from you about your experiences choosing to use or choosing not to use AI. Your insights will inform AI policies and support for learning about AI in the future. We will meet in-person (12/4, 12/6, and 12/7) and online (12/6). [Register here](#) to select a session time.

Questions? Please reach out to [nicole\\_nash@gse.harvard.edu](mailto:nicole_nash@gse.harvard.edu).

Monday, December 4, Thursday, December 7 & Monday, December 11



**BLOOMBERG  
CENTER FOR CITIES**  
**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

### Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative - Student Fellowships Information Sessions

Monday, Dec 4, 1PM-2PM (In-Person)  
Thursday, Dec 7, 1PM-2PM (Virtual)  
Monday, Dec 11, 1PM-2PM (Virtual)  
[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 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](mailto: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, Director of Community and Inclusion at The Winsor School.

**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](mailto:annie_lewis@gse.harvard.edu).

If you require accessibility accommodations, please contact Annie Lewis at [annie\\_lewis@gse.harvard.edu](mailto:annie_lewis@gse.harvard.edu) at least 48 hours in advance.

**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.

**Friday, December 8, 10AM-12PM EST**



## Student Council Study Break

**Gutman Library, First Floor Gallery Area**

Take a well-deserved study break with the HGSE Student Council!

Join us on Friday, December 8th, for free coffee, fresh fruit, and snacks. Swing by to fuel your brain and conquer your final papers and projects with renewed energy. We hope to see you there!

## FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**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.](#)

**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](mailto:seobrien@gse.harvard.edu) to RSVP and receive a copy of the case.

**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**.

## 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](mailto:annie_lewis@gse.harvard.edu).



## 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.