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Office of
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Monday, March 11, 2024

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HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



The HGSE Office of Student Affairs (OSA) and HGSE's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI) would like to wish you a happy Ramadan!

This year, in collaboration with the President's Office and the Muslim Chaplains at Harvard University, Iftar Dinners for all Harvard Graduate and Professional Schools will be hosted Mondays through Fridays (March 18th - Monday April 8th).

We invite you to [RSVP here](#).

We ask that you visit the [Muslim Chaplains at Harvard University website](#) for Ramadan 2024 information and that you email Dr. Khalil Abdur-Rashid (khalil_abdur-rashid@harvard.edu), University Muslim Chaplain, and ask to be added to

his office's listserv.

If you have any questions, please email Samia Omar (samia_omar@harvard.edu), Muslim Chaplain at Harvard University.



Increased Prayer Room Capacity for Ramadan

To ensure that there is enough prayer space here on the HGSE campus for all who celebrate the holy month of Ramadan, the school is making additional prayer space available for the month.

Longfellow Hall, Room G011 (on the ground floor) has been designated as a prayer space for the month of Ramadan. The space will be available and accessible during all Longfellow Hall open hours.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, March 12, 12PM EDT

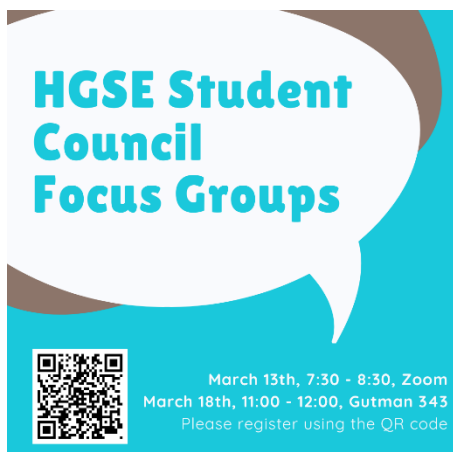


CARE WEBINAR: Equity in Action - DEI's Next Chapter

Women are achieving unprecedented representation at work, but this Women's History Month, we're asking the crucial question: is representation enough? Netta Jenkins, DEI expert and CEO of Aerodei, joins us to talk about what's next for women and work, especially for women of color. [Register here.](#)

These Care Conversations webinars are free to attend, and a recording will be shared afterwards.

Wednesday, March 13th & Monday, March 18th



HGSE Student Council Focus Groups

Wednesday, March 13th, 7:30 – 8:30PM, Zoom
Monday, March 18th, 11:00AM -12:00PM, In-Person, Gutman 343

Please register

Attention all residential and online master's students: Your voice matters! Join us for two student-led focus groups, hosted by the HGSE Student Council in partnership with the Student Experience Team. Share your insights anonymously and help shape the future of our community. **Please register.**

FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Events This Spring

UNDERSTANDING & CELEBRATING ISLAM & JUDAISM

MAR 22 Purim Hamantaschen Making Event
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Gutman Lobby

APR 2 Harvard-Wide Ramadan Iftar
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
SOCH/Hilles Library (59 Shepard Street)

APR 4 Faculty & Staff Workshop on Islamophobia with HGSE Alumna Barbara Sahli
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Virtual

APR 23 Passover Seder
7:15 - 10:00 p.m.
GCC 1

MAY 2 Trip to Boston Auschwitz Exhibit
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (does not include travel time)
The Castle at Park Plaza - Bus from HGSE.

In collaboration with the Jewish Student Organization, the Student Islamic Society, and the Office of Student Affairs.

Understanding & Celebrating Islam & Judaism

Purim

Friday, March 22
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Gutman Lobby

Join the Jewish Student Organization in celebrating Purim by making Hamantaschen cookies! Hamantaschen are a three-cornered pastry with fillings, such as jellies/jams, nutella, and chocolate. You'll construct your pastry, and take them home ready to bake. **RSVP here.**

Ramadan Iftar

Tuesday, April 2
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Hilles Library, 59 Shepard Street

Open to the whole Harvard community, this University-wide Iftar is sponsored by HGSE. **RSVP here.**

Passover Seder
Tuesday, April 23
7:15 - 10:00 p.m.
GCC 1

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the Office of Student Affairs, and the Jewish Student Organization invite you and your family to join their Passover Seder dinner. Passover commemorates the Hebrews' exodus from Egypt, and is traditionally observed by abstaining from leavened grains. [**RSVP here.**](#)

Auschwitz Exhibition
Thursday, May 2
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

A bus from HGSE will take participants to and from the Castle at Park Plaza (130 Columbus Street) in Boston.

In its regional premiere, more than 700 original objects are shown in the first traveling exhibition about the Auschwitz concentration camps.

Through this daunting selection of objects from the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Poland, as well as more than 20 institutions and museums all over the world, this exhibition portrays the complex reality of the notorious camp while sharing first-hand stories from those who survived, and those who perished.
[**RSVP here.**](#)

EXTENDED DEADLINE Tuesday, March 19, 11:59PM EDT



The Appian Way

The Appian Way is excited to [accept](#) original content from fellow HGSE students. The types of accepted content include written submissions, statistics graphs, art work, and videos.

All submissions must be 1,000 words or less and must be original. Please email Tiffany MacLennan (tiffanymaclennan@gse.harvard.edu) or King Adjei-Frimpong (kadjeifrimpong@gse.harvard.edu) for any questions.

[Submit your original content here!](#)

Wednesday, March 20, 3PM-3:30PM EDT

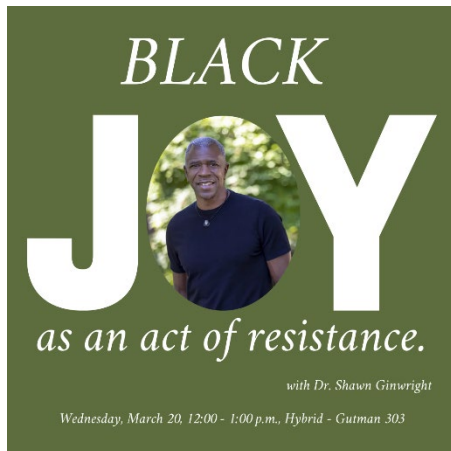


Education Now: Human Schools and Deeper Learning. What's the Secret?

Join us for a conversation on how we can transform our K-12 public school systems into more human-centered communities that support both educators and students, and encourage student creativity, critical thinking, and agency.

[Register for the webinar here.](#)

Wednesday, March 20, 12PM-1:30PM EDT



Black Joy

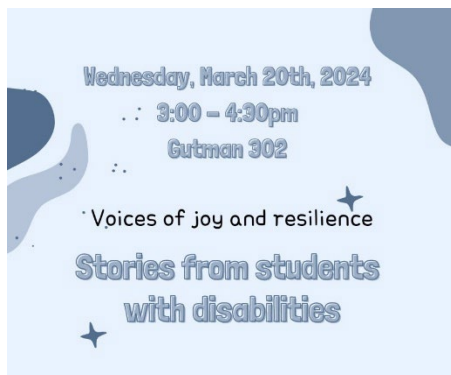
Hybrid Event - In-Person Location: Gutman 303

[Register here](#)

In a world full of racism and violent oppression, Black Joy is a powerful act of resistance. Dr. Shawn Ginwright will lead an interactive discussion about the importance of cultivating Black Joy as a means of self-healing and promoting collective well-being. Hear from Dr. Ginwright and other social justice activists who are educating and promoting Black Joy within their communities.

Sponsored by the HGSE Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Wednesday, March 20, 3PM-4:30PM EDT



Voices of Joy and Resilience: Stories from Students with Disabilities

Gutman 302

Enjoy pizza and hear from Harvard students as they share about navigating life as people with disabilities. All Harvard community members, especially allies and/or folks who want to learn to become better allies, are welcome.

[RSVP here.](#) If you would like to attend the event, please fill out the first and second question. If you would like to be a speaker, fill out the rest as well.

This event is hosted by the Students with Disabilities Union.

Wednesday, March 20 & Thursday, March 21

Student Headshots



Are you looking for a new photo for your LinkedIn or other social media accounts? The Office of Student Affairs is bringing a professional photographer to campus for student headshots!

Each student will receive a private gallery with 3-5 images and may select 1 free file to download. There is no charge for students for this service, but **registration is required**. The photographer will be on campus on Wednesday, March 20th from 11am to 4:30pm and Thursday, March 21st from 12pm to 5:30pm.

Space is limited, so be sure to **sign up for your timeslot now**.

Thursday, March 21, 10:30AM EDT



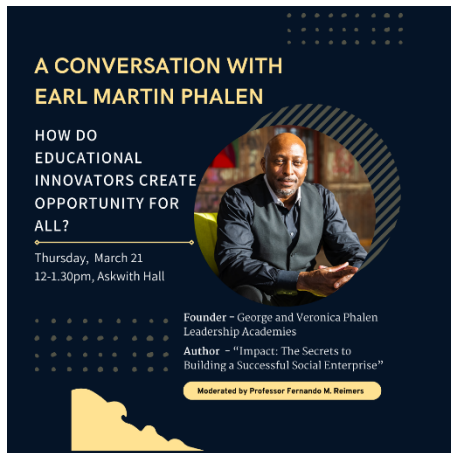
Overcoming Imposter Syndrome through Self-Compassion

Register here.

CBCT® (Cognitively-Based Compassion Training) offers a comprehensive method for training compassion that has its roots in Tibetan Buddhism and is supported by evolutionary biology, psychology, and neuroscience. Compassion does not belong to any one religion or tradition. It is a capacity of the human heart and one that we can strengthen through deliberate practice. This short workshop is offered as part of the university-wide Harvard Wellbeing Week and will focus on the modules of SELF COMPASSION to help us reinforce a more thoughtful and kinder response to ourselves in the face of our setbacks and doubts to overcome challenges like Impostor Syndrome.

Check out Harvard Wellbeing Week full calendar for all programs: **<https://bit.ly/harvardhappy24>**

Thursday, March 21, 12PM-1:30PM EDT



A Conversation with Earl Martin Phalen

Askwith Hall

How do educational innovators create opportunity for all?

Explore the topic with Founder (George and Veronica Phalen Leadership Academies) and Author (*Impact: The Secrets to Building a Successful Social Enterprise*) Earl Martin Phalen.

Moderated by Professor Fernando M. Reimers

Thursday, March 21, 1:30PM-3PM EDT



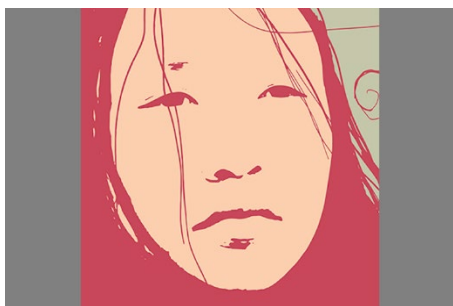
EdEthics Normative Case Discussion

Longfellow 207

EdEthics helps educators and policy makers explore ethical dilemmas in schools through short, accessible normative case studies. Join us to discuss a case about the tensions between school discipline and student learning.

Email jhauver@g.harvard.edu for a copy of the case.

Saturday, March 23, 2PM-4PM EDT



The Last Human

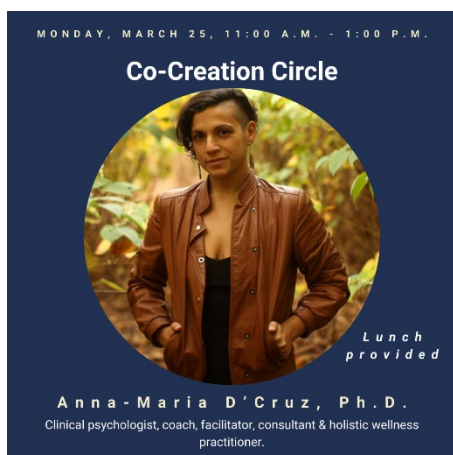
Geological Lecture Hall
24 Oxford St., Cambridge, MA 02138

The Last Human is Ivalo Frank's homage to Greenland, a country nestled between the beginning and end of life as we know it.

Enjoy a free film screening of this 2022 NORDIC:DOX Award winner with a Q&A.

[For more information click here.](#)

Monday, March 25, 11AM-1PM EDT



Co-Creation Circle with Anna-Maria D'Cruz, Ph.D.

Longfellow 229

REGISTER

Anna-Maria D'Cruz, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist, coach, facilitator, consultant and holistic wellness practitioner. She grounds her practice in a decolonial, anti-racist, queer, gender-affirming, feminist perspective. Anna-Maria's work is trauma-informed, both at the individual and systems' level, and centers freedom from oppression as fundamental to our individual and collective health.

Anna-Maria will be facilitating a space to gather individuals interested in discussing how to best support the HGSE in community building, dialogue, and space holding. Participants will have a chance to have their voices heard and contribute to co-creating a series of upcoming workshops run by Anna-Maria, supporting BIPOC and their allies at HGSE.

Sponsored by the HGSE Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Tuesday, March 26, 4:30PM-5:30PM EDT



WOMEN IN EDUCATION RESEARCH AND DATA CAREERS
A Panel Discussion Celebrating *Women's History Month*



Zora Haque
Ph.D. Candidate
Culture, Institutions, and Society

Bharti Sharma
Ed.M. Candidate
Education Policy and Analysis

Sakshi Khurana
Ed.M. Alumna, '20
Ph.D. Candidate DePaul
College of Education

Introductions by

Lindsay Whitacre
Gutman Library, Asst. Director
Open Scholarship & Data Services

Moderated by

Dr. Kenneth Kimura
Lecturer, Sage Campus
Gutman Library Data Lab

Light Refreshments Provided!

March 26, 2021 | Gutman 227 HQSE | 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Register Here! 

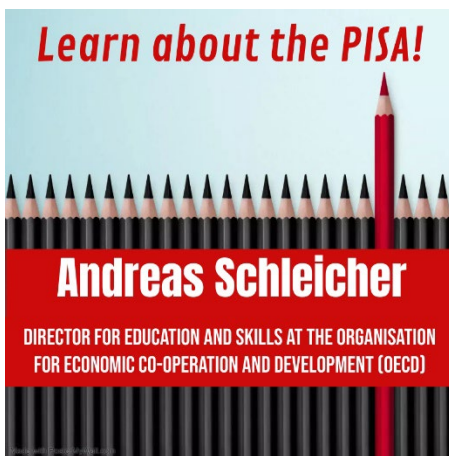
Women in Education Research and Data Careers

Gutman 227

The Data & Visualization Lab invites you to a Panel Discussion Celebrating Women's History Month.

[Register here to attend.](#)

Wednesday, March 27 OR Thursday, March 28 EDT



Learn about the PISA!

Andreas Schleicher
DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND SKILLS AT THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD)

Learn about the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)

Are you interested in learning more about the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)? Learn from the man who administers it! There are three options for learning from Andreas Schleicher, Director for Education and Skills at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Fireside Chat- Join Fernando Reimers and Andreas Schleicher as they discuss the results from the latest PISA.

Wednesday, March 27th: 12:00-1:15pm, Room GCC 4 &5. Lunch provided!

Workshop- Join this 2.5 hr. workshop that will consider the impact and use of large-scale comparative assessment. The workshop will be repeated. Choose either date!

Wednesday, March 27th: 4:30-7pm, Eliot Lyman or

Thursday, March 28th: 12:00-2:30pm. Room TBD

[Find more information and RSVP here!](#)

Thursday, March 28, 3PM-5PM EDT



International Perspectives on Gender

Garden Room, Gutman Library

REGISTER AND/OR APPLY TO BE A PANELIST OR OPEN MIC SPEAKER

Application Deadline: Monday, March 18

Share your perspective and inspire others! We're seeking passionate individuals to join our panel on International Perspectives on Gender or share their experiences at our open mic night. Whether you're actively engaged in gender equity work or have a personal story to tell, we'd love to hear from you. Apply now to be a panelist or sign up for the open mic by Monday, March 18. Seize this opportunity to both inspire and be inspired. Join us on Thursday, March 28, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Together, we'll celebrate one another and foster deeper understanding!

This event is sponsored by the HGSE Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Friday, March 29, 4PM-6PM EDT

Women's Education Movement at HGSE Presents

Fireside Chat

How the School of Leadership Afghanistan (SOLA) is educating Girls under the Taliban rule



with Shabana Basij-Rasikh (founder)
Followed by student reception to welcome Shabana & Mati with evening tea and snacks

March 29, 4:00 pm
Larsen G-08 at HGSE
bit.ly/register-sola
Questions? ezza_naveed@gse.harvard.edu

Fireside Chat: How the School of Leadership Afghanistan (SOLA) is educating Girls under Taliban Rule

Larsen G-08

Join for an in-person captivating fireside chat with Shabana Basij-Rasikh, a world-renowned educator and founder of SOLA, and Shabana's partner and founder SOLAx, Mati Amin (HGSE'23).

Learn firsthand about Shabana's daring journey in evacuating their students from Afghanistan to Rwanda when Kabul fell, as well as advice for those educating the girl child. Following the panel, we will have a reception to welcome Shabana and Mati with tea and snacks for all guests.

[RSVP here.](#)

This event is hosted by the HGSE student organization, Women's Education Movement.

Friday, March 29, 6PM EDT



HGSE Hangouts at the Queen's Head Pub

[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)

HGSE Hangouts are back for the spring semester! Join your fellow HGSE students at the Queen's Head Pub on the dates listed below 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.

HGSE Hangouts will take place on March 29th, April 5th, & April 12th.

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

APPLY BY Friday, March 29, 11:59PM EDT



Harvard Culture Lab Innovation Fund

Do you have an idea to drive inclusion at Harvard? Apply for a Harvard Culture Lab Innovation Fund (CLIF) grant and make a lasting impact on belonging and community life at Harvard.

Receive up to \$15,000 for your idea!

[Apply](#) by March 29, 11:59 p.m. ET

Tuesday, April 2, 5PM-6:30PM EDT

ASKWITH
education
forum

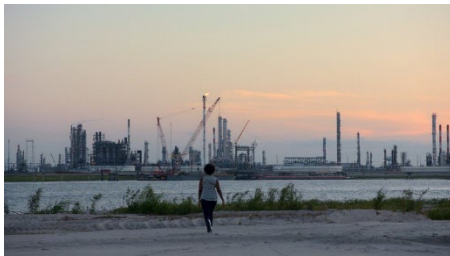
Askwith Education Forum: The Push to Close Covid-Era Gaps

Askwith Hall

Join Professor Thomas Kane and other education leaders as they discuss ways in which states and districts can act on new findings from the Education Recovery Scorecard and work to close the gaps exacerbated by COVID.

[Register here.](#)

Thursday, April 4, 5PM-7PM EDT



Screening of “Hollow Tree” with Director, Kira Akerman, Ed.M. candidate 2024

Askwith Hall

Join us for the Boston premiere of “[Hollow Tree](#),” hosted by the Harvard Hutchins Center’s [History Design Studio](#) and co-sponsored by HGSE. The 73-minute award winning documentary follows three young women as they travel to different sites along the Mississippi River and imagine Louisiana's past — its history of slavery, Indigenous dispossession, and colonization — and, by extension, Louisiana's future. The screening will be followed by a conversation with Director Kira Akerman, Producer Monique Walton and the documentary film’s three protagonists, Mckenzie Fanguy, Annabelle Pavy, and Tanielma DaCosta. **[Reserve your advance tickets here.](#)**

Monday, April 8, 12PM-1PM EDT



Gutman Library Book Talk - New Civics, New Citizens: Critical, Competent, and Responsible Agents

Gutman Conference Center E3 and Zoom

‘Civic’ participation increasingly extends beyond voting in elections, to informal and unconventional action. Making one’s voice heard involves diverse communication media and wide-ranging skills. Young people are motivated to engagement by concern about climate change and the rights of marginalized people.

[RSVP here.](#)

Thursday, April 11, 4:30PM-5:30PM EDT



HGSE EdTalks

Askwith Hall
Reception to Follow

Presentation proposals **are** due Tuesday, March 5th at 9:00AM

Voices from the community, for the community – EdTalks are “TED Talk” style presentations created to shine a spotlight on HGSE students and their educational impact around the world.

If you are an HGSE student interested in giving an EdTalk, please [submit your presentation proposal](#) by Tuesday, March 5th at 9:00AM. Presentations should be no more than 7 minutes in length. Please email Andrea Le (andrea_le@gse.harvard.edu) if you have any questions.

Thursday, April 18, 5PM-6:30PM EDT

ASKWITH **education** **forum**

Askwith Education Forum: Cradle-to-Career Pathways
Supporting Social and Economic Mobility

Askwith Hall

Join us for a discussion on the potential of the cradle-to-career movement to eliminate intergenerational poverty and strengthen our democracy.

[Register here.](#)

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



Have You Made Your Class Gift Yet?

The HGSE Class Gift Program is a HGSE tradition and with the spring semester in full swing, now's your time to make your commemorative class gift. Your donation of \$20.24 or more supports financial aid for future students.

Plus, you'll receive a limited-edition lapel pin and recognition in the commencement program book in May.

[Make your gift today.](#)



Research Study on Collaborative Learning in STEM Education

Help the Learning, Innovation and technology Lab learn about collaboration and innovation in STEM education using eye-tracking technology.

To learn more, **[click here](#)** or **[sign up here.](#)**



BARRIERS TO ACCESS FORM

Please use this form to notify us if you are unable to fully participate in the HGSE community because of one or more of your identities (such as race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexuality, socioeconomic status, disability, religious beliefs, or other.) *This could include barriers related to disability, programmatic concerns, or issues of inclusion.*

We will share the necessary information to the appropriate campus partners so that the barrier(s) may be assessed as soon as possible. However, this form is NOT intended for emergencies or to request student accommodations.

<https://bit.ly/hgsebarrierstoaccess>



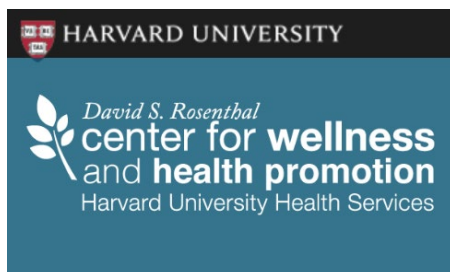
Barriers to Access Form Launch

We're happy to announce the launch of ODEI's [Barriers to Access Form](#), which will help us to ensure that the HGSE campus and its digital presence is available and accessible to all - faculty, staff, students, alumni, and visitors. Please use this form to notify us if you are unable to fully participate in the HGSE community because of one or more of your identities (such as race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexuality, socioeconomic status, disability, religious beliefs, or other). *This could include barriers related to disability, programmatic concerns, or issues of inclusion.*

We will share the necessary information to the appropriate campus partners so that the barrier(s) may be assessed as soon as possible.

However, this form is NOT intended for emergencies (contact Operations at (617) 495-5711) or to request student accommodations (Email hgsesupport@gse.harvard.edu with questions).

Please feel free to reach out to Dorie Campbell at dorie_campbell@gse.harvard.edu with any questions.



Free Mindfulness Class Offerings with the CWHP for Spring 2024

Interested in developing more self-compassion? Want to be able to focus and be more present in your life? Join one of the Introduction to Mindfulness classes (formerly Koru) with the CWHP. In-person and virtual options through the week. Classes start the week of Feb 5th.

[Learn more and register today!](#)



Student Discount on Harvard Education Press Books

HGSE students receive a 30% discount on all HEP books when using promo code HGSET at checkout on the [HEP website](#).

Newly released titles include:

- *#BlackEducatorsMatter*,
- *Emotional Intelligence for School Leaders*,
- *Education Lead(Her)ship*



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.

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 [Chaplain 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.