

— HGSE — Weekly

Office of
Student Affairs



Monday, March 4, 2024

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HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Transitions in the Office of Student Affairs

We are excited to announce a few transitions in the Office of Student Affairs:

Rilda Kissel, who has served as part of the Degree Programs Team here at HGSE for 14 years, will begin the role of Associate Director of Student Support beginning today. Rilda brings extensive experience to this crucial position for the School, including expertise in supporting students through crises of all kinds.

Brooke Huynh, most recently the Coordinator of Student Accessibility Services at Roxbury Community College, will begin her role of Assistant Director of Accessibility today. Brooke is a passionate advocate for students who brings an inclusive approach to accessibility.

In addition to these new members of the OSA team, **Kevin Boehm** has been promoted to Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Student Life. Kevin's strong leadership and deep knowledge of the School and HGSE students has provided stability during the launch of the new EdM programs and subsequent fine tuning of orientation and onboarding.

In what is a bittersweet announcement, we also want to congratulate **Alex Galindo**, who will begin the role of Associate Director in the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging

at HKS this week. Alex has been at HGSE for almost 15 years and is currently Assistant Director of Student Diversity Initiatives. Students with questions or concerns related to Student Diversity Initiatives are encouraged to contact HGSE's Chief Diversity Officer, Jarrod Chin (jarrod_chin@gse.harvard.edu).

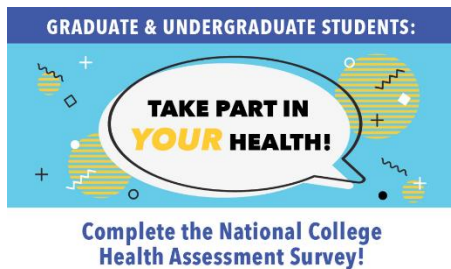


Commencement Information Session

Join Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Student Life, Kevin Boehm on **Tuesday, March 5th at 12 p.m. ET** [via this link](#) to learn more about what to expect during Commencement Week 2024.

This will be a great opportunity to begin to get excited about Commencement and to have your questions answered (or at least collected!).

This session will be recorded and posted to the [OSA Commencement website](#) for those who are unable to attend.

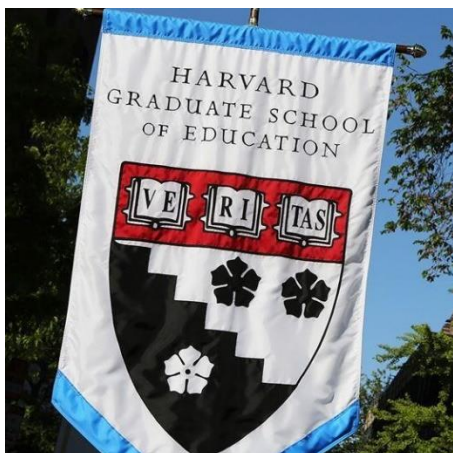


Complete the National College Health Assessment Survey by March 8th

*Participants will receive a **\$10 gift card** AND be entered to **win an HGSE sweatshirt and swag bag***

You should have received an email from Executive Director of Harvard University Health Services (HUHS) Dr. Giang Nguyen with your personal link to take the [American College Health Association-National College Health Assessment \(NCHA\)](#).

This **confidential** survey asks you to share your experiences and perceptions on a range of topics including substance use; sexual health; weight, nutrition, and exercise; mental health; and interpersonal relationships. The survey only takes 20 minutes to complete, and participants will receive a \$10 gift card. Thank you in advance for your participation in this critical dialogue about the health and wellbeing of students at Harvard. The information learned will be used to develop robust education and adjust services offered throughout the 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

Monday, March 4, 12PM-1PM EST



Gutman Library Book Talk: America's Hidden Economic Engines

Gutman Conference Center E3 and on Zoom

Robert B. Schwartz and Rachel Lipson spotlight community and technical colleges as institutions uniquely equipped to foster more equitable economic growth across America's regions. Schwartz and Lipson demonstrate that these colleges are the best-placed institutions to reverse the decades-long rise in US economic inequality by race, class, and geography.

[RSVP today.](#)

Monday, March 4, 4:30PM-6:30PM EST



Rest Retreat! Pause, Imagine, De-Stress, and Daydream

Gutman Conference Center 3

You are warmly invited to recharge in a communal space.

Featuring live soundscapes and sonic meditations by Dzidzor Azaglo and Crystal Bi.

Co-sponsored by OSA and S312: Creative Wellbeing and Justice in Arts Education

Tuesday, March 5, 7AM-9AM EST



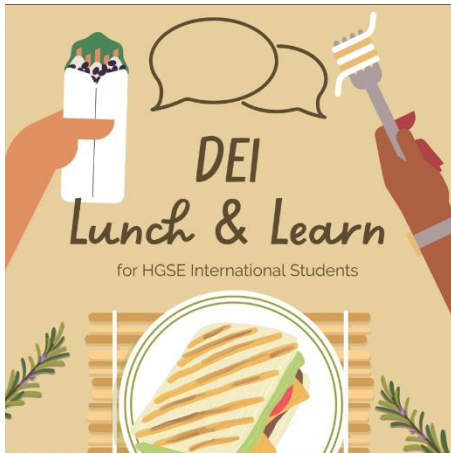
International vHire Career Fair (virtual)

Are you looking to connect with global employers? Interested in learning about job opportunities abroad?

If so, please [join this virtual session](#) to connect with employers and learn about job opportunities they offer. Each employer will be assigned a breakout room, and students are encouraged to drop in to as many breakout rooms as they choose.

List of participating employers [here](#)!

Tuesday, March 5, 11:45AM-1PM EST



DEI Lunch & Learn for International Students

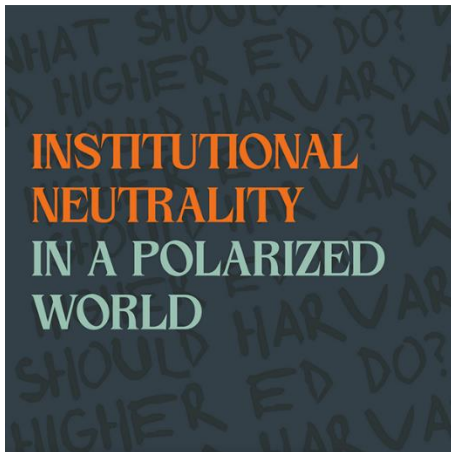
Gutman Conference Center, Event 4

[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 explore how to prepare for and answer questions related to diversity, equity, and inclusion when interviewing for jobs in the United States. [Please RSVP if you plan to attend](#). Lunch will be served.

If you require accessibility accommodations, please contact Annie Lewis at annie_lewis@gse.harvard.edu at least 48 hours in advance.

Tuesday, March 5, 4PM EST



Institutional Neutrality in a Polarized World: What Should Harvard and Higher Ed Do?

Knafel Center at Radcliffe Institute or on Zoom

Questions about whether institutions of higher education should take a stance on public issues have been of interest on campus, in our communities, and in Washington, DC. This event will examine the idea and application of institutional neutrality. Four leading legal scholars will bring different perspectives and experiences to the conversation and engage in Q&A with one another and the audience.

[Register here.](#)

Tuesday, March 5, 6:30PM-8PM EST



RSVP!



HARVARD
CultureLab

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HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Register here for the Zoom link.

Wednesday, March 6, 4:30PM-6:30PM EST

A red poster for the Harvard Advanced Leadership Initiative Student Reception. It features the Harvard logo and a group photo of students. The text includes the event title, date, time, location, and a QR code for registration. A vertical banner on the right side of the poster reads "Learn about ALI at: www.advancedleadership.harvard.edu".

HARVARD
ADVANCED LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

ALI Student Reception

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 from 4:30-6:30 PM
Eliot Lyman Room (Floor 2) in Longfellow Hall, HGSE

Please join us for an informal networking reception around social impact interests with Harvard Advanced Leadership Fellows and the University community. This event is open to students, researchers, and faculty across the University. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited so please register early.

Register here by **February 28!**

Learn about ALI at: www.advancedleadership.harvard.edu

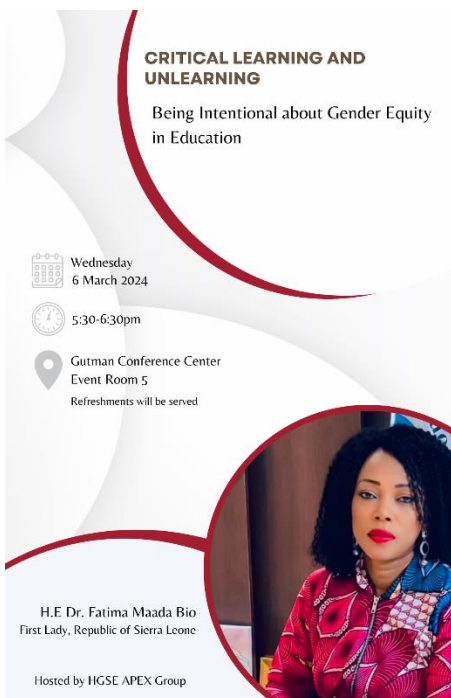
Harvard Advanced Leadership Initiative Student Reception

Eliot Lyman Room

You're invited to the Harvard University-wide Advanced Leadership Initiative (ALI) Student Reception. This is an opportunity to meet the new 2024 Cohort of ALI Fellows alongside an interdisciplinary community of students.

[RSVP](#) by February 28th.

Wednesday, March 6, 5:30PM-6:30PM EST

A poster for the event "Critical Learning and Unlearning: Being Intentional about Gender Equity in Education". It features a circular portrait of H.E. Dr. Fatima Maada Bio. The text includes the event title, date, time, location, and a link to register. The poster is designed with a white background and red curved lines.

CRITICAL LEARNING AND UNLEARNING

Being Intentional about Gender Equity in Education

Wednesday
6 March 2024

5:30-6:30pm

Gutman Conference Center
Event Room 5
Refreshments will be served

H.E. Dr. Fatima Maada Bio
First Lady, Republic of Sierra Leone

Hosted by HGSE APEX Group

Critical Learning and Unlearning: Being Intentional about Gender Equity in Education

Gutman Conference Center 5

Join student organization HGSE APEX Group for a conversation with H.E. Dr. Fatima Maada Bio, First Lady of the Republic of Sierra Leone. The conversation will include remarks from Dr. Carola Suarez-Orozco and HGSE student Mariama Wurie. [Register here.](#)

Wednesday, March 6, 7PM-9PM EST



U.S. vHire Career Fair (Virtual)

Would you like to connect with U.S. employers and learn about their work and job offerings?

[Join this virtual session](#) to connect directly with employers in search of candidates to fulfill their job openings! Each employer will be assigned a breakout room, and students are encouraged to drop in to as many breakout rooms as they choose.

List of participating employers [here](#)!

Thursday, March 7, 9AM-10:15AM EST



A Conversation with Chinese National Curriculum Writers: Challenges, Opportunities, and the Future

This virtual event will illuminate curriculum standards at the national level, draw insights from the U.S. education system, and offer HGSE students opportunities to engage in shaping the future of education in China and beyond on the international stage.

The event will feature 3 speakers who are leading experts in their field:

- Prof. Yunhuo Cui, East China Normal University's Director of Institute of Curriculum and Instruction, Head of the Chinese National Curriculum Program Committee
- Dr. Yuchen Shi, East China Normal University's Associate Professor at the Institute of Curriculum and Instruction
- Dr. Ziyun Deng, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Dean's Global Education Postdoctoral Fellow

[Register here.](#)

Thursday, March 7, 12PM-1:30PM EST



Anti-Stress Event with Sasha!

Gutman 305

Having a ruff day? Dog-gone midterms hounding you? We've got just what the dogtor ordered! **Sasha, the Community Engagement Dog, is coming to HGSE!** It's gonna be pawesome.

You won't want to miss this oppawtunity to treat yourself to a puppy hug!

Until then, you can enjoy Sasha on her Instagram: [@Sasha_hupd](https://www.instagram.com/Sasha_hupd).

Thursday, March 7, 2PM-5PM EST



Social Impact Career Fair

Gutman Conference Center

[This in-person Career Fair](#) connects HGSE students with non-profits, socially oriented for-profits, media/technology firms, international education organizations, NGOs, consulting companies, universities, and research/policy think tanks. Don't miss this opportunity to network with participating employers and learn about open positions. [List of participating employers here!](#)

Thursday, March 7 through Saturday, March 9



Burning Refuge: The Inaugural Social-Spiritual Liberation Conference at Harvard Divinity School

[Register now.](#)

In March an exciting and radical conference will host its inaugural offering at Harvard Divinity School to convene critical and interdisciplinary Buddhist scholarship, activism, and arts to chart a path forward into true social-spiritual liberation.

Conference themes include Buddhism and Race, White Supremacy, and Colonialism; Sex, Gender & Queer/Trans Being; Capitalism & Labor; Technology, AI & Meta-Narratives of Progress; Environmental Justice, Animal Liberation & Deep Ecology.

Friday, March 8, 12PM-1:30PM EST




Holistic Education Landscape : India

An interactive circle with Vipul Shaha, India Educator-Facilitator-Mindfulness-Based Counselor (Human Development and Psychology, HGSE 2012)

A space to learn and share about the holistic learning spaces and the emergent educational landscape in India. Vipul will briefly present and initiate the conversation based on his experiences in :

- Engagements with diverse, alternative learning spaces across India
- Bringing Mindfulness into Education,
- Gap-Year programs,
- Teaching at the Krishnamurti Foundation Schools and his educational philosophy

Join us on-
8th March
12 noon to 1:30PM, Gutman Conference Center 1, Appian Way, Cambridge, MA
RSVP

<https://bit.ly/holisticeducation>

Holistic Education Landscape : India

Gutman Conference Center 1

Student organization, India at HGSE, presents an interactive session with alum Vipul Shaha (Human Development and Psychology program, 2012) on the holistic learning spaces and the emergent educational landscape in India.

[RSVP here.](https://bit.ly/holisticeducation)

Friday, March 8, 2PM-4PM EST

Preparing for the Quantitative Job Interview

This four-part workshop series will help students and alumni considering applying for jobs as data analysts.

Join the workshop to:

- ✓ Discuss where these jobs can be found and what they entail.
- ✓ Discuss, model, and practice skills applicants will be required to demonstrate as a part of the application process.

More!

February 16: Session 1
February 23: Session 2
Fridays 2:00-4:00 PM
March 1: Session 3
March 8: Session 4



Zoom Link Here Questions? Contact jossph.mcintyre@se.harvard.edu

Preparing for the Quantitative Job Interview - Session 4

In the final part of the series, Joe McIntyre will cover regression models and the strengths and weaknesses of each type. He also covers how you can present and explain your results in an effective way to your interviewers.

[Click here](#) for the Zoom link and more information.

Friday, March 8, 6PM EST



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 February 23rd, March 8th, 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.

Saturday, March 9, 1PM-5PM EST

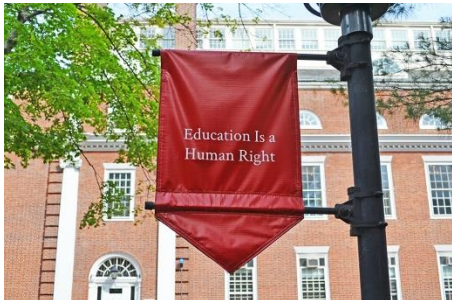


Grad Intramurals Volleyball Tournament

If you're around during spring break join Grad IM for the Spring Set Spike Tournament on Saturday March 9th from 1-5pm at the MAC.

Official signups are open now and run through March 7th at 5:00pm. If you are interested, please [complete this form](#) to sign up for 6 vs 6. You may sign up as a full team or as a free agent to be placed onto a team.

APPLY BY Sunday, March 10



Spring 2024 Semester HGSE Ed.M. 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 Ed.M. 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.

Spring semester applications are **now open for conferences that take place between 1/3/2024 and 5/12/2024**. The spring semester **deadline to apply is Sunday, March 10th**.

[Learn more and apply here.](#)

FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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



The Appian Way

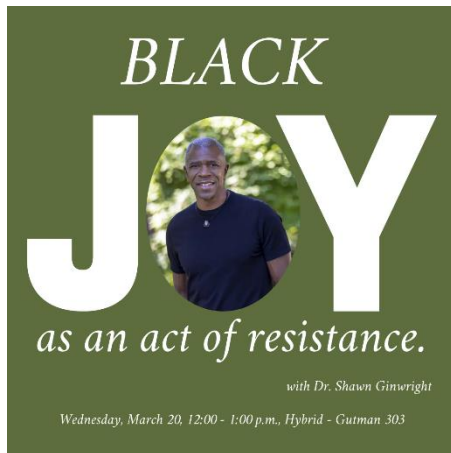
The Appian Way is excited to [accept](#) original content from fellow HGSE students.

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, 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 & Thursday, March 21

Student Headshots

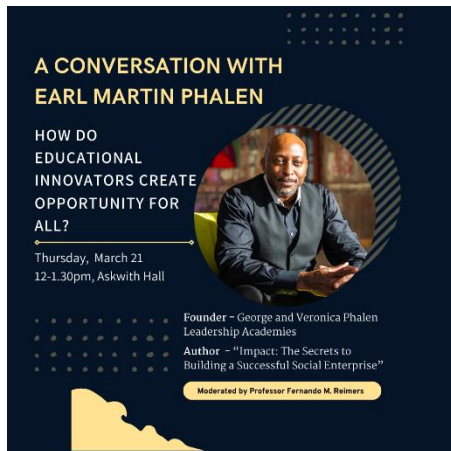


Are you looking for a new photo for your LinkedIn or other social media accounts? The Office of Student Affairs is bringing a professional photographer to campus for student headshots!

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, 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.](#)

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.

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 Launch



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>

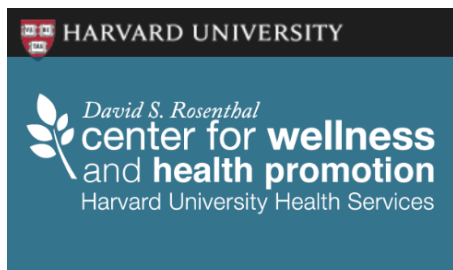


We're happy to announce the launch of ODEI's **Barriers to Access Form**, which will help us to ensure that the HGSE campus and its digital presence is available and accessible to all - faculty, staff, students, alumni, and visitors. Please use this form to notify us if you are unable to fully participate 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.*

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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 CWHHP 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 CWHHP. 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:

- *Social Justice Art Education*,
- *Emotional Intelligence for School Leaders*,
- *Bullying and Cyberbullying, 2nd Edition*



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](#).

****Please note: WAG Hours on March 7th and March 10th have been cancelled****

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.

