

— HGSE — Weekly

Office of
Student Affairs



Monday, August 7, 2023

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MBTA Fall 2023 Semester Passes

Remember to place your order before midnight on Thursday, August 10th!

To receive the 25% discount through the OSA and the MBTA Semester Pass program, students must purchase their passes for the entire four-month period (September 1st through December 31st).

There are a number of different pass types available (LinkPass, Local Bus, Commuter Rail as examples), so be sure to check which pass would best fit your needs. For pass descriptions, [please visit the MBTA website](#).

To place your order, [click here](#).

As a reminder, all purchases are final sale and are non-refundable.

Students will be notified in late August when the passes are ready for pickup!

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, August 8th, 6PM EDT



Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution

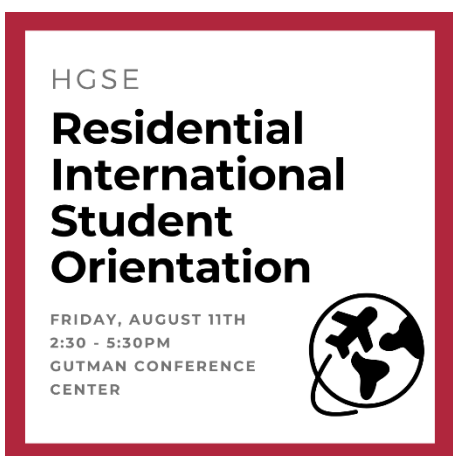
Larsen G-08

All students are invited to a screening of the documentary, **Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution** (1 hour and 47 minutes long).

The film follows the progression of a group of teenagers at a summer camp for disabled youth as they become some of the leading voices in the U.S. disability rights movement.

[RSVP encouraged but not required.](#)

Friday, August 11th, 2:30PM - 5:30PM EDT



Residential International Student Orientation

Gutman Conference Center

The International Student Orientation will consist of sessions, both informational and social in nature, to help prepare international students for life and studies in residence at HGSE. Informational sessions will include:

- Life in Residence at HGSE: A Panel of International Students/Alumni
- Important F-1 & J-1 Visa Information from the Harvard International Office

The orientation will conclude with an optional reception beginning around 4:30PM in the Gutman Conference Center.

Please [RSVP](#).

FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

RESPOND BY Sunday, August 13, 11:59PM EDT



Coffee with Peers

Interested in meeting other HGSE students outside of the classroom?

Coffee with Peers is an initiative run by the OSA to help HGSE students connect with their colleagues.

Students who sign up will be randomly paired with one or more HGSE students. Partnered students will then set a time to meet up virtually or in person. Students who meet in person are welcome to pickup coffee vouchers for the Gutman Café (*good for one free medium hot coffee or hot tea*).

If you would like to participate, [please sign up here](#) by **Sunday, August 13th, 11:59PM ET.**

STARTING Monday, August 14th



Looking to Launch a Student Organization at HGSE?

A student organization is defined as a group of HGSE students who unite to promote or celebrate a common interest. Each organization leaves its special mark on the cultural, social, and intellectual life of HGSE. The content of any student organized event should address an academic, cultural, or social need.

The first steps to starting a new organization (or reactivating a past one) is submitting a recognition request and completing the training.

The HGSE student organization recognition request form and online training are set to go live on Monday, August 14th!

The link will be shared in that Monday's edition of the HGSE Weekly newsletter.

If you'd like to learn more about student organizations, [click here](#).

Tuesday, August 15 - Thursday, August 17



Students, Faculty, and Staff Affinity Coffee Mixers

The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI) invite you to interact in a casual setting, build community, and join affinity groups. Mixers will take place in Gutman Library's Reading Area (1st floor). [Please RSVP here](#).

Asian, Pacific Islander, Desi, Desi American (APIDA) Students, Faculty, & Staff - Tuesday, 8/15, 1pm-2pm

LGBTQIA+ Students, Faculty, & Staff - Wednesday, 8/16, 1pm-2pm

Students, Faculty, & Staff with Disabilities - Thursday, 8/17, 1pm-2pm

Tuesday, August 15, 5:30PM - 7:30PM EDT



EdEthics Online Case Discussions

EdEthics helps educators and policy makers explore ethical dilemmas in schools through short, accessible normative case studies about everyday dilemmas in schools. Join us for an upcoming virtual case discussion over Zoom.

Email seobrien@gse.harvard.edu for the Zoom link and a copy of the case.

Thursday, August 17 OR Friday, August 18, 12:30PM - 1:30PM EDT



Lunch & Learns for International Students from China

Gutman Conference Center

Please note: these events will be conducted primarily in Chinese

Visiting Assistant Professor, Xin Xiang, and the Office of Student Affairs will be hosting two Lunch & Learn events for international students from China.

Originally from Guangzhou, China, Xin has spent over a decade living, learning, and teaching in the Harvard community, as a college student, doctoral student and then a postdoctoral fellow at HGSE. She is currently an Assistant Professor in comparative education at Beijing Normal University.

The Lunch & Learns will offer students from China an opportunity to connect with peers with shared cultural backgrounds or experiences, as well as to hear Xin's reflections on navigating cultural and academic transitions to Harvard in changing social climates. We hope you will join us!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 9th if you plan to attend. There is limited space available for these events so please only register if you are sure that you will be able to attend. The programs of both Lunch & Learns are the same and students may only attend one session.

If you require accommodations to attend this event, please reach out to Andrea Le (andrea_le@gse.harvard.edu).

Wednesday, August 23 & Thursday, August 24, 11:30AM - 1:30PM EDT

**Don't trash it or
buy it new... Freecycle it!**

ORIENTATION FREECYCLE



HGSE ORIENTATION FREECYCLE

Gutman Commons Café

Come Freecycle with us!

This popular recurring HGSE reuse event, the Freecycle, is like a yard sale where everything is free. The Freecycle promotes reuse by giving you a chance to:

1. Donate items you no longer need and pass them along to someone who has a use for them, and/or
2. Pick up something new-to-you that you could use.

Favorite Freecycle items include books, office supplies, school supplies, toys, and kitchen essentials.

Drop off your donations now through Tuesday, August 22 in the collection bin in the Gutman 1st floor lobby, or directly at the Freecycle. Any items leftover will be donated to the Harvard Recycling and Surplus Center in Allston, which you can shop (for free!) every Monday and Thursday from 10am – 1pm.

Wednesday, August 23, 3PM - 4PM EDT



Education Now: Building Diverse College Communities

In this special one hour edition of Education Now, specialists in college access and higher education will discuss the implications of the Supreme Court's ruling against the use of affirmative action in college admissions.

[Register here.](#)

Monday, August 28, 12:30PM - 1PM EDT



**Opportunities to learn about
climate change at HGSE and
across the University**

**STUDENT INFO SESSION WITH
FACULTY MEMBERS TINA GROTZER & LAURA SCHIFTER**

Come to learn about climate change-related:

- ✓ Courses
 - ✓ Discussion groups
 - ✓ Curriculum development possibilities
 - ✓ Internships at Harvard and affiliated organizations
- Connect with the climate-curious and -committed community!*

**Monday, August 28
12:30 – 1:00 pm
Longfellow 319**

Opportunities and Courses Offerings Focused on Learning About and Addressing Climate Change at HGSE and Harvard

Longfellow 319

This session offers a brief overview of opportunities at HGSE and the wider Harvard Community for learning about and addressing climate change.

The session is convened by faculty members Tina Grotz and Laura Schifter, and is intended to orient students to the many existing, but distributed opportunities that otherwise may be missed. Following the presentation, students are invited to stay to ask questions and are encouraged to interact with other attendees to get to know each other as a community.

Monday, August 28 & Tuesday, August 29

Harvard Office for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging Events



Every year Harvard welcomes new members to the University community. The Office for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging is hosting the following events in August:

Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Connections (*virtual*) - Monday, August 28th

OEDIB Welcome Block Party (*in-person*) - Tuesday, August 29th

[Click here](#) to learn more and register for both events. All Harvard community members are welcome!

Tuesday, September 12, 3PM - 6PM EDT

Data & Visualization Lab Open House

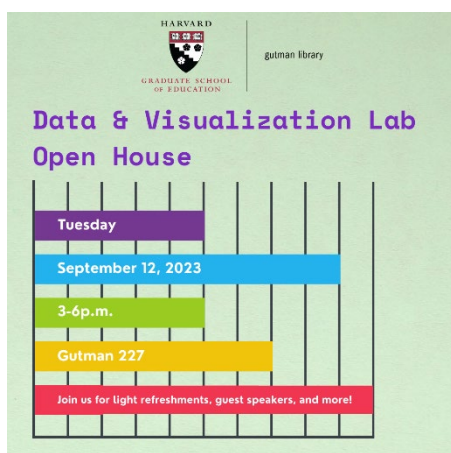
Gutman 227

Come learn all about Gutman Library's new Data & Visualization Lab! We will have light refreshments, guest speakers, and more.

The Data Lab is a welcoming and non-judgmental space located within HGSE. We provide personalized support to all HGSE students with quality one on one consultation to ensure students enhance their understanding of data, visualization, and data analysis.

During the academic year we offer workshops and lectures exhibiting the importance of data in the education sphere. Explore the variety of services available in the HGSE Data Lab to help prepare students for both academic and career success in the 21st century.

For more information, please contact [Lindsay Whitacre](#).



ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



Research Assistantship at the Project on Workforce, Harvard Kennedy School

The Project on Workforce at Harvard is a leading source for actionable research for the future of work. We produce and catalyze basic and applied research at the intersection of education and labor markets for leaders in business, education, and policy.

We are [currently recruiting Research Assistants](#) for the 2023-2024 academic year. Get updates to our research and future opportunities [here](#) and [follow us on LinkedIn](#).



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.