Upcoming Events

- **Friday, December 4 & Saturday, December 5, 8PM - Praise His Name.** The Kuumba Singers of Harvard College invite you to attend the 45th Annual Dr. S. Allen Counter Christmas Concert. Join us for a night of song, dance, poetry, and spoken word as we celebrate black creativity and spirituality and usher in the holiday season! Free tickets are available at the Harvard Box Office. Memorial Church.

- **Saturday, December 5, 2 & 4PM - Christmas in Cambridge.** Need to de-stress from reading period? Join the Harvard Glee Club and the Radcliffe Choral Society for an hour-long Christmas concert! The concert will feature traditional choral repertoire as well as holiday hymns—with audience sing-along! $10 tickets can be purchased at the Harvard Box Office or from a member of the choirs. First Church Cambridge, 11 Garden St.

- **Sunday, December 6, 8PM - “TNN: THUD News Network” Concert.** We interrupt your program to bring you this breaking story: The Harvard Undergraduate Drummers (THUD), Harvard’s “Stomp”-inspired percussion ensemble, will be performing their news-themed fall concert at the speed of life (or 200 beats per minute). Purchase $5 tickets in advance from the Harvard Box Office, any THUD member, or Facebook; $7 at the door. For more information, visit facebook.com/HarvardTHUD. Lowell Lecture Hall.

- **Tuesday, December 8, 8-10PM - Women’s Center Holiday Study Break.** Behind on your holiday gift shopping? Take a break from the stress, and meet the Women’s Center Frosh Reps! We’ll be making some personalized DIY crafts and munching on mozzarella sticks and delicious baked goods! Harvard College Women's Center, Canaday Basement.

- **Thursday, December 10, 7-9PM - Relax and Unwind Study Break.** The Center for Wellness invites freshmen to relax and enjoy community acupuncture (pre-register: 617.495.9629 or drop in), massage, fresh fruit, and crafts. Ticknor Lounge.

- **Thursday, December 10, 8PM - 44th Annual Dunster House Messiah Sing.** Share in an evening of music and celebration with the Messiah Sing, an English-language oratorio composed in 1741 by Handel. This free annual performance features student soloists, the Bach Society Orchestra, and guest conductor Edwin Jones of the Memorial Church. Scores will be available for the audience sing-along. Dunster House Dining Hall.

Message from the Dean

Dear freshmen:

Just a note to congratulate you on successfully finishing your first term at Harvard. It’s clear you have worked really hard — at least, at times — and confronted new challenges and the need to adapt earlier strategies for writing papers and preparing for exams. I hope you look back on the term with a sense of accomplishment and a better idea of what college offers, and how you might most profitably use these four wonderful years.

Now, it’s time to relax and enjoy the opportunity to catch up with family and friends. I wish you the best for the holidays and the chance — in an unhurried way — to take your learnings from the fall to set up a really satisfying spring term.

Sincerely,

Tom Dingman

A Look Back at 2015

Annenberg Closure

Annenberg Dining Hall will close for Winter Break after dinner on Monday, December 21. Dining service will resume on Friday, January 22. For detailed information on available dining halls during Wintersession, please visit: dining.harvard.edu. Have a fantastic, relaxing break!
Attend Harvard! Email us for more information on the influential aspects of choosing a college. As a guide, you may be the deciding factor in a student’s choice to apply to and visit our campus. Students and their families visit our campus every year, and research shows tours and information sessions are among the most effective ways to attract and retain applicants.

Be a Tour Guide for the Admissions Office!

Spend the Summer in China.

In Poland. All concentrators are welcome, and there is no language prerequisite. For more information about the program, visit hcf.fas.harvard.edu.

History Department’s Professor Sven Beckert, this exciting new program features coursework in topics such as international history, memory, migration, privacy, and sustainability and includes travel in Germany, France, Switzerland, and Poland. All concentrators are welcome, and there is no language prerequisite. For more information about the program and registration, visit the program’s website or contact the History Department directly.

Proof of Health Insurance Coverage for Tax Season.

The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act requires that all individuals receive housing accommodations through AEO, you must reapply through this process. Applicants must also schedule an appointment (February 8-11) with the AEO by January 29. AEO reserves the right to request additional clinical information if requested accommodations are not adequately supported by the documentation, possibly causing delays and fewer housing options. Even if you are applying for accommodations, you must also register for the undergraduate housing lottery.

AEO Housing Accommodation Deadline

The Accessible Education Office (AEO) housing application is for students who anticipate that their disability and/or health status should be considered for on-campus housing assignments. Students should follow the procedure outlined on the AEO website at fas.harvard.edu/~aeo/housing.html. Detailed, current, clinical documentation must accompany this application. For documentation guidelines, visit fas.harvard.edu/~aeo/documentation.html.

Housing applications and complete documentation that meets AEO guidelines are due in the AEO by noon on Friday, January 29, 2016. Even if you currently receive housing accommodations through AEO, you must reapply through this process. Applicants must also schedule an appointment (February 8-11) with the AEO by January 29. AEO reserves the right to request additional clinical information if requested accommodations are not adequately supported by the documentation, possibly causing delays and fewer housing options. Even if you are applying for accommodations, you must also register for the undergraduate housing lottery.

Freshman-Faculty Interaction

Throughout the fall, small groups of freshmen have enjoyed intimate dinners and special luncheons with both faculty and special guests on topics ranging from women in public office, to America’s global military operations, to marine ecosystems.

Resources & Opportunities for Freshmen

Apply to be a DAPA! Join the Drug and Alcohol Peer Advisors (DAPAs) for our information session on Sunday, December 6, 8-9PM, in Ticknor Lounge. Come hear about what we do on campus, and meet current DAPAs who will be able to answer your questions. Pizza will be served! Applications are due Thursday, January 28, 11:59PM.

Spend the Summer in China. Come find out more about the Harvard China Fund’s Chinese Language and Culture Program at Sichuan University at our upcoming info session: Monday, December 7, 2PM, in CGIS S050. Returning undergraduates from all concentrations are eligible, no knowledge of Chinese required, and grants are available! For more information, please visit our website: hcf.fas.harvard.edu.


Discover Europe through the Harvard Summer Program in Freiburg, Germany! Designed and directed by the History Department's Professor Sven Beckert, this exciting new program features coursework in topics such as historical memory, migration, privacy, and sustainability and includes travel in Germany, France, Switzerland, and Poland. All concentrators are welcome, and there is no language prerequisite. For more information about the program, visit summer.harvard.edu/study-abroad, or email freiburg@dcemail.harvard.edu with questions.

Proof of Health Insurance Coverage for Tax Season. The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act requires that all individuals must be enrolled in a health plan that meets minimum essential coverage requirements, or tax penalties may be imposed. Harvard’s Student Health Insurance Plan meets these requirements — tax forms will be available in early 2016. Questions about health insurance should be directed to Member Services: mservices@huhs.harvard.edu.

Study @ 5 Linden. Looking for a different place to study? Why not stop by Study @ 5 Linden, the BSC’s quiet, cozy study space in the second floor seminar room. During the term, the study space is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10AM-4:30PM. For reading and exam periods, Study @ 5 Linden is open Monday – Friday, 9:30AM-4:30PM. Grab a cup of coffee or tea, maybe a snack, and settle in for an hour or all day. Bureau of Study Counsel, 5 Linden St.

Be a Tour Guide for the Admissions Office! Want to make a difference for future Harvard students? More than 40,000 high school students and their families visit our campus every year, and research shows tours and information sessions are among the most influential aspects of choosing a college. As a guide, you may be the deciding factor in a student’s choice to apply to and ultimately attend Harvard! Email admissionscoordinators@gmail.com to request an application, due January 8, 2016. This is a paid position.