



Upcoming Events

- **February 17 & 18, 7:30PM – A Kind of Alaska.** Deborah wakes up. Her doctor tells her she has been in a coma for 29 years. Her mind tells her that she is sixteen. Pinter's one-act play unfolds in real time, exploring Deborah's struggle to comprehend her circumstances in the minutes that follow her awakening. Email alaskaintheex@gmail.com to reserve your free tickets. Loeb Experimental Theater.



- **Monday, February 20, 6-10PM – Ice Skating Party.** Join Harvard Recreation for a night of winter fun. Enjoy free skate rentals, hot cocoa, snacks, and more! Please register at: recreation.gocrimson.com/programs/fun-free. Bright-Landry Hockey Center.

- **Wednesday, February 22, 6PM – "Arctic Ghosts: Ecocruising the Death Spiral."** The Environment Forum at the Mahindra Center presents a lecture by Roy Scranton, Assistant Professor of English, University of Notre Dame; author of *Learning to Die in the Anthropocene: Reflections on the End of a Civilization* (2015). The Environment Forum at the Mahindra Center is convened by Robin Kelsey, Dean of Arts and Humanities, Harvard University, and Ian Jared Miller, Professor of History, Harvard University. Tsai Auditorium S010, CGIS South.



GHUNGROO 2017



- **February 23-25, 7PM & Saturday, February 25, 1PM – Ghungroo 2017.** It's the time of year we have all been waiting for... Ghungroo 2017 is here! Now in its

28th year, Ghungroo is the largest cultural show on campus and has been ranked as the #1 campus production. Over 400 students produce, direct, and perform for this spectacular show each year. Tickets are going fast at the Harvard Box Office. Agassiz Theater.

- **Friday, February 24, 2-3:30PM – Film Screening: Mele Murals.** *Mele Murals* is a documentary about the transformative power of modern graffiti art and ancient Hawaiian culture for a new generation of Native Hawaiians. Two graffiti artists – Estria Miyashiro and John Hina ("Prime") – tell how their street art has taken them on personal journeys to discover their history, identity, and responsibilities as Hawaiian people. Harvard Art Museums, Menschel Hall, Lower Level.



- **Friday, February 24, 4PM – Artist Talk: Playwright Sharon Bridgforth.** A 2016 Doris Duke Artist and a Creative Capital awardee, Sharon Bridgforth collaborates with actors, dancers, singers, and audiences live during performance as she composes moving soundscapes of her ritual/jazz texts. In this artist talk, she will focus on the process of using theatrical jazz performance methodologies to explore Black American migrations queerly, sharing images and video from early workings of her piece, *love conjure/blues*, and her new project, *dat Black Mermaid Man Lady/Home*. Admission is free; tickets/RSVPs not required. Seating is first-come, first-served, subject to venue capacity. Farkas Hall Studio, 12 Holyoke St.

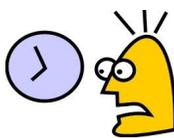
- **Friday, February 24, 8PM – Harvard Glee Club: "New Year's Tour Homecoming Concert."** Hard on the heels of its tour through Taiwan, South Korea, and Japan this winter, the Harvard Glee Club is excited to return home to Cambridge to perform, culminating their musical adventure around the world. They will sing a variety of choral works, from Renaissance polyphony to American spirituals to East Asian folk songs. \$5 student tickets are available online at the Harvard Box Office (boxoffice.harvard.edu) and at the door. Sanders Theatre.



Reminders

Presidents' Day Closures.

All University offices, including the FDO, will be closed, and classes will be suspended on **Monday, February 20** in observance of Presidents' Day. Enjoy your long weekend, and get some extra sleep!



Add/Drop Deadline. The final Add/Drop deadline is **Tuesday, February 21** (due to the Monday holiday.) Tuesday is the last day students can add or drop a course

or change the status of a letter-graded or pass/fail course.

Uncommon Fare



Wednesday, February 8, 10 first-year students enjoyed an intimate dinner and discussion with Ali Asani '77, Professor of Indo-Muslim and Islamic Religion and Cultures and the Director of the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Program.



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Safety Notice

To contact an FDO representative in the event of a serious, non-academic emergency, please call your proctor, or the Harvard University Police at (617) 495-1212, or, on campus, 5-1212. Safety and other emergency messages are displayed as soon as possible on the News and Notices section of the College home page at college.harvard.edu.

Resources for Freshmen



Gender & Sexuality Abroad. The Office of BGLTQ Student Life & the Office of International Education present Gender & Sexuality Abroad, a casual conversation about identity abroad with students who have been there. This event will feature: students who have studied abroad, Elizabeth Esparza from Global Support Services, and student advisers from the OIE and the QuOffice. Snacks will be provided. All are welcome! **Monday, February 20, 7-8PM, Boylston Hall 104.**

Gender 101: Moving beyond the Binary. In partnership with the Harvard College Women's Center, the Harvard Dance Center will offer Gender 101: Moving Beyond the Binary. This interactive workshop aims to build awareness of the diversity of gender identities on campus. Through presentation and discussion, the workshop builds the capacity of individuals to recognize and respect all genders and provide tools and ideas for organizations to create a more welcoming and inclusive environment. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required: ofa.fas.harvard.edu/dance. **Tuesday, February 21, 6-7:30PM, Harvard Dance Center, 66 Garden St., Studio 2.**



Stop, Talk, and Block. Freshmen: excited about blocking? Nervous? Just want some free food? Student Mental Health Liaisons and the Undergraduate Council are excited to sponsor Stop, Talk, and Block. Stop by to grab some food. Talk to SMHLs, PAFs, and peer counselors who have been through it all (and survived!) Block it off in your calendar now: **Wednesday, February 22, 8-9:30PM, Ticknor Lounge.**

Advising Corner. Advising Corner, an opportunity for you to consult with departmental advisers, takes place over **lunch in Annenberg from 12-2PM** on scheduled days. Speak with advisers at length, or ask quick questions on the fly. Next week: **Economics on Thursday, February 23.**



Opportunities for Freshmen



Submit Your Proposal for ESSJ 2017. Harvard College will host the Engaged Scholarship and Social Justice Undergraduate Research Conference (ESSJ) on **Saturday, April 8, 9-4PM, in Boylston Hall.** Undergraduates are welcome to submit proposals by **Wednesday, February 22**, and register for the conference at: essjconference.fas.harvard.edu. This is an opportunity to share your research, present at a national conference, and interact with peers and leading scholars. If you have any questions, please contact Varsha Ghosh: vghosh@fas.harvard.edu.

Join the First Year Social Committee. The FYSC will be accepting one new member! We are an incredibly fun group of people, and we can't wait to welcome a new member with open arms. The FYSC brought you Haunted Hall, the Harvard-Yale Freshman Tailgate, the Elf Movie Watching Party, and free carnation deliveries to your fellow freshmen. Help us plan Freshman Formal and Housing Day Eve, and be one of two people in charge of organizing another large-scale event in April. Gain invaluable event planning, leadership, and teamwork experience. Applicants must be available **Mondays, 5-6:30PM**, for weekly meetings and be 100% committed to their FYSC responsibilities. This includes dedicating a few hours each week to prepare for the events, some extra time in the week leading up to each event, and staffing the events themselves. You must be enthusiastic, energetic, driven, and excited by the idea of organizing fun events for the Class of 2020! To learn more, visit: facebook.com/harvardfysc. Applications are due **Wednesday, February 22, 11:59PM**. Send an email to FYSC Co-Chairs, Charlotte Kim (kimc@college.harvard.edu) and Kaitlyn Greta (kgret@college.harvard.edu) containing a paragraph explaining why you want to be a part of the FYSC, what you think you would contribute, and a list of your other extracurricular commitments this semester. Some applicants will be invited to interview shortly thereafter.



Exhibit Your Artwork in the 9th Annual Harvard Student Art Show. The ninth annual Harvard Student Art Show opens **Saturday, April 1 at the Harvard Ed Portal!** Artists interested in submitting a piece for the show, designing a site-specific work for the exhibition space, or performing on opening night can submit work until **Friday, March 3: harvardstudentartshow.com**. Email harvardstudentartshow@gmail.com with any questions.



Longer Days



It may still be winter, but sunset is now 5:19PM. Get out there, and take advantage of the light!

Snowball Fight!

Freshman members of the U.C. welcomed winter with an organized snowball fight in the Yard on Monday, February 13.



Hot cocoa and donuts were served to keep everyone warm. Photo credit: Zennie Wey.