

Freshman Dean's Office

**Yard Bulletin** 

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## **Upcoming Events**

February 26 - March 4 - Women's Week 2017: The Struggle Is Real. Women's Week is the result of collaboration between multiple



student groups to host a variety of events pertaining to women's achievements and women's and gender issues. Promoting gender equity by raising awareness, Women's Week features events that celebrate women's achievements, explore women's issues, and encourage dialogue about the role of gender at Harvard and what it means to be a woman in today's world. Check the Harvard College Women's Center website for event listings: hcwc.fas.harvard.edu/ womens-week. Come listen, talk, and learn as we explore women's and gender issues on campus and beyond!



 Tuesday, February 28, 6-7:30PM - Doris Salcedo's Circles of Sorrow. In this lecture, author Edwidge Danticat will reflect on the ethical and spiritual dimensions of memory and mourning, bringing her unparalleled gifts as a writer concerned with political violence and migration, to respond to the Harvard Art Museums' current special exhibition, Doris

Salcedo: The Materiality of Mourning. Danticat has written six books for young adults and children as well as a travel narrative. She is a 2009 MacArthur Fellow and the 2016 recipient of the Toni Morrison Award. Following the lecture, the Special Exhibitions Gallery will remain open until 8PM. Harvard Art Museums, Menschel Hall, Lower Level.

Tuesday, February 28, 8-11PM - T.G.I. Mardi Gras. Come one, come all, to the OSL's firstannual Mardi Gras celebration, complete with gumbo, jambalaya, mask-making, custom Harvard beads, and doubloons. Celebrate Mardi Gras with us! Cambridge Queen's Head.



Wednesday, March 1, 7:30-9PM -Meaningful Life Initiative: A Conversation with Harvard Professors.

Engage in conversation with professors on the questions of how they find meaning and purpose in their lives. This is an opportunity to learn, beyond the classroom, ways in which they have connected their



personal interests with the academic, and ways in which their ethical commitments inform their work. Featuring: Martha Minow, Dean and Professor, Harvard Law School; Ali Asani, Professor of Indo-Muslim and Islamic Religion and Cultures; and Owen Gingerich, Professor of Astronomy and of the History of Science, Emeritus. Moderated by Karen-Alexandra Nogues '18. Sever Hall 113.



• Friday, March 3, 7:30-10:30PM -**SOCH Hop.** Hop on over to the SOCH Hop. Don't miss out on SOCH's biggest birthday bash of the decade! Help the SOCH turn 10 years old with a night of free food from Flour Bakery, swing dance

classes, film screenings, art shows, a fun photo booth, and musical performances by local Harvard groups. To RSVP and learn more, visit: facebook.com/HarvardSOCH. SOCH, 59 Shepard St.

Saturday, March 4, 4PM - Cultural Rhythms 2017. The Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and Race Relations presents the annual cultural festival that celebrates Harvard's rich cultural and ethnic diversity by showcasing student performances from over 30 student organizations. This year's Artist of the Year is Viola Davis. \$12.50 student tickets are available at the Harvard Box Office. Sanders Theatre.



## Freshman Fun

Spring Refresh Party: A Girls Night In! Friday, February 24, 9-11PM Straus Common Room

Need to reenergize this freshman spring? Come enjoy a relaxing, free, girls night in, sponsored by Teen Vogue! Early-comers will receive free snacks, sweets, beauty products, goodies from brands, and copies of Teen Vogue's first-ever quarterly print volume (supplies while they last). Come prepared to eat, jam



to girl-power music (#Beyonce), and get yourself pumped for spring. Nonbinary, male, or non-femaleidentifying freshmen are welcome!

## Reminder

HARVARD COLLEGE OFFICE OF Gender-neutral housing is available in every House. Students seeking gender-neutral housing should STUDENT LIFE contact the Office of BGLTQ Student Life at bgltq@fas.harvard.edu or 617-496-5716 before Monday, February 27, to discuss policies and specific accommodations.

## Cupcake-Making!



A small group of firstyears frosted, sprinkled, and decorated their way to deliciousness at the FDO's cupcake-making event in Annenberg on Monday, February 13.



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#### **Submissions**

Please send submissions by Tuesday at 9:00AM to: <a href="mailto:yardnews@fas.harvard.edu">yardnews@fas.harvard.edu</a> Published Fridays.

### **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**



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: Science Undergrad Research on

Monday, February 27; Music on Wednesday, March 1; and Economics on Friday, March 3.

Bureau of Study Counsel Offerings @ 5 Linden Street:

- Study @ 5 Linden Street. Looking for a new place to get some work done? Check out Study @ 5 Linden Street, the BSC's cozy study space located in the second floor seminar room at the BSC. Grab a snack, and settle in at Harvard's best kept secret spot! Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10AM-4PM.
- Keeping Ourselves Accountable. Get started or work through difficult aspects of your academic work. Get to know fellow students and their experiences with accountability. Share, learn, and try strategies, and discover what supports or hinders your accountability. To register, email Peter Kozel: <a href="mailto:pkozel@bsc.harvard.edu">pkozel@bsc.harvard.edu</a>. Weekly meetings beginning Tuesday, March 7, 5-7PM.



• **Procrastination.** Explore factors that might lead us to procrastinate, including the wisdom that motivates meaningful digressions. Consider practical and attitudinal approaches we might try when we find ourselves resisting or avoiding our academic work. Register online: <a href="https://documents.org/bsc.harvard.edu">bsc.harvard.edu</a>.

Wednesday, March 8, 3-4:30PM.

DPE Diversity Dialogue Series. This brave space fosters inclusion and allows students to both honor the diversity of experiences on campus and champion their own narratives, leading to a greater sense of belonging. Given the intense landscape of politics and resistance, we also offer an opportunity to step back and recharge. Tuesdays, 7-8:30PM, Thayer Basement.

# **Opportunities for Freshmen**



**Perform at the Queen's Head Coffee House.** Seize the spotlight, and spend the night with friends and other great musicians! Message "Harvard Coffee House" on Facebook to sign up. Enjoy live student performances, free food, hot drinks, and baked goods. **Saturday, February 25, 8-10PM, Cambridge Queen's Head.** 

Submit a Nominee for the 2017 Benjamin Franklin Legacy Prize for Creativity and Service. Students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to public service, thoughtful leadership and vision, and exemplified creativity and innovation in their service activities are eligible for consideration. The prize recipient is required to participate in a full awards weekend, Friday & Saturday, April 7-8, at the Cosmo Club in Washington, D.C. The Legacy Prize recipient will represent public service and Harvard, and will also become an ongoing member of the Benjamin Franklin Junto that seeks to foster creativity and communication among leaders across various disciplines. Due by Monday, February 27, 5PM, nominations should be emailed to Dorothy Villarreal: <a href="mailto:dvillarreal@fas.harvard.edu">dvillarreal@fas.harvard.edu</a>. Please include a one-page letter detailing the nominee's commitment and creativity in public service pursuits, and one professional reference letter that comments on the individual's public service work.

**Participate in Public Art!** Office for the Arts will present *Impulse*, an installation of illuminated acoustic see-saws that can be "played" by users. We are hiring a student team to manage the artwork in Harvard Yard April 26-May 4. Tasks include: unlocking equipment (11:30AM-noon), locking equipment (10-10:30PM), and checking on the installation each afternoon. Pay is \$12/hour; regular availability preferred. If interested, contact <a href="mailto:msilverstein@fas.harvard.edu">msilverstein@fas.harvard.edu</a> with subject line "Team" by **Friday**, **March 3**, and specify dates/times you can work.

Gain Spring Break Field Experience with Education Professionals. The Opportunities in Education Program (OEP) allows participants to explore careers in education through a robust experience that combines deliberate and purposeful short-term shadowing of education professionals with workshops and career discussions during spring break, March 14-16. This three-day, "dip-your-toe-in" experience offers a unique way to explore the field and yet stops short of timely commitments. For a period of three to four hours each day, students will interview, visit, and interact with professionals in education sectors outside of schools, including government, private entrepreneurial ventures (consulting, funding), and nonprofit/service organizations. OEP will manage the selection and scheduling, and will pay for transportation to the sites. Applicants should submit a resume and brief paragraph explaining their interest in the program and preferred field of focus to oep@gse.harvard.edu by Tuesday, February 28.



**Start Your Summer by Traveling to Cuba!** Join up to 50 Harvard students on an expedition of cultural immersion in Havana, **May 14-18.** This trip will take you off the beaten path and expose you to all the beauty and adventure that Havana has to offer. Limited spots available: first-come, first-served! For more information, visit: cubacandela.com/harvard-cuba-cultural-immersion.