



Upcoming Events

- **March 3 & 4, 8PM - Fromm Players at Harvard: Talea Ensemble.** Fromm Players present two free concerts by the world-renowned Talea Ensemble. Friday, March 3: George Lewis, *Mnemosis*; Gerard Grisey, *Talea*; James Dillon, *New York Triptych*. Saturday, March 4: Brian Ferneyhough, *Incipits*; Rand Steiger, *A Menacing Plume*; Liza Lim, *Songs Found in Dream*; Hans Tutschku, *Codification - Memory* (world premiere). Paine Concert Hall.



- **Monday, March 6, 6PM - Writers Speak: Jennifer Egan in Conversation with Claire Messud.** The Mahindra Center presents Jennifer Egan, author of *Look at Me* (2002), *The Keep* (2007), and *A Visit from the Goon Squad* (2011); winner of the 2011 Pulitzer Prize, National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction, and LA Times Book Prize. Claire Messud is a novelist and senior lecturer in English, Harvard University. Free seating is limited. Paine Hall.

- **Monday, March 6, 8PM - The Wong Street Journal.** Part plushy TED lecture, part amateur hip hop extravaganza, and part travelogue, *The Wong Street Journal* breaks down the complexities of global poverty, privilege, and economic theory using uneasy-to-read charts, live hashtag wars, and riveting slideshows from post-conflict Northern Uganda. This new solo theater work is written and performed by performance artist and comedian Kristina Wong. Wong tells the story of how she, as a not-so-white savior, became a hip hop star in Northern Uganda. Wong combines self-skewering personal narrative with a hilarious interrogation of America's legacy on the rest of the world. Event is free; tickets are required from the Harvard Box Office. Agassiz Theatre.



- **Monday, March 6, 8-11PM - Make Your Own Stress Ball with the Freshman Arts Board!** Harvard Yard Arts Room, Holworthy B03.

- **Wednesday, March 8, 7-8PM - Let's Watch: Screening of Comedy Series Insecure.** Join the Women's Center for a tasty brain break featuring snacks such as hot Cheetos and mozzarella sticks! We will be showing episodes of the hit, HBO comedy show, *Insecure*. Get ready to relax, laugh, and celebrate the start of spring break. This event is part of the spring 2017 *Let's Talk* series. All students are welcome. Women's Center Lounge, Canaday Basement.



- **Wednesday March 8, 9PM-12AM - Block to the Future.** Don't miss the FYSC's Housing Day Eve event, featuring throwbacks to middle school like DDR, plus pennant-making, a photo booth, and Housing Day videos on a big screen. There will also be lots of free food: nachos, popcorn, chicken tenders, Gushers, Capri Sun, Fruit Roll-ups, and cupcakes. Annenberg.

Notes from the Dean

Spring is coming, and with it a nice vacation for you (March 11-March 19). New England weather is fickle, but it's okay to say good-bye to winter and enjoy this uplifting message from Billy Collins's book, *Nine Horses*:

*If ever there were a spring day so perfect,
so uplifted by a warm intermittent breeze
that it made you want to throw
open all the windows in the house
and unlatch the door to the canary's cage,
indeed, rip the little door from its jamb,
a day when the cool brick paths
and the garden bursting with peonies
seemed so etched in sunlight
That you felt like taking
a hammer to the glass paperweight
on the living room end table,
releasing the inhabitants
from their snow-covered cottage
so they could walk out,
holding hands and squinting
into this larger dome of blue and white,
well, today is just that kind of day.*



Have fun with your time off, and get some rest.

Sincerely,
Tom Dingman

Reminders & Save the Date



Annenberg will close after dinner on Friday, March 10 and re-open for dinner on Sunday, March 19. Dorms will remain open over spring break, but you must make other arrangements for meals.

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 12. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour!



Tuesday, April 11: Spring First-Year Faculty Dinner. Invite a teacher or administrator to join you for dinner in Annenberg Hall, and a preceding reception in the Cambridge Queen's Head Pub. Get to know faculty and staff, and learn about their academic work, careers, and interests. Business casual attire requested. Check your Harvard Yard Mail Center box for the invitation in the coming weeks.



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Fun Stuff to Do during Spring Break



Staying on campus during spring break? Take advantage of your free time by exploring all the Boston/Cambridge area has to offer and discovering new things right in your own backyard!

- **Chinatown.** Love Chinese food and other types of Asian cuisine? Never tried Dim Sum? Transport yourself to another land, and check out Boston's Chinatown neighborhood, boasting restaurants on every block with authentic and delicious food. Accessible from the Chinatown T stop on the Orange Line or the South Station T stop on the Red Line.



- **Prudential Skywalk Observatory.** Visit Boston's second tallest building, and get a beautiful, panoramic view of the city from its observatory on the top floor. On a clear day you can see up to 100 miles away! For hours, ticket info, and directions, visit: skywalkboston.com.

- **Freedom Trail.** Walk the path of the American Revolution on Boston's Freedom Trail, a 2.5-mile, red-brick path leading to several historic sites, like Paul Revere's house and the USS Constitution. The trail will also lead you through many of the city's hot spots, like Fanueil Hall, Beacon Hill, and the North End. For more information, visit: thefreedomtrail.org.



- **Salem, MA.** Need a witch fix? Want to see the House of Seven Gables? Take a trip to Salem, MA, infamous for the Salem Witch Trials and one of New England's maritime treasures. Whether it's haunted houses, graveyards, unusual museums, seaport sites, or great restaurants that pique your interest, you'll find it here. Just a short trip on the Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Line from North Station.

Discover more cool stuff to do at: cityofboston.gov/visitors.

Around the Yard



Tuesday, February 21, the Freshman Class Committee of the UC and all six of Harvard's peer counseling groups organized a meet and greet for freshmen in Ticknor Lounge.



Thursday, February 23, first-year students gathered to celebrate Black History Month with student performers and soul food in Grays Common Room.

Resources for Freshmen

FDR Global Fellowship Program. The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Foundation at Adams House is accepting grant applications for summer research and travel through **Wednesday, March 15**. Freshmen are particularly encouraged to apply. The FDR Global Fellowship Program awards up to \$7,000 to pay for an approved summer program abroad, and then, once successfully completed, provides the student with a \$2,000 stipend to make up for lost summer wages. This program is only available to students below a certain economic threshold, and is awarded to those wishing to pursue clearly delineated goals, in both the sciences and humanities, that foster cultural communication and global understanding. Applications are vetted by a faculty panel; awards are based on merit and adherence to our expressed goal of global understanding. One to three awards are made each year. Application information is available at: fdrfoundation.org/global-fellowship.



Freshman Public Speaking Workshop. Want to develop or refine your public speaking skills? Sign up for this two-part, freshman-only course with Expos 40 instructor Margie Zohn. This workshop is free, but a \$25 fee will be charged to a student's Termbill for an unexcused absence; attendance at both sessions is required. Previous attendees have raved about this workshop, so grab your spot now: fdo.fas.harvard.edu! **Thursdays, March 23 & 30, 7-10PM, William James Hall, Room 105.**



FOP

After weeks of deliberation and hard work, FOP couldn't be more excited and humbled to welcome the following new trainees from the Class of 2020 to the FOPpulation!:



Catie Barr
Ellie Blum
Amy Danoff
Caroline Engelmayer
Caleb Esrig
Jon Hamilton
Anna Henricks
Adam Hirschhorn
Ethan Kahn
Emma Ling
Lauren Mayer
Cailey Martin
Ian McClanan
Matt Ontiveros
Oliver Piltch
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