Upcoming Events


- **Tuesday, November 28, 6PM – Claire Messud: The Burning Girl: A Novel.** Claire Messud, Senior Lecturer in English, Harvard University, on her new book, *The Burning Girl: A Novel*. Free and open to the public. Seating is limited. Barker Center 110.

- **Saturday, December 2, 8PM – “The THUDfather” Concert.** Spaghetti, Cannoli, and Vito Corleone. The Harvard Undergraduate Drummers (THUD) are bringing the Sicilian Mafia to campus with their winter concert: The THUDfather. Join us as we navigate the deadly waters of family, loyalty, and rhythm. Featuring guest appearances from Al Pacino, Francis Ford Coppola, Mario Puzo, Giuseppe Garibaldi, and Leonardo Da Vinci. Tickets are $5 in advance from the Harvard Box Office, any THUD member, or Venmo (@THUD-1); $7 at the door. For more, visit: facebook.com/HarvardTHUD. Lowell Lecture Hall.

Message from the Dean

I hope your Thanksgiving vacation provides a relaxing and fun break. Some of you may be familiar with the Richard Wilbur poem below:

**Asides**

> Though the season’s begun to speak  
> Its long sentence of darkness,  
> The upswung boughs of the larch  
> Bristle with gold for a week,  
> And then there is only the willow  
> To make bright interjection,  
> Its drooping branches decked  
> With this leaves, curved and yellow,  
> Till winter, loosing these  
> With a first flurry and bluster,  
> Shall scatter across the snow crust  
> Their dropped parentheses.

With the drooping willow and first frost, winter is on its way. The trick is to hold on to the light in this “long sentence of darkness,” to keep warm, and rested, and open to all good things.

Best,

Tom Dingman  
Dean of Freshmen

Annenberg Closure

Annenberg will close after dinner on Tuesday, November 21. It will re-open for brunch on Sunday, November 26. During Thanksgiving break, Adams House Dining Hall will remain open, and freshmen may take meals there. Currier House Dining Hall will be open beginning Friday, November 24. Traditional New England Thanksgiving dinner will be served in Adams House on Thursday, November 23, 11:30AM-6PM.

Into the Hub

Into the Hub participants spent a night out at The Blue Man Group, Friday, November 10, at the Charles Playhouse in downtown Boston.

Reminder

The Fall First-Year Faculty Dinner is Tuesday, November 28. Don’t miss your chance to invite a professor, administrator, coach, proctor, or other guest to join you for a fancy meal in Annenberg!
**Resources for Freshmen**

**Advising Corner.** Speak with departmental and other advisers over lunch in Annenberg, 12-2PM, on scheduled days throughout the year. Ask a question on the fly, or sit down for a longer conversation. **Next week: Anthropology, Monday, November 20.** We will resume after the Thanksgiving break with: Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships (URAF), Monday, November 27; Harvard Library, Tuesday, November 28; Romance Languages and Literatures, Wednesday, November 29; History, Thursday, November 30; and Science Education and Undergraduate Science Research, Friday, December 1.

**IOP Director's Internship Information Session.** Looking to commit your summer to politics and public service? Want to know more about the Institute of Politics Director's Internship Program? Since 1995, the IOP has partnered with high-profile organizations and elected officials around the world to provide substantive, career-oriented, summer internships for undergraduates interested in politics, government, and public service. The 2018 Director's Internship Program offers over 100 positions for a stipend of $5,000. Info session: **Friday, December 8, 2PM, Littauer 166.**

**Priscilla Chan Summer Service Award.** This special award will cover the summer earnings contribution for students on financial aid who apply and are accepted into select summer service opportunities at Harvard College: The Center for Public Interest Careers (Mindich Service Fellowships, Harvard Clubs Summer Community Service Fellowships, Liman Public Interest Law Fellowships); Institute of Politics Director’s Internships; and Phillips Brooks House Association’s Summer Urban Program. PBHA’s public service offices/organizations at Harvard College provide amazing opportunities for students to devote their summers to public service. Students are encouraged to explore the opportunities and to apply for a transformative summer in service. For details, please visit: [publicservice.fas.harvard.edu/summer](http://publicservice.fas.harvard.edu/summer).

**Opportunities for Freshmen**

**Serve Your Fellow Students on the Honor Council.** Created in 2014, the Honor Council is part of a larger commitment to strengthen the academic fabric of Harvard College. By sharing responsibility for the bedrock value of academic integrity evenly between students and faculty, the Council reflects Harvard College’s commitment to intergenerational education. The Honor Council is now accepting nominations for the student members who will serve in the 2018-19 academic year. To learn more about the selection process and timeline, please visit: [honorcouncil.fas.harvard.edu/selection-members](http://honorcouncil.fas.harvard.edu/selection-members). Nominations close on **Monday, November 20.** No prior background with Honor Codes or student government is necessary, and we are looking for members with a wide variety of concentrations and backgrounds. Successful candidates will demonstrate responsibility, a commitment to academic values, attention to detail, empathy, and discretion. Questions are welcome at: [honorcouncil@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:honorcouncil@fas.harvard.edu).

**Apply for an Artist Development Fellowship.** Involved in the arts? Do you have a great opportunity to pursue your artistic interests or advance your work but need financial support? Artist Development Fellowships provide funding to support student development in the practice of the arts. Come to our info session for a review of guidelines, advice on the application process, and hear from past Fellows about their experience: **Monday, December 4, 5-6PM, Office for the Arts Common Room, 74 Mt. Auburn St.** Pizza will be provided! The application deadline for the 2018 academic year is: **Thursday, February 1, 12 noon.** For more, visit: [oafa.fas.harvard.edu/adf](http://oafa.fas.harvard.edu/adf).

**Seeking Student Producers for ARTS FIRST 2018!** This paid position includes producing the performance fair, assisting with volunteers and other related tasks (approx. 2-10 hours per week, spring semester). The ARTS FIRST student producers will gain valuable experience in planning, producing, and organizing a large-scale arts event and will be provided with key opportunities to be acquainted with arts leaders at Harvard. Schedule is flexible. To apply, please send a resume and brief cover letter to Marin Orlosky: [orlosky@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:orlosky@fas.harvard.edu). For more information, please visit: [oafa.fas.harvard.edu/arts](http://oafa.fas.harvard.edu/arts).

**Take a Photo Exhibition.** “It’s All in Your Perspective” is a exhibition of three different photographers that all have a different view of our environment: Rob Linnaeus, Spencer McEwen, and Barbara Newman. Photography shows the ordinary world around us in extraordinary ways. The inspirational aspect and educational aspect of a photo are sometimes beyond the eye of the photographer. Photos are on display at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Gutman Library Gallery, 6 Appian Way, through Thursday, December 21.

**Submissions**

Please send submissions by Tuesday at 9:00AM to: [yardnews@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:yardnews@fas.harvard.edu)

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