From being a high school music teacher to a bassist to a car advertisement filmmaker, Professor Deloria, as he articulated it, did not get to where he is now by sticking with convention. He urged us not to fear the “lost year;” that a year pursuing what makes you happy is never a year wasted. I am going to keep that with me; thank you, Professor, for making the world seem a bit less scary, and certainly more complex in ways I have never considered.

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The Gober Family Uncommon Fare program is a signature program offered by the First-Year Experience Office of the Dean of Students Office. Made possible by a generous gift from the Gober family, first-year students have the opportunity to meet outstanding members of the Harvard community over dinner at the Faculty Club. Up to ten students attend the dinner, where they discuss the distinguished guest's academic interests, receive tips and advice about how to navigate the first year, and, see what is truly special about the College. Applications for each dinner will be emailed to the class one week before the event. Students can also apply via the "news and events" section on the fdo.fas.harvard.edu website.

Fall 2019 Dinners:
Wednesday, September 18: Robin Bernstein, Dillon Professor of American History and of African and African American studies and studies of women, gender and sexuality
Thursday, October 3: Stephanie Pausell, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies and interim Pusey Minister at the Memorial Church
Wednesday, October 16: Ellen Langer, Professor of Psychology
Tuesday, October 29: Setti Warren, Executive Director of the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School and former Mayor of Newton, MA
Wednesday, November 6: Nicole Noll, Senior Preceptor in Psychology and Lecturer on Studies of Women, Gender and Sexuality
Thursday, November 14: Robert Reid-Pharr, Professor of Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality and African and African American Studies
Wednesday, November 20: Lawrence Bacow, 29th President of Harvard University
Tuesday, December 3: Nekesa Straker, Senior Assistant Dean of Residential Life and First-Year Students