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Graduating in May?

Don’t forget to pick up your tickets!

Degree candidates must pick up their tickets in person with a photo ID at the following times and locations. Tickets cannot be mailed.

Before Commencement
Friday, May 18; Monday, May 21; Tuesday, May 22; and Wednesday, May 23, 2018; 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Dudley House, (Lehman Hall), Harvard Yard

On Commencement Day
Thursday, May 24, 2018, 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., GSAS Information Tent, Maxwell Dworkin, 33 Oxford Street

Check out the full schedule of GSAS Commencement events at www.gsas.harvard.edu/commencement.

A Fascination with Perspective

How Katherine van Schaik connects history and medicine
By Fernanda Ferreira

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Studying Perspective

As part of her research, Van Schaik is investigating medical decision making in Greco-Roman antiquity by looking at models of disease diagnosis and classification used in the ancient world. Various groups of physicians ascribed to very different methodological persuasions, and Van Schaik is interested in seeing how these methodologies shaped physicians’ views of how to define and treat disease.

Van Schaik gives two examples of rival approaches. Galen, a prominent Greek physician in the Roman

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### Financial Aid Awards for 2018–2019

If you received a multi-year financial aid award package that includes funding for the 2018–2019 academic year, keep an eye out for an e-mail from the Office of Financial Aid in late May with instructions for reviewing and confirming your award for next year.

#### Summer Research Award Disbursement

Are you a PhD student in an FAS-based program whose financial aid package includes a GSAS Summer Research Award for summer 2018? If so, please note that this information is specific to FAS-based students and may have different disbursement schedules. If you are unsure of your eligibility, please refer to your most recent financial aid award notification or contact the Office of Financial Aid for assistance.

#### Upcoming Disbursement Dates

Not all items listed are applicable to all students; consult your most recent award notification for details.

- **May 15**: Final spring 2018 TF payments (intended for June expenses)
- **June 1**: June stipends and TF supplements, where applicable
- **July 1**: GSAS Summer Research Award (FAS-based programs)—first disbursement
- **July 1**: GSAS Graduate Society Summer Predissertation Fellowship
- **August 1**: GSAS Summer Research Award (FAS-based programs)—second disbursement
- **August 1**: First 2018–2019 GSAS Dissertation Completion Fellowship stipend
- **August 15**: First fall 2018 TF payments (intended for September expenses)
- **September 1**: September stipends and TF supplements, where applicable

#### Questions?

If you have questions about financial aid or are experiencing substantial financial hardship, we want to hear from you! Your program’s financial aid officer can provide information and assistance. Visit handbook.gsas.harvard.edu/financial-aid-officers to find your financial aid officer and contact details.

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### Counseling and Mental Health Services

Counseling and Mental Health Services (CAMHS), part of Harvard University Health Services (HUHS), has initiated two new programs to provide support for Harvard students. These initiatives are intended to lower barriers for students interested in talking with counselors.

#### Let’s Talk

Let’s Talk is an informal and confidential new service in which students speak informally with a CAMHS counselor with no paperwork, no fees, and no appointment necessary.

- **Let’s Talk** is a great option, especially if:
  - You don’t want ongoing counseling, but want a counselor’s perspective
  - You have a concern about a friend and want advice about what to do
  - You have a specific problem and would like to talk it through with someone
  - You’re unsure about counseling and wonder what it’s like to talk to a counselor

For more information, visit huhs.harvard.edu/lets-talk

#### Let’s Talk Locations and Schedule:

- **Cabot Library**, Cambridge, Room LL08, Thursdays, 3:15 p.m.–5:00 p.m. and Fridays, 11:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- **Countway Library**, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Room 102 (behind circulation desk), 10 Shattuck Street, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
- **Dudley House/Lehman Hall**, Cambridge, Room 312 (next to the computers), Mondays, 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- **Littauer Hall**, Cambridge, Room 312, Tuesdays 3:15 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
- **Lyman Laboratory**, Cambridge, Room 446, Wednesdays 12:15 p.m.–2:00 p.m.

#### iHope

HUHS has contracted with iHope to make online groups available to the Harvard community at no cost. Students can connect online from anywhere: on campus, studying abroad, or while doing fieldwork. The CAMHS website lists group topics and PDFs that lead to a secure, web-based link to sign up for a group. Some workshops will be offered multiple times this term and each workshop is limited to 10 participants.

- **Group topics include:**
  - Calming the Worried Mind
  - Mending Your Mood
  - Organizational Skills for ADHD
  - Overcoming Perfectionism
  - Sleeping Soundly

#### Improved Wait Times

In addition to the programs above, CAMHS has piloted a new model of care aiming to provide therapy appointments in a timely manner and reduce wait times on the day of service. New patients seeking services at CAMHS are now prompted to visit the patient portal at huhs.harvard.edu/patient-portal to book a 30-minute phone or in-person consultation and then complete a brief questionnaire on the portal prior to their appointment. The CAMHS triage team works to respond within 48 hours of a booking request to determine the best options for the student. For mental health urgent care, clinicians are available for same-day appointments.
Mummies and Methodologies

When Van Schaik gives the four-second version of her medical honors thesis research, she calls it “Mummy CTs,” referring to computed tomography scans, which are used to create cross-sectional images of the body. “The work that I actually do is not that straightforward,” Van Schaik confesses. Studying human remains allows researchers to investigate what the burden of disease was in the past, and the outcomes of these investigations have real clinical implications in contemporary medicine. But it’s important to understand the strengths and limitations of the methodologies used to study these bones.

Collaborating with an osteologist at the Museum of London and a radiologist at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) in Boston, Van Schaik is examining 19th-century skeletons to compare two paleopathology techniques: radiographs and osteological analysis. “One of the crucial elements of osteological analysis is the tactile sensation of the bone,” Van Schaik explains. “What does the surface of the bone feel like? Does it feel like there is evidence of infection?” But sometimes, Van Schaik cautions, what an osteologist feels when touching a bone can be related to the environment in which the bones were buried, and discerning the difference between a feeling caused by disease versus one caused by the environment can be difficult. A radiologist, on the other hand, does not touch the bone itself and, instead, must discern lesions and disease entirely from X-ray images.

There’s still time to join the GSAS Host Student Program!

Volunteer to be a host student this year

The Host Student Program helps incoming international students feel welcome and comfortable as they make their transition to life in the United States and as graduate students at GSAS. The program links a continuing GSAS student with one or two incoming international students. Incoming international students appreciate hearing from you over the summer, being welcomed to Harvard, and having their questions and concerns answered.

To sign up for this rewarding volunteer position, please visit gsas.harvard.edu/student-life/gsas-resources/host-student-program. For more information, e-mail Susan Zawalich, Dudley House administrator and coordinator of the GSAS Host Student Program, at zawalich@fas.harvard.edu.
EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS
Lectures and Exhibits of Note

Radcliffe Institute

Reimagining Musical Instruments: The Sound of Impossible Objects in My Music
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Knafel Center, 10 Garden Street, Cambridge
During his time at the Radcliffe Institute, Camilo Mendez is composing two new chamber works using prepared musical instruments. One will be part of the compositional cycle “BURSZTYN,” and the other will be part of “Cartography of Convoluted Spaces.” The works will be performed by Yarn/Wire. This concert is an excellent opportunity to hear an innovative composer’s newest work.
radcliffe.harvard.edu/event/2018-camilo-mendez-fellow-presentation

A Walk Down Memory Lane
ALUMNI RETURN TO CAMPUS FOR RESIDENCE HALL REUNION
Perkins and Conant Hall conjure up many memories for GSAS alumni, from late night intellectual chats and home-cooked meals, to a friendly face at the end of a long day in the lab or the library. To celebrate the 125th anniversary of the construction of Perkins and Conant Hall, GSAS hosted a reunion for former residents, which included panel discussions featuring remembrances from alumni and details on life from current residents.

During the first panel, alumni praised the intellectual environment of the Halls, which enabled them to connect with fellow students across disciplines. “Poets, musicians, government students, and fellow physicists from all over the world—in the dorms we were all in it together,” said Sorell Massenburg, PhD ’16 in applied physics.

Current resident advisors also acknowledged the interdisciplinary community in the second panel, while praising the strong connections they make with other residents. “I’ve grown from being surrounded by such a dynamic and interesting community,” said Nicole Bush, a PhD student in molecular and cellular biology. “I’ve been enriched as a result of what my peers have studied and by where they are from.”
Read more about the day at gsas.harvard.edu/news/stories/walk-down-memory-lane

Resident Advisors Announced for 2018–2019 Academic Year
The Office of Residential Life is delighted to announce the GSAS students chosen as resident advisors for the 2018–2019 academic year. In addition to organizing activities in the residence halls, resident advisors also provide first-year students with someone who can speak candidly about all aspects of the graduate school experience.

CHILD
Basement—Matthew McHenry
First Floor—Mina Mitreva
Second—Da In (Ann) Choi
Third—Rhine Samajdar
Fourth—Anne-Sophie Pratte

CONANT
First—Aramc Yildiz
Second—Gebraislol Abiola
Third—Tommy Flint
Fourth—Madeleine Wolf

PERKINS
First—Brandon Woods
Second—Avriel Epps
Third—Alex Najibi
Fourth—Nicole Bush

RICHARDS
First—Yi (Louis) Lu
Second—Robert Stone
Third—Veronica Ruiz Quinonez

Resident advisors make the residence halls a home.
Don’t Miss!
OUR DUDLEY HOUSE PICKS OF THE MONTH. FOR MORE EVENTS, OUTINGS, AND GATHERINGS, GO TO DUDLEY.HARVARD.EDU/CALENDAR.

Dudley Review Release Party
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Fireside Room, Dudley House, First Floor. Celebrate the release of the Dudley Review, Dudley House’s annual journal featuring student art, writing, and photography. Wine and cheese provided. ◆ For more information, contact dudleyhouse.literary@gmail.com.

Dudley Choir Spring Concert
Sunday, May 6, 2018, 8:00 p.m., Harvard Dudley House Common Room. Please join us for our spring semester concert of choral music by the first queen and last monarch of Hawai‘i, Lili‘uokalani, in collaboration with local Hawaiian musicians and dancers.

Celebrate Fred Astaire’s 119th Birthday
Friday, May 4, 2018, 12:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m., Dudley House Graduate Student Lounge. Dudley House Classic Films presents Fred Astaire. All singing!! All dancing!!

12:00 p.m. Welcome and Introduction to Fred Astaire
12:15 p.m. A Damsel in Distress (1937)
2:00 p.m. The Gay Divorcee (1934)

Birthday Cake and Coffee
4:30 p.m. Top Hat (1935)
6:30 p.m. Fred Astaire: Beyond the Clichés (Talk by Astaire Scholar Chris Bamberger)
8:00 p.m. Royal Wedding (1951)
Refreshments and special “extras” between films!! Everyone welcome!

Dudley House Your Graduate Student Center since 1991
Lehman Hall, Harvard Yard ∗ www.dudley.harvard.edu ∗ 617-495-2255
Faculty Deans James M. Hogle and Doreen M. Hogle ∗ House Administrator Susan Zawalich
**Improve Your Confidence and Retention with these Bureau of Study Counsel Resources**

**New, EXPANDED hours (and more!) for Study @ 5 Linden:**

Have you discovered the comfortable, distraction-free study space at the Bureau of Study Counsel (BSC)? Study @ 5 Linden now has expanded hours (Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.) and additional space for breaks and brief consultations. Settle into our quiet, cozy study space and grab coffee and a snack.

When you need a break or a brief conversation, check out the BSC's NEW studio/break space in Room 26! Drop-in consultations with BSC academic counselors are available now through Exam Period—Mondays, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.; Tuesdays, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; and Thursdays, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.—in the studio space. Counselors can help you explore practicalities and perspectives to help you approach your studies with a greater sense of purpose and confidence. (To make an appointment for a longer, one-on-one conversation with an academic counselor, stop by the BSC at 5 Linden Street or call 617-495-2581.)

**The Harvard Course in Reading and Study Strategies, Summer 2018**

This course helps students read more mindfully, purposefully, and effectively with greater speed and comprehension. It is especially useful for students who find themselves overwhelmed by the volume and complexity of their reading or who find that they aren’t getting what they need out of their reading. Topics include:

- Reading with your eyes and your mind
- Reading with a question
- Understanding the structure of text
- Overviewing and subvocalizing
- Summarizing
- Anticipating and intuiting
- Remembering what you read
- Zooming out: Navigating longer texts
- Zooming in: Close reading
- Reading with authority

**Summer 2018 Session**

June 26–July 6, 2018 (no class on July 4)
Monday–Friday, 3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. (Class begins on a Tuesday.)
Cost: GSAS degree candidates: $25
Others: $150
Advance registration is required.
Visit [bsc.harvard.edu/readingcourse](http://bsc.harvard.edu/readingcourse) for registration and more information.

The Bureau of Study Counsel (BSC) offers a collection of services designed to support you in your efforts to learn and grow and engage in the educational opportunities available to you at Harvard. Visit the BSC at 5 Linden Street in Cambridge or online at [bsc.harvard.edu](http://bsc.harvard.edu).

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**2018–2019 Dudley Fellows Announced**

Dudley House employs a vibrant group of graduate students from GSAS as Dudley Fellows to plan events, activities, and programming for House members. Fellows usually serve for one to two academic years during their time at Harvard and come from across the disciplines.

**Coordinating Fellow**
Emma Zitzow-Childs, Romance Languages and Literatures

**Arts**
- Mina Gadalla, SEAS
- Christina Shivers, Architecture Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning
- Demetra Vogiatzaki, Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning

**Athletics**
- William (Eamon) Callison, Human Evolutionary Biology
- Gus Dormel, SEAS, Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science
- Filip Michalskiy, SEAS

**Computers, Website**
- Mehul Raje, SEAS

**Food Literacy**
- Jessica Carbone, American Studies

**Intellectual/Cultural**
- Thomas Hill, Architecture, Urban Planning
- Paul Johnston, Classics
- Rebecca Voelcker, Film and Visual Studies

**Literary**
- Christian Struck, Germanic Languages and Literatures
- Kristin Torres, Regional Studies: Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia

**Music**
- Max Murray (Orchestra), Music
- Eric Puma (World Music Ensemble), SEAS
- Jacob Sunshine (Jazz Band), Music

**Outings**
- Lindsey Brown, SEAS, Applied Mathematics
- Etha Williams, Music

**Public Service**
- Kezi Cheng, SEAS, Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science
- Sarah McGough, Population Health Sciences

**Social**
- Angie Acquatella, Economics
- Amanda Fite, SEAS
- John Lee, Genetics and Molecular Biology
- Mehul Raje, SEAS
- Weili Shen, SEAS, Applied Physics

**Gato Rojo Manager**
- Janelle Fouché, Education
Upcoming Events at the Office of Career Services

The Office of Career Services (OCS) provides a wide range of services and resources tailored specifically to the needs of master’s and PhD students. Advisors work confidentially with GSAS students on a wide range of career-related issues, from broad self-assessment and decision-making to specific advice on resume, CV, and cover letter preparation for academic and nonacademic job searches. OCS also offers monthly events designed to help graduate students with their professional development.

All events are open only to GSAS students and alumni.

Real-Life Stories from the Academic Job Search
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 4:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, 54 Dunster Street, Cambridge
Whether you’re on the academic job market now or you plan to be in coming years, you will benefit from learning firsthand from recent PhDs who have successfully landed academic jobs despite the tight market. Come and hear the job search stories, strategies, and advice from recently hired PhDs who will be working in a variety of academic positions after graduation. Please register at harvard-csm.symplicity.com/students.

Analytics Academy
Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m., Office of Career Services, 54 Dunster Street, Cambridge
While data science is the hottest career field for PhDs in North America, it’s predicted that many current data science jobs may be done by robots in the next 10 years. Come learn what’s next for the world of data science from GSAS alumnus Tom Davenport, PhD ’90, who has written nearly 20 books on data science in the business world. Davenport will discuss the latest developments in analytics—intelligent machines that make autonomous decisions—and their implications for human jobs and skills. Hear from an expert and learn about what it takes to make it in this exciting field. Please register at harvard-csm.symplicity.com/students.

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Feeling Like a Fraud?
This Panel Is for You!
Learn how to overcome Imposter Syndrome

Ever feel like everyone in the room is smarter than you are? Do you project confidence while struggling with inadequacy? If so, you are not alone. Join us for an invigorating presentation on Overcoming the Imposter Syndrome. The moderated breakfast panel will be held Tuesday, May 1, 2018, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in Room B-101 of the Northwest Building at 52 Oxford Street in Cambridge, MA. Dr. Knatokie Ford, PhD ’11, experimental pathology, and Dr. Whitney Henry, PhD ’16, biological and biomedical sciences, will offer strategies for cultivating a learning mindset and harnessing the power of perspective. Dr. Ford is a former White House senior policy advisor and the founder and CEO of Fly Sci Enterprise, a consulting organization promoting social change and fostering STEM inclusion. A Jane Coffin Childs Research Fellow at the Whitehead Institute, Dr. Henry has experience in youth development in multicultural and underserved communities. Funded by GSAS, the COOP, and HILS, the event will be hosted by HGWISE, MBSh, and SACNAS@Harvard. The event is open only to GSAS students and alumni. Please register at harvard-csm.symplicity.com/students.

Teaching Next Year?
Save the Date for the Bok Center’s 2018 Fall Teaching Conference!
Will you be teaching undergraduates in the upcoming year? On August 29 and 30, 2018, the Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning is offering their annual Fall Teaching Conference—two days of workshops designed for new and experienced teachers. Workshops take place in Sever Hall. For schedules, registration, and additional information visit bokcenter.harvard.edu/fall-teaching-conference

2018 Bok Summer Seminars Have Been Announced!
From pedagogy to professional development, Bok Summer Seminars offer graduate students the opportunity to explore an area of interest in teaching and learning over multiple sessions. Visit bokcenter.harvard.edu/seminars to learn more and register.
Get Out
EXPLORATIONS AND ADVENTURES ON AND OFF CAMPUS

Lilacs at the Arnold Arboretum

Don’t miss Lilac Sunday on May 13, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Arnold Arboretum. Mainly located on the edge of Bussey Hill Road, the lilac collection at the Arnold Arboretum is among the premier collections in North America. Tours of the lilacs and other special collections and special family activities make for a memorable day. Picnicking is permitted, but food must be brought in to the Arboretum; there will be no food vendors on site. Due to ongoing road construction, visitors are advised to take public transportation.

Visit www.arboretum.harvard.edu/news-events/lilac-sunday for details

Meet the 2018 Commencement Marshals

Each year, the Graduate Student Council chooses eight graduating students as Commencement marshals. On the morning of Commencement, these students help the GSAS deans organize the procession from the GSAS Breakfast with the Deans into Harvard Yard. Walking at the head of the procession, they proudly carry the banners of GSAS, SEAS, and Dudley House as they lead the graduating class into Tercentenary Theatre. It is a wonderful tradition and considered an honor to be chosen as Commencement marshal.

Nominations are made by members of the GSAS community, including students, the nominee’s department administrator, or Harvard faculty.

THE 2018 COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS
Nicholas Hoernle, Computational Science and Engineering, MEng
Kyooeun Jang, Regional Studies–East Asia, AM
Chan Peter Kim, Government
Tuo Liu, Romance Languages and Literatures (French)
Allyson Morton, Biological Sciences in Public Health
Wendy Suzanne Salkin, Philosophy
Anjali Tripathi, Astronomy and Astrophysics
Aylin Brigitte Yildirim Tschoepe, Anthropology and Middle Eastern Studies