Financial Literacy Workshop

Tuesday, April 4, 2017, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Dudley House Common Room

Join Migdalia Gomez, a financial education services specialist from the Harvard University Credit Union, to learn more about personal finance and credit. Topics will include budgeting tips and understanding credit (including reports, rates, and scores), with information for international students.

A Passion for Policy

How Radhika Mathur’s time in the White House will inform her academic career

By Fernanda Ferreira

Every day between September and December 2016, Radhika Mathur, a PhD candidate in Biological and Biomedical Sciences (BBS), would stand outside the West Wing of the White House and take the same photo. “I wanted to soak everything in,” she explains. “I kept thinking ‘I cannot believe I’m here.’”

Here was the White House’s Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), where Mathur wrote and edited policy reports, attended interagency meetings and helped put together transition memos for the new administration. “As the Science Division intern, I worked with basically everyone in the division, which allowed me to participate in many different projects at OSTP.”

While double majoring in economics and molecular & cell biology at the University of California, Berkeley, Mathur took two classes that set her on the path to both the lab of Dr. Charles Roberts (now at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee) and the White House. “I took a biology of human cancer course, and I quickly knew I could see myself investigating cancer biology during graduate school.” The second was a macroeconomics course taught by Dr. Christina Romer, the former chair of the Council of Economic Advisors in the Obama Administration. “That was the first moment where I thought ‘wow, I want to work for the president someday’,” Mathur remembers.

A Different Path

Mathur is a member of the Harvard Therapeutics continued on page 3

HARVARD HORIZONS
April 12, 2017, 4:30 p.m.
Sanders Theatre
gsas.harvard.edu/harvardhorizons
NOTES FROM THE DUDLEY UNDERGROUND

Student Group Spotlight: The Minority Biomedical Scientists of Harvard

BY JACKIE YUN, ROOM B-2 IN DUDLEY HOUSE — COME VISIT!

The Minority Biomedical Scientists of Harvard (MBSH) is a GSAS Graduate Student Group that aims to improve the experience of scientists from underrepresented backgrounds by organizing community-building and professional and career development events throughout the academic year. MBSH provides a welcoming and intellectually enriching environment to a diverse population of graduate students, research assistants, postdoctoral fellows, and undergraduates interested in a career in the sciences who are based in the Cambridge and Longwood campuses. The group’s membership comes from across graduate programs in the Harvard Integrated Life Sciences, attracting students from all corners of GSAS, and its executive board is composed of students from the Chemical Biology PhD Program, Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Harvard PhD Program in Neuroscience, and Molecules, Cells and Organisms.

Recognizing the importance of building community for Harvard’s minority students in the biomedical sciences, the late Dr. Jocelyn Spragg founded MBSH in 1994 along with two Division of Medical Sciences (DMS) students, Michelle Hamlet and Gentry Patrick. Spragg, an associate professor of immunology at Brigham and Women’s Hospital who served as Harvard’s faculty director of diversity programs and as associate professor of immunology at the Yale School of Medicine, will deliver the third annual Spragg Lecture, meet with graduate students, and participate in a career panel.

With financial and administrative support from the DMS Office of Diversity and Minority Affairs, MBSH organizes a variety of social and professional development activities, including faculty lectures and panel discussions, fellowship seminars and career panels, journal clubs, lunches with professors, and a peer mentorship program for SHURP. The group often cosponsors events with other student groups, such as Harvard Graduate Women in Science and Engineering and SACNAS@Harvard.

Connect with MBSH

|$>$ Join the MBSH mailing list by e-mailing knherrer@fas.harvard.edu with the subject line “MBSH Mailing List Request: Join”

|$>$ Join the Facebook group by searching for MBSH - Minority Biomedical Scientists of Harvard

|$>$ Join the executive board: E-mail MBSHarvard@gmail.com to express your interest or share your thoughts on how to improve services to the minority community at Harvard and across the country. We welcome every graduate student regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

Upcoming Events

|$>$ Bi-Weekly Coffee and Cookie Chat Sessions

Every other Monday, April 3, 2017, and on, 4:00 p.m., Tosteson Medical Education Center (TMEC) 442, Longwood Campus

Come for a shot of caffeine and delicious Insomnia cookies. We welcome all who want to learn more about MBSH or just take a break from lab!

|$>$ Jocelyn Spragg Lecture

Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Longwood Campus

This annual lecture is organized in memory of Dr. Jocelyn Spragg, Dr. Daniel Colon-Ramos, associate professor of cell biology and neuroscience at the Yale School of Medicine, will deliver the third annual Jocelyn Spragg Lecture, followed by lunch with current graduate students, a career panel that includes persons of color from diverse career tracks, and a reception.

MBSH organizers: Ivan Santiago and Gonzalo Gonzalez-Del Pino.

|$>$ MBSH Paint Night Fundraiser

Friday, May 19, 2017, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Dudley House/Lehman Hall, Cambridge Campus

MBSH is partnering with Mass Art to host our very first Paint Night fundraiser on campus for all Harvard Graduate students. 100% of the proceeds will support the fight against pediatric cancers. Participants will receive entry to the event, painting supplies, and professional instruction to bring home a finished painting of the Boston skyline. Please join us for a fun and creative night to relax from the stresses of graduate school as well as support a great cause.

Visit myjimmyfundevent.org/2017/mbsh-paintnight for instructions on joining the event or to make a donation.


|$>$ MBSH Speaks

Visit gsas.harvard.edu/news/stories/community-peers-to-learn-from-MBSH members what it’s like to be part of such a welcoming and dynamic group!
Graduate Program, which aims to provide students with both academic and real-world experience in therapeutics discovery. Students are expected to complete a hands-on internship and most choose to spend those months in the pharmaceutical or biotech industry. Mathur, however, wanted something different. “I have always followed policy and politics closely,” Mathur explains. “Science policy felt like a great way to combine my interests in biomedical sciences and politics.”

Science policy is a broad field that includes everything from advocating for more cancer research funding to analyzing disaster preparedness. Luckily for Mathur, her main supervisor during her internship, Eleanor Celeste, has an extensive policy portfolio, allowing Mathur to dip her toes into a number of different projects in science policy. “Celeste was on the President’s Precision Medicine Initiatives team, and she also worked on biosafety and biosecurity policy as well as some projects related to forensic sciences,” Mathur lists off quickly. “One of the projects we worked on, for instance, was looking at how to modernize medico-legal death investigations, which determines the cause of suspicious or unexplained deaths and are currently not standardized across states.”

An unexpected benefit of Mathur’s time at OSTP was a change in what she saw as the path to professional success for women. “We’re told that to be successful in the sciences, we have to act like men: we can’t be emotional, we have to dress in a certain way,” Mathur says. But at OSTP, surrounded by women, Mathur saw that all of that advice was rubbish. “These women were passionate about their work, they wore whatever they wanted and they were incredibly successful.”

The Bigger Picture
In the lab, Mathur looks to the microscopic, rather than macroscopic, world, focusing on cancer biology. In the classic view of cancer, a small number of critical genes are mutated, causing abnormal cell proliferation that may lead to a tumor. But in the last few years, it has become clear that cancer is not just caused by changes in the DNA sequence, but also by three-dimensional changes in the structure of DNA. This new field of cancer epigenetics is focused on a number of complexes that control the architecture of our DNA.

One such example is the SWItch/Sucrose Non-Fermentable (SWI/SNF) chromatin-remodeling complex that is mutated in 20 percent of human cancers. SWI/SNF can remold nucleosomes, a form of chromatin that our DNA takes when it is coiled around proteins called histones.

“We found that SWI/SNF regulates gene expression globally in the cell, through their critical role in control of enhancers, the regions of the DNA that increase the expression of genes,” explains Mathur. Which enhancers are on and off differs between different cell types. According to Mathur, SWI/SNF binds these enhancers differently in each cell type. Binding then mobilizes nucleosomes in that DNA region and this eventually leads to changes in gene expression levels. But what happens when SWI/SNF itself is mutated? “When you lose SWI/SNF you lose control of your enhancer activity. So many of the genes that are supposed to be on in a particular cell type, are off,” explains Mathur. Mutations in SWI/SNF lead to an extensive deregulation of gene expression, which inevitably affects tumor suppressor genes and results in cell proliferation.

Mathur acknowledges that the thought of thousands of one’s genes becoming deregulated is scarier to than a single gene mutating. “But,” she’s quick to point out, “we do have ideas of how to target these cancers and there are already two therapeutic approaches in development.”

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Merging Policy and Science
“I think cancer epigenetics is one of the most exciting areas of research right now,” Mathur confesses, and she’s not done with it. Mathur plans on continuing in academia, but she also plans on staying aware of the structural problems in biomedical research. “I believe the biomedical sciences have an incentive problem—there’s the reproducibility crisis, postdocs are not paid enough—and I don’t think we are doing the best work we can to solve these problems.”

These are issues science policy can and should address according to Mathur, and her experience at OSTP gave her a model for reconciling her love of cancer research with her passion for policy. “Many of the people I met during my internship don’t work in academia, but she also plans on staying aware of the structural problems in biomedical research. “I believe the biomedical sciences have an incentive problem—there’s the reproducibility crisis, postdocs are not paid enough—and I don’t think we are doing the best work we can to solve these problems.”

Home at Harvard
Want to live in a GSAS residence hall for the 2017–2018 academic year? Visit gsas.harvard.edu/student-life/housing-dining for more information and to apply. Online applications must be completed by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, to be included in the priority housing lottery. Incoming GSAS students in GSAS are guaranteed a room if you apply by the deadline. Call or e-mail with questions!

Summer Housing in Conant Hall
We are still accepting applications for summer 2017 housing in Conant Hall. To apply, visit gsas.harvard.edu/student-life/housing-dining.

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Scale: A Matter of Perspective
New Exhibition Opens Friday, March 10, at Harvard’s Collection of Historical Scientific Instruments, Harvard Science Center
This new exhibition, on view through December 8, 2017, explores the concept of scale from multiple perspectives. Among the dozens of objects in the exhibition will be the optics of the 125-year-old Bruce photographic telescope recently discovered and restored. Accompanying the Bruce lenses will be astronomical photographs on glass plates taken in Peru that were annotated by Henrietta Leavitt, a “computer” at Harvard College Observatory, and her logbooks. Viewers will see a microscope that belonged to Mark Twain, as well as those of Asa Gray and other noted scientists.

Knocking on Heaven’s Door: Scaling the Universe
Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Harvard Science Center, Hall D
Lisa Randall, Frank B. Baird, Jr., Professor of Science, Department of Physics
Professor Randall will discuss how scientists think about scale when studying the cosmos—from the mysterious properties of dark matter to the depths of our universe and beyond. The lecture is free and open to the public, and there will be an opportunity to see the Scale exhibition afterwards at a reception sponsored by the Harvard Chapter of Sigma Xi.

All the World Is Here: Harvard’s Peabody Museum and the Invention of American Anthropology
Saturday, April 22, 2017, 9:00 a.m., Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology, 11 Divinity Avenue
To mark the 150th anniversary of its founding, the Peabody Museum is featuring a major new exhibition: All the World Is Here: Harvard’s Peabody Museum and the Invention of American Anthropology. Unveiled within a beautifully restored fourth-floor gallery, the exhibition features over 600 objects, many on display for the first time, including items such as Admiral Robert Peary’s dog sledge, exotic materials collected by 18th-century Boston ship captains, and stunning archaeological works of art excavated from Ohio’s Turner Mounds. Exhibition open to the public. Regular museum admission rates apply.

The Magic of Java: Free Admission Day in Honor of the Peabody Museum’s 150th Anniversary
Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology, 11 Divinity Avenue
Jody Diamond, Artist in Residence, Music Department, Harvard University, with Gamelan Si Betty
Shadow theater and live music, which were popular highlights at the Javanese village at the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair, come to the galleries of the Peabody Museum! Enjoy a contemporary performance based on The Magic Flute, featuring intricate leather puppets and the sonorous gong-chime instruments of Harvard’s Javanese-style gamelan orchestra, led by Jody Diamond with musicologist Hayley Fenn and theater director Mitchell Polonsky. Touch beautiful hand-painted puppets, play the instruments, and sample coffees from the islands of Indonesia. Special Event (all ages). Free and open to the public. Small charge for coffee tasting.

Game Changers: Sports, Gender, and Society
April 7, 2017, 9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks and 5:00 p.m. Reception, Knafl Center, 10 Garden Street, Cambridge
This full-day conference will explore the relationship between sports and gender in the United States and around the world. Three panels of experts including authors, coaches, former Olympians, lawyers, health/wellness experts, policy makers, and sociologists, will explore different facets of the interplay of gender and sports. Laila Ali—four-time undefeated Super-Middleweight Boxing World Champion, fitness and wellness expert, and author—will deliver the keynote address. Register online. radcliffe.harvard.edu/event/2017-game-changers-conference

A Woman’s Place at the Harvard Observatory: A Lecture by Dava Sobel
April 13, 2017, 4:15 p.m., Lecture, Knafl Center, 10 Garden Street, Cambridge
In this lecture, acclaimed author Dava Sobel will speak about her forthcoming book, The Glass Universe: How the Ladies of the Harvard Observatory Took the Measure of the Stars, which tells the story of the women who worked at the Harvard College Observatory from the late 1800s through the mid-1900s. Register online. radcliffe.harvard.edu/event/2017-dava-sobel-lecture

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OUR DUDLEY HOUSE PICKS OF THE MONTH. FOR MORE EVENTS, OUTINGS, AND GATHERINGS, GO TO DUDLEY.HARVARD.EDU/CALENDAR.

**Indian Dance Classes: Classical and Bollywood**
Sundays, March 26, April 2, and April 9, 2017, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Richards Hall. Learn key elements of Bollywood and classical Bharata Natyam Indian dances in just three weeks from expert teachers! The first hour of every session will be devoted to Bharata Natyam, the second hour to Bollywood-style dancing. ◆ Classes take place in Richards Hall basement. Tickets are $15 per person for the three-week session, available through the Dudley House main office.

**Book Club**
Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Graduate Student Lounge. Join the Dudley Literary Fellows for a friendly discussion of three short stories. Readings can be found online at dudley.harvard.edu/literary. ◆ Light refreshments provided. Free and open to all.

**Jazz Bands Spring Concert**
Sunday, April 16, 2017, 8:00 p.m., Dudley House Main Dining Room. The Dudley Jazz Bands present their spring concert, featuring new arrangements and compositions with guest Yosvany Terry. ◆ Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. ID required for alcohol.

**Indian Dance Extravaganza**
Saturday, April 22, 2017, 7:30 p.m., Dudley House Main Dining Room. Dance the night away at this evening of Indian dance, music, food, and culture at Dudley House! The evening will feature guest dance instructors, mini-performances, workshops, and a DJ spinning tunes to keep you on your toes all night. ◆ Tickets are $5 per person, available through the Dudley House main office.

**The Marriage of Figaro**
Sunday, April 30, 2017, 3:00 p.m., John Hancock Hall, Boston. Enjoy Mozart’s greatest comic opera, performed by the Boston Lyric Opera! ◆ Tickets are $25, cash or check (made out to Harvard University) available from the Dudley House main office. Dudley House members may bring one guest.

**The Dudley Review Launch Party**
Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Dudley House Fireside Lounge. Come celebrate the release of the 2017 Dudley House literary magazine, The Dudley Review. Refreshments will be served. Open to all members of Dudley House.

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Roadmap to the Advising Process in Graduate School: The Formal and Informal Routes to Helpful Advising

By Cynthia Verba, Director of the Fellowships Office

In the March edition of the GSAS Bulletin, I highlighted the importance of engaging in discussion about your dissertation (“Let’s Talk about the Dissertation”), not just with your formal advisors, but with a mixed constellation of knowledgeable people. Now, I want to focus on the distinction between the formal and informal advising process with faculty members, identifying contexts in which invaluable advising with faculty members may occur. This may happen at any stage of the graduate career, as long as students are alert to the potential opportunities.

The more formal part of the advising process typically has two different stages: first, as students enter a graduate program, departments normally assign a faculty advisor to assist students with planning a program of study; second, as students reach the dissertation stage, the dissertation topic normally determines the choice of advisor or dissertation committee.

In the sciences, the faculty member who heads the research group or lab in which the student settles for dissertation research typically becomes the student’s main dissertation advisor. In all fields, students are required to have three faculty members sign off on their completed dissertation, and two must be members of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

A more indirect and ongoing process can also be thought of as the informal advising process. In contrast to making an appointment with a faculty member explicitly for advising purposes, informal advising occurs in a variety of contexts where a student seeks or is offered advice by a faculty member: graduate seminars, courses in which graduate students serve as teaching fellows, jobs as research assistants, and even brief encounters in which graduate students request letters of recommendation—as for example, for fellowship competitions. Faculty members are not necessarily confined to the graduate student’s own department (and in some cases, the contacts may occur outside of a student’s own institution).

Once you recognize these situations as opportunities for gaining advice, you can play a more active role in seeking it and in making the most of the advice that you receive. Here are some examples:

- Getting feedback on a seminar paper can lead to the identification of a dissertation topic, or it can lead to a scholarly presentation or publication.
- Similarly, requesting feedback on teaching sections from the professor of a course can lead to improved teaching skills.
- Still another opportunity occurs when students request letters of recommendation from faculty members as they apply for fellowships. Many students seek advice specifically on their proposals in making this request. This is over and above ongoing discussions that should normally occur as students consult with advisors in selecting and formulating a research or dissertation topic. Students find that professors become more invested in the fellowship application process when their advice is sought specifically on fellowship proposals.

The more that you engage in these encounters and recognize them as a form of advising, the likelier that good mentoring relationships will develop—ideally with two or three faculty members, depending on the size of your department.

In the more formal or explicit advising contexts, it is helpful to know in advance what you hope to get out of the advising relationship. Graduate students who are still in the early program planning stage will want to consult with their advisors on the nature of departmental requirements, the nature of the General Examinations, and how best to meet requirements and prepare for the Generals. In most departments in the humanities and social sciences, students are asked to choose a major field for concentration and a minor or sub-field; in the sciences, as noted, students are asked to choose a lab or research team. These choices will partially determine course requirements and also the fields that will be covered on the Generals, and also the faculty member who is likely to be your assigned advisor.

At a panel discussion in which recent graduate alumni/ae in the humanities and social sciences shared their career experiences with current graduate students, the speakers were unanimous in feeling that close faculty ties had played a crucial role in their professional development, both during graduate study and beyond. They observed that it required some effort on the student’s part, but made it their strongest recommendation. Two contrasting approaches were presented:

- In one case, a mentor relationship was established through a kind of apprenticeship—the speaker had joined a team research project run by a faculty member. It not only helped in getting to know the faculty member, but eventually provided a thesis topic and area of specialization as well.
- In the contrasting case, the speaker approached it in a more personal way. She took the initiative to engage in fairly sustained intellectual dialogues with faculty members. As she looked back on them, she found that she could evoke or “replay” these conversations in her memory, and that they had a greater impact on her intellectual development than reading alone had ever done.

At the same panel discussion, a faculty member who was present noted that the benefits were not all on one side: most faculty members find a sense of accomplishment not only in the books that they write, but in their students, who ensure continuity for the future.

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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.

The Business Mindset
Monday, April 3, 2017, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, 54 Dunster Street, Cambridge
This workshop will help you transition from the thought processes and decision-making styles utilized in academia to those favored in the business world. It is conducted by Alan Kantrow and Steve Szaraz. Kantrow, PhD, 79, history of American civilization, is currently a consultant and advisor on tertiary education to universities, schools, and education ministries around the world. He was previously a Sloan visiting scholar and professor of management, Moscow School of Management, a chief content officer at Monitor Company in Boston, and formerly a partner at McKinsey & Co. Szaraz, PhD, former senior tutor of Eliot House and now the director of marketing research for OliverWyman, will join Kantrow in leading this discussion. Students should plan to attend the entire session and be prepared to engage in interactive discussions. Please register through Crimson Careers.

Going on the Academic Job Market
Tuesday, April 4, 2017, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, 54 Dunster Street, Cambridge
If you’re going on the academic job market this fall, you know that there’s a lot more to it than writing a CV and cover letter. In this workshop, we will discuss the variety of documents you’ll need and discuss strategies for an effective academic job search. Please register through Crimson Careers.

Building Your Personal Brand
Thursday, April 13, 2017, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Office of Career Services, 54 Dunster Street, Cambridge
The process of getting a job has changed dramatically in the past decade, and the concept of a ‘personal brand’ is a big part of that change. Self-marketing has become essential. Automated tracking systems are flooded with job applicants, and of that change. Self-marketing has become essential. Auto-mated tracking systems are flooded with job applicants, and the concept of a ‘personal brand’ is a big part of that change. Self-marketing has become essential. Automated tracking systems are flooded with job applicants, and hiring managers grapple with more interviewees than ever, so it is crucial to positively stand out from the crowd. A job seeker must find a way to conceptualize and articulate her or his own brand as you begin to network, interview and connect with potential employers. Please register through Crimson Careers.

Effective Behavioral Interviewing
Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, 54 Dunster Street, Cambridge
Do your interviewing skills feel a bit rusty? Are you unsure about the best way to prepare for behavioral interviews? Maybe you are unsure what behavioral interviews are. This workshop will discuss the different types of interviews, what hiring managers look for, and tips on how to answer tough questions. Please register through Crimson Careers.

Making the Most of Your Postdoc
Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, 54 Dunster Street, Cambridge
Postdocs are faced with many obstacles in their pursuit of becoming an independent investigator, none more frustrating than getting the most out of their training. Jim Gould, director of the HMS/HSDM Office of Postdoctoral Fellows, will lay out strategies for choosing the right research environment to thrive as a postdoc as well as planning and executing a successful postdoc tenure. Designed for current and future postdocs, the session will cover what you need know, and do, to efficiently advance in your early research career. GSAS students, please register through Crimson Careers. Postdocs, please register at postdoc.harvard.edu/calendar/upcoming.

The Diversity of Opportunities in Science Policy
Friday, April 28, 2017, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Haller Hall, Geological Museum, 24 Oxford Street, Cambridge
If you’re considering a career in science policy, you probably think first of the US federal government. But that’s not the only place you can make an impact on science policy. Come hear from several professionals who work in a variety of environments, within and outside the federal government. Please register through Crimson Careers. Sponsored by the FAS Office of Career Services, the FAS Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, the HMS/HSDM Office of Postdoctoral Fellows, and the GSAS Science Policy Group.

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The Mahindra Humanities Center

Writers Speak
Monday, April 3, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Room 113, Sever Hall
Novelists Daniel Alarcón and Francisco Goldman in conversation with Claire Messud, senior lecturer in the Department of English

Hrant Dink Memorial Peace and Justice Lecture
Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Fong Auditorium, Boylston Hall
Participants: Ayse Gul Altinay (Sabanci University), Gérard Libaridian (University of Michigan), Etiyen Boylston Hall

Technical Landscapes: Aesthetics and the Environment in the History of Science and Art
The Mahindra Humanities Center annual graduate student conference
Keynote panel: Thursday, April 6, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Fong Auditorium, Boylston Hall
Peter Galison (Harvard University), Caroline Jones (MIT), and Rebecca Uchill (MIT)
Conference: Friday, April 7, through Saturday, April 8, 2017, Thompson Room, Barker Center
See www.techlandscapes.com for full schedule of events. Free and open to the public. Seating is limited. With support from the Department of the History of Science, the Waterworks Museum, and the Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts.
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EXPLORATIONS AND ADVENTURES ON AND OFF CAMPUS

Live Jazz
The Sixth Annual Arlington Jazz Festival takes place April 27 through 30, 2017, at various locations around Arlington. Come hear bass legend Rufus Reid at the main event April 30, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., along with Tim Ray on piano, Steve Langone on drums, and the Arlington High School Jazz Band.

Main event at the Arlington Town Hall, 730 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington. Visit morningsidemusicstudio.com/arlington-jazz-festival for tickets and additional information.

Commencement
Schedule of Events

IMPORTANT DEADLINES
Order your tickets: April 1–21, 2017
Regalia orders (master’s candidates): April 5, 2017
Regalia orders (PhD candidates): April 21, 2017
Pick up your tickets: May 19, 21–25, 2017

The Day Before
Wednesday, May 24, 2017
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Dudley House Faculty Deans’ Reception, Main Dining Room, Dudley House
Light refreshments and cake

On the Day
Thursday, May 25, 2017
6:30 a.m. GSAS Breakfast with the Deans, the Lawns at Richards Hall, 33-35 Oxford Street, for all degree candidates and their guests.
7:15 a.m. GSAS Procession begins from 35 Oxford Street to Sever Quadrangle.
9:45 a.m. Morning Exercises begin in Harvard Yard.
11:30 a.m. The GSAS Diploma Awarding Ceremony in Sanders Theatre begins immediately following the Morning Exercises.
12:00 noon Champagne Reception and Luncheon begins on the Lawns at Richards Hall, 33-35 Oxford Street, and continues until approximately 3:00 p.m. for all degree recipients and their guests.
2:15 p.m. Afternoon Program begins in Harvard Yard.
4:00 p.m. PhD Hooding Ceremony for Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences
5:15 p.m. Graduate Hooding Ceremony for Division of Medical Sciences graduates

More information at gsas.harvard.edu/commencement