The 2008 GSAS Commencement Marshals Selected

Commencement Marshals are chosen by a Graduate Student Council committee from among those graduating students who are nominated by their departments for their contributions to graduate student life. Marshals, carrying the GSAS and Dudley House banners, lead the GSAS Commencement procession into Tercentenary Theatre.

Congratulations to the following graduating students: Yaqub Hilal (AM–Near Eastern languages and civilizations), Bryan Kate (AM–engineering and applied sciences), Peter Kwon (AM–regional studies—East Asia), Ernesto Martínez (PhD–anthropology), Na’ama Pat-El (PhD–Near Eastern languages and civilizations), Priscilla Song (PhD–anthropology), and Zeba Wunderlich (PhD–biophysics).

Important Commencement Notices

Tickets: All GSAS students wishing to attend Commencement activities on Thursday, June 5, 2008, must have their ticket requests in to the GSAS Office of Alumni Relations by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 2008. If you have read your Commencement information, please continue on page 3.

See You in the Fall…

This is the last issue of the GSAS Bulletin for the 2007–08 academic year. The next issue will appear in September 2008. Have a safe and productive summer!

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Report From the Joint Student Committee on Parental Accommodation

Accommodating Parents: Current Practices and Outstanding Needs in GSAS

By Karen Ruff, Kyle Brown, Marissa Hummon, Gurtina Besla, Amanda Evans, Abby Bracha, Nigel Delaney, and Maria Gulda

Following a statement from GSAS Dean Allan Brandt, we present the executive summary of a Joint Student Committee on Parental Accommodation report based on the results of three surveys conducted in December 2007 and January 2008, one for department administrators, one for graduate students mothers (or expecting), and one for graduate students fathers (or expecting). The Joint Student Committee on Parental Accommodation is a collaboration between the Graduate Student Council and Harvard Graduate Women in Science and Engineering.

From GSAS Dean Allan Brandt: “We at GSAS are extremely proud of the hard work and proactive thinking that has gone into this report on parental accommodation policies. It is important to the continued strength of our community that all GSAS students understand our full commitment to ensuring that student parents are afforded as much flexibility and support as possible as they pursue their degrees.”

In order to develop a formal parental accommodation policy, the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences needs information on the current practices and outstanding needs of student parents. This report analyzes surveys of student parents and departments [that were taken] in order to determine what a comprehensive parental accommodation policy should include. In addition, it reviews the policies of peer institutions. Based upon these analyses, the report concludes with general recommendations for a GSAS parental accommodation policy.

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Harvard International SOS Travel Assistance Program

Harvard International SOS (I-SOS) provides 24-hour, worldwide emergency medical and security evacuation services:

• If you are traveling abroad and need medical care, I-SOS can provide it or get you to a medical facility that can.
• If you are in a dangerous location, I-SOS can help to get you out.

To find out about I-SOS additional services, go to http://svpl-web.harvard.edu/rmas/4_insurance/Intrnlsoos.html. All GSAS students traveling on University business or University-related activities are automatically eligible for I-SOS services. However, students should have the I-SOS phone numbers and Harvard’s I-SOS ID number in case of an emergency. To download a card with these numbers, go to http://svpl-web.harvard.edu/rmas/4_insurance/Intrnlsoos.html.

Also, students should familiarize themselves with their health insurance provider’s policies on overseas coverage before departure. I-SOS will arrange for or pay directly for students’ medical care in an overseas medical emergency. However, I-SOS will expect to be reimbursed for this payment, either by the students’ insurance company or by the student.

In case of an overseas emergency, students should call I-SOS at phone numbers on the back of the membership card.

Non-Resident Status

Non-resident applications for the fall term of the 2008–09 academic year are due on Wednesday, August 1, 2008. Students who will be traveling scholars, on leave of absence, or studying at another Harvard School should discuss their plans with their advisor before completing the form.

Also:

• international students considering non-resident status must obtain a signature from the Harvard International Office in order to process the form;
• GSAS students with loans should speak to their financial aid officer about the repayments before going on leave; and
• non-resident students who wish to continue in that status next year must reapply. Submit completed forms, including all departmental signatures, to the GSAS Administrative Dean’s Office, Holyoke Center 350.

Non-resident forms are available online at www.gas.harvard.edu/current Students/non-resident.php.

Exchange Scholar Program

Through the Exchange Scholar Program, GSAS students can study and work with faculty at one of ten other graduate schools for a term or entire academic year.

In addition to Harvard, participating schools are: the University of California at Berkeley, Brown University, the University of Chicago, Columbia University, Cornell University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Stanford University, and Yale University.

Participation in this program, including courses taken and/or research conducted, will be recorded on students’ Harvard transcripts. Tuition will be charged by and paid to Harvard; the University will continue to provide any previously granted financial aid.

Program applications are available in the GSAS Administrative Dean’s Office, Holyoke Center 350, and online at www.upenn.edu/grad/exchange.html. Applications for the fall term or for the entire 2008–09 academic year are due in the GSAS Administrative Dean’s Office in early July 2008.

English Language Courses for International Students

The Harvard Institute for English Language (IEL) will offer GSAS students “Integrated Skills,” a special summer course on developing English-language skills, expanding vocabulary, discussing cultural adaptation, learning about faculty expectations, and meeting other GSAS international students.

The course will be held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6–8:30 p.m., at 51 Brattle St. Depending upon registration numbers, other IEL students at the same proficiency level may join the class.

Register for this and other IEL courses at the GSAS Administrative Dean’s Office, Holyoke Center 350.

For course descriptions, go to www.iel.harvard.edu/summer/. Note: Harvard Summer School, which sponsors IEL, charges a late fee for registration after June 1.

GSAS will pay tuition for one non-intensive IEL course in the Harvard Extension School or Summer School.

For placement in an IEL course, students must take the University’s English Language Placement Test. This test will be administered on Wednesday, June 11, at 6 p.m. in Science Center B (reserve seat by noon, June 11), and on Thursday, June 24, at 2 p.m. in Science Center B (no reservation required).

June Degrees

June 2008 degree candidates should submit their approved dissertations to the FAS Registrar’s Office, 20 Garden St., by Friday, May 23. Please see the “Form of the PhD Dissertation” (www.gas.harvard.edu/current_ students/form_of_the_phd_dissertation.php) for format and submission instructions. Contact Katie Bowes at the Registrar’s Office (617-495-1489) with questions.

—Rise Shepsle
End-of-Term Concerns?
As the spring term comes to a close, are there academic or personal issues that you have wanted to address but have not known where to turn for help? I am available to talk with students about any concerns and make referrals to other sources of assistance, if necessary. No issue is too big or too small.

To schedule an appointment, please contact me at either 617-495-5005 or efox@fas.harvard.edu. I will be available for meetings throughout the summer. Conversations with me are confidential.

On Fellowship Outcomes: An Important Message
At this time of year, many fellowship applicants have learned whether or not they have received a fellowship. So this is an appropriate time for some reflections on the process. Above all, I would like to commend everyone who participated in competitions this year for their efforts. Many of those who did not win received enthusiastic comments from committee members, and the line between winner and non-winner was often very thin.

Yes, it is nicer to win, but the meaning of “winning” or “losing” should not be distorted into a harsh picture of polar opposites. All applicants were part of a very distinguished group of graduate students, and all applicants have reason to be proud.

If you have any questions about fellowship proposals and applications, make an appointment to see me; call 617-495-1814.

Fellowships Office
Holyoke Center 350
617-495-1814
www.gsas.harvard.edu/current_students/fellowships_office.php
Cynthia Verba, director

Professional Development Series: Suggestions Wanted
We recently completed the final event for the academic year, and, believe it or not, we are already starting to think about next year and other topics to add to the series. Now is the time to let us know your suggestions for next year; call 617-495-1814.

—Cynthia Verba

Fulbright Competitions 2008–09: Cultural Exchange and Fulbright-Hays
The Institute of International Education (IIE) will open the next competition for Fulbright and other grants for graduate study abroad in academic fields, and for professional training in the creative and performing arts, on Thursday, May 1, 2008. Information about the various types of Fulbright grants is available at www.gsas.harvard.edu/current_stu-dents/fulbrights.php and at the GSAS Administrative Dean’s Office, Holyoke Center 350. IIE brochures will also be available at Holyoke Center.

A Fulbright orientation meeting will be held in the fall during registration week, but if you would like advice on writing a proposal or any other part of the application process, please make an appointment with me before the end of the academic year.

—Ellen Fox

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packet and have questions, or if you have not received a packet of Commencement information, please e-mail gssa@fas.harvard.edu and include “Commencement” in the subject line.

* June 2008 PhD and masters candidates, and March 2008 and November 2007 degree recipients.

Regalia: If you have not yet ordered your regalia (the deadline for PhD regalia is Friday, May 2), please make your arrangements with the Harvard Coop immediately. For inquiries, contact Nancie Scheirer at 617-499-2070 or hbooks@bncollege.com; or visit http://store.thecoop.com/coopstore/images/HarvardCapGown.pdf.

—Ellen Fox
Benefiting From Last Term’s Q Evaluations
Student feedback on the Q scores can be very helpful for improving your teaching. You can also save them for the teaching dossier or portfolio used for your job search. The Bok Center staff will be happy to discuss your student evaluations with you for either purpose. Please contact us to set up an appointment.

Resources for International Teaching Fellows
It’s never too early to start preparing for teaching. This summer, take some time to find out more about the Bok Center’s resources for international teaching fellows, including ongoing workshops, posted on our Website. You can also arrange for a consultation about improving your oral communication skills and developing effective teaching strategies for teaching undergraduates in the American classroom. To get started, contact Virginia Maurer (vmaurer@fas.harvard.edu).

Planning to Teach in the Fall?
Bok Center staff and teaching consultants are available by appointment throughout the summer to talk about section and tutorial planning, organization, time management, and other teaching issues you may have.

Graduate Writing Fellows Program: Faster, Better Paper-Grading and Commenting!
The Graduate Writing Fellows program provides teaching fellows with time-saving, pedagogically sound strategies for responding to student writing. A training session at the beginning of the fall term will focus on how students learn, using writing as a tool for learning course material, and research about teaching writing. Teaching fellows will also practice grading and commenting on actual student papers. Catered meetings throughout the term will offer further guidance. For information on joining, e-mail lemay@fas.harvard.edu.

Fall 2008: Christensen Discussion-Leading Seminar
Lee Warren and Eric LeMay, associate directors of the Bok Center, will lead a ten-week seminar based on the case-study method. The seminar will meet at the Faculty Club one afternoon a week. Experienced teaching fellows and faculty are welcome to apply; e-mail Barbara Hall (bahall@fas.harvard.edu) with your name, department, mailing and e-mail addresses, phone number, and the number of classes you have taught.

Save the Date! Fall Teaching Conference
Our annual Fall Teaching Conference will be held September 10 and 11, 2008. Experienced teachers will cover a wide range of topics aimed at helping both new teaching fellows and experienced teachers. Breakfast and lunch will be served. If there are teaching topics you would like to see covered in a session, please contact us at bokcenter@fas.harvard.edu.

Eric Lemay

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Harvard Residential Real Estate offers a wide variety of housing options for graduate students, faculty, and staff. You can get detailed information about all of our properties and our application process by visiting our Website, www.hres.harvard.edu/rre.htm (click on “Affiliated Housing”).

We are pleased to introduce our three newest properties, slated for occupancy in August 2008:

10 Akron Street
Situated along the Charles River, this outstanding new building is convenient to both Harvard and Central Squares. Many of the apartments feature views of the Charles River. All utilities plus central air conditioning and Harvard RESnet Internet service are included in the rent.

10 Akron Street offers 90 studio apartments and 61 one-bedroom convertible apartments. The one-bedroom convertible is a unique configuration that can be rented as a traditional one bedroom with living room, or you can convert the living room to a second bedroom. Apartments have a kitchen and one bath.

Amenities include:
• A fitness center
• Common rooms for studying and socializing
• Landscaped grounds
• Laundry room
• Bicycle racks
• Underground parking (rented through the Harvard University Parking Office)

28 Hingham Street and 387 Western Avenue
These three-story houses, each containing six apartments, are situated near 10 Akron Street. Apartments feature three bedrooms, a living/ dining room, and two full baths. The modern kitchens are equipped with a dishwasher, disposal, electric range, microwave oven, and stackable washer/ dryer. All utilities, plus central air conditioning, are included in the rent.

Need a Roommate?
Harvard Real Estate Services now offers an online roommate connection service. You can access it by going to www.hres.harvard.edu/rre.htm, clicking on “Harvard Housing Office” and then on “Roommate Connections.”
Reception for Degree Candidates
Wednesday, June 4. Jim and Doreen Hogle, master and co-master of Dudley House, invite all degree candidates and their guests to a reception at Dudley House, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Volunteer for the Host Student Program, Now in Its 20th Year
Those who were contacted in April about the Host Student Program are reminded to volunteer for the Host Student Program before you go on to other things for the summer. Sign up online at http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~gsasapps/hsp/. Thanks for participating in welcoming our incoming international students to GSAS! E-mail zawalich@fas.harvard.edu with questions about the program.

—Susan Zawalich

Arts
Thursday, May 1–Sunday, May 4. ArtsFirst@Dudley. Enjoy this annual Harvard arts festival's program of talks, music, arts workshops, exhibitions, and film screenings. See Dudley House listings in the ArtsFirst catalogue, but also check out www.fas.harvard.edu/~dudley/ for more information.

Dudley Classic Films
Friday, May 9. Fred Astaire Birthday Festival: Around the World with Fred Astaire. Join us for our annual day-and-night celebration of Fred Astaire’s 109th birthday (he was born May 10, 1899). This year we celebrate the inventiveness, energy, and originality of the Astaire persona in several films in which his character travels by plane, boat, and automobile to some wonderful places. Journey with us in the afternoon to South America….join up with the Flying Tigers just back from China, off for a brief respite in New York…then on to Paris for the evening…. Come in anytime during the day or evening to participate in the joy which this great American entertainer has brought to the world. Films will be shown and refreshments served in the Graduate Student Lounge. Additional special treats will be shown between films.

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- **12 p.m.** Introduction to Fred Astaire and lunch.
- **12:30 p.m.** Flying Down to Rio (1933, 89 mins.) Fred’s second film appearance and the first movie he made with Ginger Rogers, this is a fun and slightly crazy early musical with Delores Del Rio and Gene Raymond as the stars. But once Fred and Ginger danced “The Carioca,” movies were never the same!
- **2 p.m.** You Were Never Lovelier (1942, 97 mins.) Fred’s second film with the gorgeous Rita Hayworth is set in Argentina. Music by Jerome Kern. Xavier Cugat and his band add energy to the festivities. Birthday cake, coffee, and tea will be served after the film.
- **4:15 p.m.** The Sky’s the Limit (1943, 89 mins.) A World War II-era classic, much beloved by Astaire fans. Fred is a member of “The Flying Tigers,” a group of fliers who have a few days leave in New York before returning to the war. He meets Joan Leslie and Robert Benchley in the city and tries to sort out his life in the meantime. The most famous number is the amazing “One for My Baby and One More for the Road.”
- **Dinner break!**
- **6:15 p.m.** Roberta (1935, 106 mins.) In this irresistible Fred and Ginger film, the duo are old friends who have lost touch but reconnect in Paris, where Fred’s pal inherits a dress shop. Starring Irene Dunne and Randolph Scott and featuring an amazing array of 1930s fashions... and a rather amusing French lesson. The film contains several of Fred and Ginger’s greatest dance numbers. Music by Jerome Kern.
- **8 p.m.** Funny Face (1957, 103 mins.) More Paris fashions, this time modeled by the enchanting Audrey Hepburn. Music by the Gershwins. Beautiful costumes, charming dance numbers, and many scenes shot on location in Paris make this a special treat for the final entry in this year’s festival.

**Outings**

**Thursday, May 8. Boston Ballet’s Swan Lake.** 7 p.m., Wang Center, Boston. Contact the House office to see if tickets are available.

**Intellectual and Cultural Events**

**Thursday, May 1. Fireside Chat: I Ching, Yin-Yang, Chinese Martial Arts ...** 7 p.m., Fireside Room. With Wenzhi Zhang, Harvard-Yenching fellow. Would you like to learn more about the I Ching (Zhouyi or Book of Changes), Yin and Yang, traditional Chinese medicine, and Chinese martial arts? Professor Zhang will bring you some insight. He is from the Center of Zhouyi and Ancient Chinese Philosophy of Shandong University, China, and his interests include traditional Chinese medicine and martial arts. Zhang has authored two works related to the Zhouyi, and his project at Harvard will be on the excavated manuscripts related to the Zhouyi and the Yi studies of the pre-Qin period. Contact Yanyan Liu (liu3@fas.harvard.edu) for more information.

Friday, May 2. **End-of-the-Year Reception.** 7:30 p.m., Café Gato Rojo. It’s time to take a break. Come to one of the most peaceful, relaxing and cozy places in Dudley House, Café Gato Rojo, to enjoy music, refreshments, and, most importantly, the great company of your friends from the Language Tables, Fireside Chats, Crosstalks, Senior Common Room Dinners, and Documentary Nights. Contact Katie Humphry (katie@physics.harvard.edu), Yanyan Liu (liu3@fas.harvard.edu), Anahita Tafvizi (atafvizi@fas.harvard.edu), or Hazel Pearson (hpearson@fas.harvard.edu) for more information.

Monday, May 5. **Crosstalk: A Trip to Europe II–Norway.** 7 p.m., Fireside Room. Officially the country is the Kingdon of Norway, a constitutional monarchy in Northern Europe that occupies the Western portion of the Scandinavian peninsula and borders Sweden, Finland, and Russia. At this event, you’ll taste delicious European refreshments, discuss cultural issues, and enjoy the company and the research of Norwegian graduate students: political scientist Henning Finnsen and linguist Sverre Johnsen. Remember to bring your questions! Contact Yanyan Liu (liu3@fas.harvard.edu) for more information.

Tuesday, May 6. **Fireside Chat with Professor John Mueller.** 4 p.m., Graduate Student Lounge. Mueller, the Woody Hayes chair of national security studies at Ohio State University, is the author of several recent studies on international terrorism, but he is also an expert on the work of Fred Astaire and the director of Ohio State University’s Dance Film Archive. His book Astaire Dancing has been described as “one of the most satisfying, rich, and witty film books ever written” (Kirkus Reviews) and “an extraordinary study of film art” (New York Times). Having Professor Mueller here will be a wonderful introduction to our day-long Fred Astaire Festival on Friday, May 9.

Wednesdays. **Dudley House Knitting Group.** Join other knitters for a weekly knitting group in the Gato Rojo. We have yarn and needles and can teach you. The group meets Wednesday evenings, 7:30–10 p.m. Contact Katie Humphry (katie@physics.harvard.edu) for more information.

Ongoing. **Book Swapping.** A shelf in Café Gato Rojo (Dudley House basement) is dedicated to book swapping. People are invited to leave favorite books for others and to take those left by others. We expect people to leave about as many books as they take. Contact Katie Humphry (katie@physics.harvard.edu) for more information.

Ongoing. **Language Tables/Language Exchange.** These are great opportunities for anyone from beginners to native speakers to practice their modern Greek, Japanese, German, French, Czech, Chinese, Turkish, Portuguese, Russian, English, Italian, Hindi, Urdu, or Bengali in an informal setting.
Language tables meet weekly around campus and Harvard Square. For more details, or to sign up for our e-mail lists, go to www.fas.harvard.edu/~dudley/fellows/cultint/ and see Language Table Information. Questions? Contact Hazel Pearson (hpearson@fas.harvard.edu).

—Katie Humphry (katie@physics.harvard.edu), Yanyan Liu (liu3@fas.harvard.edu), Anahita Tafvizi (atafvizi@fas.harvard.edu), and Hazel Pearson (hpearson@fas.harvard.edu)

**Arts**

Friday, May 2. **Art Exhibit Opening: Ben Zawalich.** 7 p.m., Common Room. Join us for an exhibition of paintings and prints, and the last art event of the academic year. Refreshments will be served!

**Music Program**

Saturday, May 3. **The Dudley House Chorus: Spring Concert.** 8 p.m., Main Dining Room. Program: Music by English composers and the premiere of *The Road Not Taken*, by our own Lori Huberman. Admission is free. A reception will follow the concert. If you are interested in joining the group next year, e-mail mbarrett@post.harvard.edu.

—Michael Barrett (mbarrett@post.harvard.edu)

Sunday, May 4. **The Dudley House Orchestra Concert.** 4 p.m., Sanders Theatre. The Dudley Orchestra will be joined by renowned cellist Alan Stepansky, a Harvard alumnus who has served as principal cello of the Boston Pops and associate principal cello of the New York Philharmonic. His chamber music recordings have been praised by the *New York Times*, *Gramophone*, and the BBC. With the Dudley Orchestra, Stepansky will perform Saint-Saëns’s popular Cello Concerto No. 1. The orchestra will round out the program with Dvorak’s final symphonic work, the dramatic “Hero’s Song,” and Kalinnikov’s Symphony No. 1, a rousing work in the spirit of Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff. Tickets are now on sale at the Harvard Box Office ($12: general admission, $9: students, seniors, Harvard affiliates).

—Drew Schroeder (schroed@fas.harvard.edu)

Saturday, May 10. **Dudley World Music Ensemble Concert.** 8 p.m., Main Dining Room. The World Music Ensemble is a small group of musicians, dedicated to learning and performing traditional music from around the globe. Contact kaushans@fas.harvard.edu for information about joining our group.

—Alexis Kaushansky (kaushans@fas.harvard.edu)

**Dudley House Jazz Band.** After a great year, the Jazz Band will be resting until September. Please e-mail jcharles@fas.harvard.edu for information about joining.

—Jean-Francois Charles (jcharles@fas.harvard.edu)

**Social Events**

Thursday, May 1. **We All Scream for Ice Cream!** 7:30–8:30 p.m., Graduate Student Lounge. Enjoy ice cream from Herrell’s! Guaranteed to increase your productivity during reading period, or at least increase your calorie intake for the day! Questions? E-mail Will Yuen (yuen@seas.harvard.edu).

Saturday, May 17. **Persian Cooking Class.** Have you ever wondered how to make exceptionally fluffy rice decorated with saffron on top? Ever tried the crispy, crunchy, golden stuff at the bottom of the rice pot? To find out more, join GSAS student Mehdi Aghdaee for a lesson in Persian cooking! We’ll learn how to make a few Persian dishes such as vegetable stew and eggplant puree and then eat the results. Are you a vegetarian? No problem, we will have a few dishes for you too. Tickets go on sale in the Dudley House office on Monday, May 5, and are $5 each. Class size will be limited to 18 students. Questions? Want to teach a cooking class? E-mail Jonathan Schneiderman (jschneid@fas.harvard.edu).

**Dudley Public Service**

To sign up for regular updates about Dudley Public Service Events, go to http://lists.fas.harvard.edu/mailman/listinfo/dudley-pubserv.

Thursday, May 15, and Friday, May 16. **Chair Massage for Stress Relief.** Thursday: 4:30–8:30 p.m.; Friday, 3:30–6:30 p.m., Common Room. As a Dudley House gift for stressed-out graduate students (and this time of the year, it is a fairly common situation!), we are providing the opportunity for you to relax at least for ten minutes with a chair massage from the team at Harvard University Health Services. To sign up for a session, call the Dudley House office (617-495-2255) beginning May 1. First come, first served! Treat yourself well in these last few weeks of the term.

**Literary Program**

Upcoming. **Dudley Review Literary Launch Party.** 8–10 p.m., Fireside Room. The 2008 issue of *The Dudley Review* has finally arrived and is ready for its premiere! Join us for an evening of live music, dancing, readings, wine, and good food as we celebrate the new issue. Free copies will be available. Watch the Dudley House e-mail list for an announcement of the date of this event.

**Get Involved!** We aim to encourage the literary bent of Harvard University’s graduate student body, Dudley-affiliated undergraduates, and the larger community. You do not have to be in a literature department to join in. continued on next page

A rather languid Fred Astaire takes a much-needed break from dancing up a storm. Hear about his artistic prowess at a Fireside Chat with Astaire scholar Professor John Mueller on Tuesday, May 6 (see pg. 6 for details), and then watch him kick up his heels at the annual Fred Astaire Birthday Festival on Friday, May 9 (see pg. 5 for details).
Everyone from slam poetry fans to those interested in hardcore criticism is welcome. Activities include a reading group for fiction and non-fiction, a bi-weekly writing group, a yearly print literary review, author readings, art exhibitions, and children's literacy events. If there are any events you’d like to see, let us know, as we may be able to help you organize them. E-mail dudley_literary@yahoo.com. To subscribe to our newsletter, send a blank e-mail to: dudley_literary-subscribe@yahoo.com.

—Rita Banerjee & Cinthya Torres (dudley_literary@yahoo.com)

### Athletics Program

Thursday, May 8. **Game Night**. 7 p.m., Common Room. This will be our last board game night of the spring. Come play the games we have or bring some of your own.

### Intramural Program

Dudley House athletics fellows coordinate Dudley’s entries into Harvard’s intramural program. Your options run the gamut from table tennis and soccer to basketball and squash. Contact one of the fellows listed below for information on joining.

### Keep Up!

The best way to keep updated with the latest Dudley athletics events is to visit www.fas.harvard.edu/~dudley/athletics.

### Interested in Rowing This Spring?

Check out the crew Web page at www.fas.harvard.edu/~dudley/fellows/athl/row/rowing.html, or e-mail Jason Gallichio (jason@physics.harvard.edu) or Jonathan Fan (jfan@fas.harvard.edu).

—Jason Gallichio (jason@physics.harvard.edu), Jonathan Fan (jfan@fas.harvard.edu)

### Dudley Fellows for 2008–2009

Congratulations to the new and continuing staff members of Dudley House for 2008–2009. Dudley fellows (primarily GSAS students) are responsible for programming and share in responsibility for the overall running of the House. We have had a wonderful year!

### Key:

- CGR: Café Gato Rojo
- CR: Common Room
- DH: Dudley House
- DHL: Dudley House Lobby
- FSR: Fireside Room
- GSL: Graduate Student Lounge
- LIB: Library
- LMA: Longwood Medical Area
- MDR: Main Dining Room
- PDR: Private Dining Room

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Dudley House Calendar

**May | Dudley House Calendar**

Please note: Information in this calendar is accurate as of April 18, 2008. For the most recent information, check Dudley House e-mail postings. Contact Susan Zawalich at zawalich@fas.harvard.edu for information on events.

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**June**

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2007–08—outings, lectures, movies, concerts, plays, filmmaking, sports, public service, literary workshops and The Dudley Review, art exhibits, dances, and social events—thanks to the hard work of our Dudley fellows.

We’re looking forward to 2008–09 under the direction of House Master Jim Hogle and Co-Master Doreen Hogle. We hope that even more of you will participate in Dudley House activities during the year ahead. If you have any suggestions for programming, e-mail House Administrator Susan Zawalich (zawalich@fas.harvard.edu), and she’ll pass them along to the appropriate staff person. Have a great summer!

Coordinating Fellow: Jonathan Fan (engineering and applied sciences)

Arts, Dance, Drama, Film: Di Yin Lu (history), Jonathan Bruno (government), and J.P. Sniadecki (anthropology)

Athletics: Michael Kagan (physics), Mehmet Akcakaya (engineering and applied sciences)

Café Gato Rojo: Emilie Dressaire (engineering and applied sciences) and Jonathan Ruel (physics), co-managers

Intellectual/Cultural: Yanyan Liu (engineering and applied sciences); Anouska Bhattacharyya (history of science); Sahand Hormoz (engineering and applied sciences); Esra-Gokce Sahin, assistant (anthropology); and Peiqiu Chen, assistant (physics)

Literary: Rita Banerjee (comparative literature), Cinthya Torres (Romance languages and literatures), and Keith Stone, assistant (Near Eastern languages and civilizations)

Music: Chorus: Michael Barrett (Collegium Musicum); Jazz Band: Jean-François Charles (music); World Music Ensemble: Behtash Babadi (engineering and applied sciences); and Orchestra: Bert Van Herck (music)

Outings: Rachel Pepper (physics) and Tina Lin (physics)

Public Service: Adrian Kwek (philosophy) and Enoch Lambert, assistant (philosophy)

Social Events: Mary Ruth Windham (Near Eastern languages and civilizations); Laura Tully (psychology); Jonathan Schneiderman, assistant (medical sciences); and Dmitry Mironenko, assistant (East Asian languages and literatures)

Thanks for the Memories
Just as we welcome our new and continuing fellows, we also want to thank our graduate student staff members for having made significant contributions to the viability and vitality of our graduate student center. Some former fellows are finishing up their programs, some spending a year overseas, some dedicating the next year to completing their degrees. We wish them all the best as they move into emeritus fellow status: Zeba Wunderlich (coordinating fellow), Farin Abbas (public service), Matthew Barr (outings), Jason Gallicchio (athletics), Jiajun Gu (Gato Rojo), Christopher Hayward (outings), Eva Helfenstein (arts), Katie Humphry (intellectual/cultural events), Alexis Kaushansky (world music ensemble), Yuka Minagawa (public service), Hazel Pearson (intellectual/cultural events), Cristina Plamadeala (arts), Fabiano Romeiro (social events), Drew Schroeder (orchestra), Anahita Tafvizi (intellectual/cultural events), and Will Yuen (social events).

Wireless Dudley
Dudley House is equipped with wireless technology so you are able to go online in any of the public areas in the House. Check out www.fas.harvard.edu/computing/kb/kb0826.html for instructions about how to outfit your computer for wireless communication.

—Chad Conlan

Work-Study Jobs Available
Every year, work-study students are hired to work in the Dudley House Library and Café Gato Rojo. If you are interested in such a job for the coming academic year, get in touch with Susan Zawalich in the House Office (zawalich@fas.harvard.edu).

Dudley House Summer Hours
Café Gato Rojo and Dudley House Library will be closed during the summer months and will reopen in mid-September. The Graduate House Office, GSAS Housing Services, and the Office of Student Services will remain open during the summer, Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed on the Fourth of July).

E-mail List
What’s the fastest way to get up-to-the-minute news about events at Dudley House? Subscribe to the Dudley House e-mail list. To sign up, go to www.fas.harvard.edu/~dudley and follow the directions.

Free Lunch! Invite a Faculty Member or GSAS Administrator to Dudley House
Free tickets are available for GSAS students to treat a faculty member (professors or instructors only) or favorite administrator to lunch at Dudley Café. Pick up tickets at the Dudley House office. Students are entitled to two pairs of tickets per term.

—Susan Zawalich

Dudley al Fresco
Dudley Café will be closed for the 2007–08 academic year beginning Saturday, May 24. If you’re here for the summer months, be sure to check out our outdoor café, Dudley al Fresco, for lunch!
Job Opportunities: The Jamestown Project
The Jamestown Project, based at the Harvard Law School, is a national non-profit organization committed to improving democratic participation and civic engagement. We are seeking to hire individuals for three part-time positions relating to a new book project and initiative called “Doing Democracy.” If interested, please e-mail Caroline Crouch at ccrouch@law.harvard.edu for detailed job descriptions, and visit our Website www.jamestownproject.org to review our mission, values, and history.

Harvard Department of Music Events
Events are free and open to the public. For information, call 617-496-6013 or go to www.fas.harvard.edu/~musicdpt/calendar.html.

Thursday, May 1. Symposium: Boston Symphony Orchestra: Berlioz Les Troyens. 9 a.m., John Knowles Paine Concert Hall.

Friday and Saturday, May 14–15. HYDRA: Concert of New Works. 8 p.m., John Knowles Paine Concert Hall.

Thursday, May 22. The Music of Brian Ferneyhough. 8 p.m., John Knowles Paine Concert Hall. Ferneyhough is a visiting professor at Harvard.

Saturday, May 24. Harvard Group for New Music: With Mario Caroli. 8 p.m., John Knowles Paine Concert Hall.

Bureau of Study Counsel
Harvard Course in Reading and Study Strategies (13-day summer session). Through readings, films, and classroom exercises, students learn to read more purposively, selectively, and with greater speed and comprehension. $25 for GSAS students. Summer session: Monday–Friday, July 1–18, at 4 p.m. Register at the Bureau, 5 Linden St. Call 617-495-2581 for more information. E-mail: bsc@harvard.edu. Web: www.bsc.harvard.edu.

Harvard University Art Museums
Visit www.artmuseums.harvard.edu or call 617-495-9400 for more information on events, exhibitions, and more. Locations: Fogg Art Museum and Busch-Reisinger Museum: 32 Quincy St; Arthur M. Sackler Museum: 485 Broadway. Access: A ramp entrance to the Fogg and the Busch-Reisinger is on Prescott St, at the entrance of the Fine Arts Library. The Sackler entrance has an access ramp.

Reminder: The Fogg and Busch-Reisinger museums will close to the public at the end of day on June 30, 2008, for a renovation project expected to last five years. The Sackler Museum will also close on June 30, for a period of a couple of weeks, to reinstall the galleries with works from all three art museums.

Exhibitions


Opens Sunday, May 18. Renzo Piano’s Art Museum for Harvard. Fogg Art Museum. This exhibition presents the Renzo Piano Building Workshop’s schematic design for the long-awaited renovation of the Harvard University Art Museums’ facilities at 32 Quincy St. Renzo Piano, a recipient of the Pritzker Prize and the American Institute of Architects’ 2008 Gold Medal, has been charged with designing a new home for the Fogg, Busch-Reisinger, and Sackler museums under one roof.

Events


With Lizzy Ramhorst, curatorial assistant, Harvard University Art Museums. In this seminar, explore the various ways text is deployed in modern German art, placing particular emphasis on the exploration of cultural memory.

Sundays, May 4, 11, & 18. Family Program: Sunday Stories in the Fogg. 1:30 p.m., Fogg Art Museum, Calderwood Courtyard. Hear a story read by an Art Museums docent in front of an important work in our collections. Children will look at the art, listen to a story related to it, and tell their own stories. Sessions are appropriate for children ages 5–8. Adult caregivers are welcome to accompany children.

Tuesday, May 6. Gallery Conversations: Art as You See It. 12:15–12:45 p.m., Fogg Art Museum, Calderwood Courtyard. Enjoy selected artworks in our galleries as Art Museums docents facilitate observation and conversation about them. Learn to appreciate art through your own eyes, and enjoy others’ perspectives about the works. Other “Conversations” in this series: Tuesdays: May 13, 20, 27; and June 3, 10, 17, 24; Thursdays: May 8, 15, 22, 29; and June 5, 12, 19, 26; and Friday: June 27.


Wednesday, May 7. Lecture Series: Exploring South Asian Photography: Women Photographers in India. 6 p.m., Sackler Museum Lecture Hall. Sabena Gadihoke, assistant professor of visual communications, Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, excavates the histories of early modern women photographers in India, focusing on the life and work of photojournalist Homai Vyarawalla, who will join the conversation as a special guest. Presented by the Department of Islamic and Later Indian Art and the Department of Photographs.


Sunday, May 11. Family Program: Drop In and Draw. 1–3 p.m., Fogg Art Museum, Calderwood Courtyard. Models dressed in clothing reminiscent of paintings in our collections will be available for your sketching enjoyment. We’ll provide a model, paper, pencils, and drawing boards. All ages are welcome, so bring the family!


Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology
Web: www.peabody.harvard.edu.


Ongoing exhibition: Remix: Indigenous Identities in the 21st Century. Through August 31. Features the work of four visual artists—Doug Miles (San Carlos Apache), Ryan Red Corn (Osage), Courtney Leonard (Shinnecock), and Bunky Echo-Hawk (Pawnee and Yakama)—and rapper Quese IMC on how youth of Native America today must find a balance between old and new; they have “remixed” their identities to reflect their unique cultural heritage. Cosponsored with Native Americans at Harvard College. Location: 11 Divinity Ave. Information: 617-496-1027.

Harvard Graduate Women in Science and Engineering Upcoming Events

Friday, May 2. Longwood Coffee Hour with Dr. Joan Miller. 9–10 a.m., Longwood Medical Area, TMEC-442 (DMS Student Lounge). Join HGWISE to hear Dr. Miller speak about her career path and share her thoughts on balancing a career in science with life outside the lab. Marge Miller is professor of neurobiology at Harvard Medical School and studies vision using anatomy, physiology, and human perception. Livingstone has a special interest in how the eye and brain use color and luminance information. She is also involved in studies of dyslexia and visual processing. Coffee, tea, and pastries will be served. Please feel free to come late or leave early.

Monday, May 5. Cardenio in Motion: A Conversation with Stephen Greenblatt and Charles L. Mee. 6 p.m., Zero Arrow Theatre, 2 Arrow St., Cambridge. Discussion about their new play, Cardenio; with speakers Homi Bhabha, Elinor Fuchs, and Martin Puchner. Open to the public. Seating is limited. Cosponsored with the American Repertory Theatre.

Wednesday, May 7. 20 Questions with Tarun Khanna. 6:30 p.m., Sever Hall, Rm. 113. Khanna, the Jorge Paulo Lemann professor at Harvard Business School, will discuss his recent book, Billions of Entrepreneurs: How in macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy. Coffee, tea, and pastries will be served. Please feel free to come late or leave early.

Thursday, May 15. Happy Hour at the Queen’s Head. 6–8 p.m., Memorial Hall, The Queen’s Head Pub. Join Harvard Graduate Women in Science and Engineering (HGWISE) for happy hour at the beautiful Queen’s Head pub! Meet other Harvard graduate women in science, and enjoy good conversation. This is an informal event to give everyone an opportunity to get to know each other. Stop by for as long or short as you like. Appetizers will be provided. This event is cosponsored with the Graduate Student Council.

Friday, May 23. Longwood Coffee Hour with Dr. Marge Livingstone. 9–10 a.m., Longwood Medical Area, TMEC-442 (DMS Student Lounge). Join HGWISE to hear Dr. Livingstone speak about her career path and share her thoughts on balancing a career in science with life outside the lab. Marge Livingstone is professor of neurobiology at Harvard Medical School and studies vision using anatomy, physiology, and human perception. Livingstone has a special interest in how the eye and brain use color and luminance information. She is also involved in studies of dyslexia and visual processing. Coffee, tea, and pastries will be served. Please feel free to come late or leave early.

The Humanities Center: Upcoming Events
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China and India are Reshaping Their Futures and Yours. Questioners include William Kirby, Rohini Pande, Susan Pharr, and Dani Rodrik. Open to the public. Seating is limited.

Science Center: Research Lectures for Non-Specialists
Wednesday, May 7. “Rett Syndrome: Insight into an Autism Spectrum Disorder.” 8 p.m., Lecture Hall C, Science Center. With Huda Y. Zoghbi, professor, Department of Pediatrics, Molecular and Human Genetics, Neurology, and Neuroscience, Baylor College of Medicine. Rett Syndrome, an autism spectrum disorder that causes a broad range of severe neurological and behavioral disabilities, is caused by mutation of the gene MECP2. Zoghbi discovered the mutation in 1999. Since then, she and her colleagues have worked to learn how MECP2 works normally, how its loss leads to disorder, and how this knowledge can be used to devise treatments.

Harvard Office for the Arts: Joshua Redman Receives 2008 Harvard Arts Medal
Thursday, May 1, at 5 p.m., New College Theatre, 10–12 Holyoke St. Harvard University honors College alumnus Joshua Redman, saxophonist and composer, with the 2008 medal, presented by President Drew Faust and featuring a conversation with the artist moderated by actor (and College alumnus) John Lithgow. Admission is free. Open to Harvard affiliates only. Tickets required, available at the Harvard Box Office, Holyoke Center. Limit two tickets per valid Harvard ID. Information: 617-496-2222 (TTY: 617-495-1642), www.boxoffice.harvard.edu.

Survey Demographics and Findings
In the single most comprehensive study of GSAS student parents to date, we surveyed over 100 graduate students, representing roughly 40 percent of all parents in GSAS. Student parents are more likely to be advanced in their graduate studies, with an average “G-year” of 4.7. More than 50 graduate student mothers and 50 fathers reported information on time-off, stipend support, continuation of health insurance, G-clock extension, childcare arrangements and perceptions of their parenthood by the academic community.

Mothers varied widely in the amount of time taken off after the birth or adoption of a child, but only those mothers who took the longest leaves were satisfied. Reasons for returning before they were ready included financial concerns, worries over healthcare and insurance, and research responsibilities. Only 60 percent of mothers maintained their health insurance while on leave, and only 50 percent received a stipend. Lack of stipend support was strongly correlated with academic division and places an unfair burden on mothers in the humanities and social sciences.

In addition, the current policy of G-clock extension is largely neither known nor followed. These discrepancies arise from the lack of a central policy or consistent management of parental accommodation.

Fathers do not take off much time after the birth of a child. Nearly half of them have partners who work outside the home and 40 percent have stay-at-home spouses. The large number of fathers with stay-at-home partners or partners with comprehensive leave policies from an employer may help explain how 86 percent of fathers surveyed took less than one month off after their child’s birth.

Nineteen departmental administrators replied concerning the current state of parental accommodation in their departments. In general, these departments only received two to five requests for accommodation per year. Only approximately ten percent of departments had any official policy; most handled requests on a case-by-case basis. Very few departments automatically extended G-year, showing that the current policy is not sufficient. Most departments accommodate mothers who want to take time off after the arrival of a new child; however, most departments confirmed that fathers do not take time off.

Departments diverged considerably on the degree of flexibility given to new parents for course work, teaching, and degree requirements, with some offering creative solutions for flexible teaching positions. Stipend support for mothers while on maternity leave is dichotomous: Only 50 percent of mothers surveyed received stipend support while on leave.

This correlates strongly with the divisional affiliation of the student. Significantly different funding structures across the three divisions of GSAS translate directly into a pronounced discrepancy in the financial support offered to graduate student parents. This disparity argues strongly for the establishment of a paid parental leave that applies equally to all GSAS students.

In addition to the financial and institutional pressures that hinder having children while in graduate school, student parents sometimes face negative responses from their advisors, supervisors and peers. On the whole, students responded that their decision to take time of was received “generally well.”

However, there are a troubling number of responses, especially from mothers, that indicate negative reactions from advisors and teaching supervisors. A successful accommodation policy must address negative perceptions and responses as well as more concrete barriers to parental leave.

Parental Accommodation Analysis
The problems encountered by graduate students in GSAS are not unique to Harvard. Many of Harvard’s peer institutions, the so-called “Ivy Plus,” have developed policies attempting to accommodate the needs of their graduate student populations. These policies range from minimal policies that allow for unpaid university “leave” to paid time off for as many as 12 weeks for any male or female after the arrival of their new child. Harvard and GSAS should use the models put forth by its peer institutions to inform its decisions as it examines how to better meet the needs of its graduate student parents.

In order for Harvard graduate student parents to successfully continue their PhD studies, most must find childcare for their children. Reliable childcare affords the student parent a consistent work schedule necessary for making steady progress towards a dissertation, as well as the ability to plan meetings, sections, experiments, and other interactions with the academic community. Securing reliable,
quality, and affordable childcare is the single biggest stressor for the student parent. Of the respondents to the survey, 60 percent have found satisfactory childcare, while the remaining respondents are unsatisfied with the level of childcare they are able to afford. Although a pilot program for child-care scholarships for PhD students exists, it is not currently meeting the needs of student parents, as the program is under-publicized and has overly restrictive application requirements.

The report also investigates other concerns that impede research for mothers, including laboratory safety during pregnancy and field research in the context of young children. Pregnant women had little or no expert guidance on chemical safety, and many chose to abandon projects entirely because they lacked the infrastructure and controls to enable hazardous research.

Similarly, mothers were unable to afford childcare for young children to enable field research, and several abandoned projects because they could not perform the necessary travel.

Finally, graduate student parents bear an exceptionally large financial burden in providing dependent health insurance. The Harvard-offered Family Plan does not meet their medical or their fiscal needs. Raising the specialist visit limit for dependents under 18 years of age will hopefully address some of the concerns of student parents. Harvard GSAS should review the health insurance program and consider additional measures to ease the financial pressure on graduate student parents. Such measures would allow parents to work full-time on their graduate research, as required for timely progress towards a doctoral degree.

**Recommendations**

Given the evolving academic workforce, the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences must adopt a formal parental accommodation policy in order to recruit a substantial and diverse population of individuals to attend graduate school, compete effectively with peer institutions, and fill the academic pipeline.

Based on the student and departmental responses and based upon policies at peer institutions, this report recommends two facets of a parental accommodation policy: parental leave and childcare assistance. First, parental leave should include these five separate articles (a) one year G-clock extension for all parents for each new child, (b) full enrollment with continued health insurance for the duration of leave for all parents, (c) stipend support from a central source for all new parents, (d) medical rest for birth mothers in addition to any parental accommodation period, and (e) flexible course work, teaching positions, and degree requirements for new parents.

Second, this report documents serious disparities in childcare support for graduate student parents. In particular, the Doctoral/PhD Student Child Care Scholarship Pilot Program should be reviewed and extended.

Given an estimate of 100 births per year and the demographics based on these survey results, we [project] there are roughly 50 new fathers and 50 new mothers per academic year. Using these numbers, we predict the G-year and academic division of new student parents and then compute a total cost of replacing their tuition, stipend, and health care. For leaves of one month, two months, or three months, we estimate expenses to be approximately $300,000, $600,000, and $900,000, respectively. These are estimates and should be further investigated, though for comparison they are equivalent to admitting approximately eight, 16, or 24 additional GSAS students.

In order to design and execute an effective parental accommodation policy, GSAS should establish a Task Force on Parental Accommodation with students and representatives from GSAS administration, academic departments, the FAS Registrar’s Office, the Office of Faculty Development and Diversity, and the Work Life Office. In addition, the surveys and analysis contained in this report should be disseminated to administrative offices around the University.

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**Mailing Lists and Events**

Please visit http://lists.hcs.harvard.edu/mailman/listinfo/gsc-events to join our events mailing lists. Alternatively, visit the “News and Events” section on our Website (www.hcs.harvard.edu/gsc) to learn about current events the GSC is organizing or sponsoring. You can also join our open mailing and discussion list at http://lists.hcs.harvard.edu/mailman/listinfo/gsc-open.

**Free Laser Printing**

The GSC operates a free laser-printing service in the Dudley House library (3rd floor, Lehman Hall) for all students who have paid their GSC fee.

**The Graduate Student Lounge**

The Graduate Student Lounge in Dudley House is equipped with a big-screen TV, a DVD player, and a VCR for use for your meetings and gatherings. To reserve the room, contact the Dudley House office, 617-495-2255.

—Patrick Hamm

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**Graduating Students!**

**Reminders from Harvard University Health Services**

**Dental Services**: Make an appointment now to ensure that you are seen in the next two months. Discounted preventive care package available; students receive ten percent off fee-for-service visits. Call 617-495-2063 or visit the Dental Services Website at http://huhs.harvard.edu/OurServices/Dental.aspx.

**Health Insurance**: Students who are graduating this spring should review important information regarding termination of their health insurance benefits and resources to obtain future coverage. Visit http://huhs.harvard.edu/Insurance/Students/ContinuingCoverage.aspx for information.

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Kyle Brown, Abby Bracha, Nigel Delaney, and Maria Gulda are members of the Graduate Student Council; Karen Ruff, Marissa Hummon, Gurtina Besla, and Amanda Evans are members of Harvard Graduate Women in Science and Engineering. Comments and questions should be addressed to the co-chairs at kmruff@fas.harvard.edu or kmbrown@fas.harvard.edu.
OCS Programs in May and June

Friday, May 2. Preparing for the Fall Recruiting Season: Resume and Cover Letter Workshop. 10–11:30 a.m., OCS Conference Room. The fall recruiting season begins even before classes do! Don’t be caught without a right and tailored resume when the first companies arrive on campus in search of PhD candidates. All GSAS students and alums are welcome, whether you’re applying for jobs soon or waiting for the recruiting season.

Monday, May 5. Preparing for the Fall Job Market: Academic CV and Cover Letter Workshop. 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m., OCS Conference Room. Your CV and cover letter are the first documents that academic search committees see. If you’re planning to go on the academic job market this fall, begin preparing now!

Thursday, May 8. The Power of Procrastination. 5:30–7:30 p.m., Longwood Medical Area, TMEC Amphitheatre. Jorge Cham, author of the comic strip “Piled Higher and Deeper,” will present a cathartically humorous look at life in graduate school. You can view the comics at www.phdcomics.com, or pick up copies of his collected works following the lecture at the book signing and reception (NB: free food!).

Monday, May 12. Start Now to Land a Great Academic Job. 4:30–6:30 p.m., OCS Reading Room. Come hear advanced graduate students discuss the many strategies they have employed throughout their time in graduate school to make them strong candidates on the academic job market. Learn what you can do now to strengthen your portfolio of teaching, research, and other professional experiences. This program is geared toward graduate students in the early stages, but all GSAS students are welcome and can benefit from the experiences of their peers.

Tuesday–Thursday, May 13–15. Drop-in CV and Resume Reviews. 10 a.m.–12 p.m./2–4 p.m., OCS, 3rd Floor. If you’re gearing up for a job search, either on the academic or nonacademic job market, drop in for a quick critique of your CV, resume, or cover letter. This is a great way to put into black and white what you learned from the “Preparing for the Fall” programs.

Friday, May 16. How to Prepare for PhD Consulting Jobs. 4:30–6:30 p.m., OCS Reading Room. Learn from GSAS alumni/ae who have recently begun consulting jobs what it takes to succeed in this extremely competitive job market. Registration is required; e-mail Robin Mount (rmount@fas.harvard.edu).

Mondays, June 9, 16, and 23. Career Transition Work Group Series. 1–3 p.m. (until 4 p.m. on June 23), OCS Seminar Room. PhD students and alumni/ae: If you’ve been considering nonacademic careers, take action now! In this intensive series we will discuss the career transition process, actively engage in self-assessment, and brainstorm ideas for career options. Benefit from the input and experiences of your fellow graduate students, as we embark together on career transition. Space is limited. Registration for all three sessions is required; e-mail Laura Malisheski (malishes@fas.harvard.edu) with your name, department, and G-level or year of graduation (for GSAS alumni/ae).

Wednesday, June 18 & Friday, June 20. Introduction to the Business Mindset Workshop Series. 3–5 p.m., OCS Conference Room. This workshop, run by Alan Kantrow, GSAS alumnus and chief content officer at the Monitor Group, is designed to help GSAS students make the transition from the thought processes and decision-making styles favored in academe, to those favored in the business world. Prepare to engage in interactive discussions, reading analysis, and case studies. Space is limited. To register, e-mail Robin Mount (rmount@fas.harvard.edu).

Career Information Listservs
To stay informed about job opportunities, career workshops, and local networking events, we recommend that you subscribe to either or both of our GSAS-focused listservs. To receive information related to academic or nonacademic careers, just go to www.ocs.fas.harvard.edu and click on For Students, then Join a Listserv.

Walk-in Hours
Through May, the GSAS counselors hold walk-in hours every Monday, 1–4 p.m. If you have a quick question, please drop in for a 10–15-minute meeting with Laura Malisheski (Mondays, 1–2 p.m.) or Robin Mount (Mondays, 2–4 p.m.).

Individual Counseling Appointments
Whether an academic or nonacademic path is in your future, you are invited to schedule an appointment with one of the GSAS counselors to discuss your career goals and options, to learn how to find opportunities for internships or jobs, and to get advice and feedback on job-search strategies such as your CV, resume, and interviewing and negotiation skills. To schedule an appointment, please call 617-495-2595.

—Laura Malisheski, Robin Mount, and Sharon Belden

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The Graduate Student Council
The Graduate Student Council (GSC) represents all GSAS students and aims to improve the quality of graduate student life at Harvard. Some of our accomplishments in past years include advocating for graduate students during Harvard’s Presidential search, pressing for a new dental plan, conducting surveys of medical area and interdisciplinary students and implementing their recommendations, awarding funding to student groups, expanding access to travel and research grants for individual students, helping to organize a University-wide Day of Service, and encouraging better faculty mentoring through the Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Awards. Want to learn more about the GSC? Visit our Website: hcs.harvard.edu/gsc!

Graduate Student Council Elections
The GSC would like to announce the results of the elections for executive board positions for 2008–2009. Elections took place online April 2–14. The Executive Board members for the coming year are:

President: Kyle Brown
Co-Vice-presidents: Sofia Becerra and Ruxandra Paul
Secretary: Cherie Ramirez
At-Large Representative for the Division of Medical Sciences: Abigail Jane Bracha
At-Large Representative for Interdisciplinary Programs: Sara Rhodin
At-Large Representative for the Natural Sciences: Nigel Delaney

Positions that were not filled in this election will be subject to a by-election at the next open meeting on May 7 at 6:30 pm in the Graduate Student Lounge, Dudley House. Details will be given in the announcement of the meeting.

The new executive board members will assume their new positions on June 1, 2008. Thanks to all who participated in the elections!

Next Open Meeting: Wednesday, May 7
The GSC holds open meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, October through May (excluding January). Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Dudley House Graduate Student Lounge and include free drinks and pizza. All students interested in improving graduate student life are encouraged to attend. The next and final meeting of the term will be held on May 7. Issues may be added to a GSC meeting agenda by submitting them at least a week in advance to harvardgsc@gmail.com.

Research and Conference Grants
The GSC offers grants of up to $1,000 to individual GSAS students to attend conferences and symposia in their fields. Summer research grants of $1,000 are also available for students who will be conducting research during the summer of 2008. Grants are available to any student who has paid the GSC fee and whose department has been represented at the monthly GSC meetings. Applications and additional information are available at hcs.harvard.edu/gsc. The next application deadline will be in October 2008 (precise date forthcoming in the fall).

Funding for GSAS Student Groups
The GSC provides funding for recognized GSAS student organizations and special events sponsored by GSAS groups. Guidelines and applications are available at www.hcs.harvard.edu/gsc/. To be eligible for funding, groups must have a representative present for at least two open meetings per term, including the meeting at which funding requests are considered. For more information, consult our Website, or contact treasurer Wonyoung Kim (wonyoung@eecs.harvard.edu). Applications for the next round of funding are due in October (precise date forthcoming in the fall).

Does Your Department Have a GSC Representative?
In order for students in each department to be eligible for conference grants and summer research grants, each department must have at least one official GSC representative. This representative acts as a link between the GSC and the department and must attend two or more GSC meetings each term. Contact your department administrator or graduate student coordinator today to ensure that your program is represented!

Does Your Department Have a GSO?
One of our goals is to improve the structure and functionality of the GSC. In order to do this, we hope to increase the number of Graduate Student Organizations (GSOs) in departments throughout FAS and interfaculty programs. GSOs are department-level student groups that meet periodically to discuss important concerns. Ideally, each department forms its own GSO and chooses department representatives to attend the GSC open meetings. If you would like to help your department build its own GSO, request our new GSO Starter Kit by contacting us at harvardgsc@gmail.com.

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What Is It? Where Is It?

Guess the subject and location of the photo on the right and win an official GSAS tote bag.* It’s a big bag (14” x 18”) made of 100% heavy-duty cotton with an outside pocket and top-closing snap. Holds gym clothes, scholarly tomes, and dissertation chapters by the dozens.

Submit your guess with your name, department/program affiliation, and mailing address by Wednesday, May 7, to: bulletin@fas.harvard.edu. Please be sure to put “What Is It” and the contest month in the subject line of your e-mail.

*Members of the GSAS community are welcome to enter the contest every month to test their visual memory, but only one tote bag will be given out per person per term.

Please note: Because this is the last issue of the Bulletin for the 2007–08 academic year, winning names will not be printed until the September/October 2008 issue; however, we will contact winners with their canvas prizes later in May.

The answer to the April quiz is...a detail of the University Hall façade. Congratulations to these savvy guessers: Dave Hoogerheide (physics), Cynthia Hsu (medical sciences), Stephen Jensen (chemistry), Ming Lei (molecular and cellular biology), Jingchen Liu (statistics), David Ng (engineering and applied sciences), Megan Othus (biostatistics), Keith Plaster (linguistics), Giacomo Ponzetto (economics), Svetlana Rukhelman (comparative literature), Ruifang Song (mathematics), Alison Taylor (medical sciences), Richard Jude Thompson (Near Eastern languages and civilizations), Xun Wang (medical sciences), Ilija Zeljkovic (physics), Xiaodong Zhang (molecular and cellular biology), and Xu Zhou (molecular and cellular biology).