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“Knowing is not enough; we must apply.
Willing is not enough; we must do.”—Goethe

JANUARY OFFERINGS

Wellness Center
stress relief workshops

Harvard Library
introduction to map collection, tutorial on geographic analysis, EndNote workshop, book history seminars

Writing
creative writing workshops, dissertation writing bootcamps

Professional Development
real-life stories from the academic job search!

The Sciences
nano-courses and labs

Winter Fun
ski trips, game nights, and more

See page 14 for more

WHAT’S OPEN IN JANUARY?

Dudley House
Dudley Café
Residence Halls
Libraries
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.
Widener stays open until 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and is open Saturdays from noon to 5.
Houghton stays open until 7 p.m.

Office of Career Services
University Health Services
Libraries
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.
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See the web for more

The Jan Plan

GSAS WARMS UP JANUARY WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR WINTER BREAK BY BARI WALSH

STARTING THE ACADEMIC YEAR ON SEPTEMBER 2 may have been a hard pill to swallow, but what Harvard’s new calendar taketh away from the summer, it giveth back this winter. For the first time, graduate students will enjoy a January that is largely free of classes and teaching responsibilities, and the Graduate School has crafted a slate of programs, collectively known as January @ GSAS, to enrich the month—a sampling of social, intellectual, skill-building, and career-building opportunities worth braving the cold for.

Because the fall term—including exams—will conclude in December, this January will be “an unusual month,” says GSAS Dean Allan Brandt. “TF commitments will have ended, and a lot of January will really be free.” To take advantage of the time, Brandt says, “We’ve asked ourselves, and have been asking students, what’s hard to do during the term that would be good to do in January?” The resulting activities, being offered from January 4 through January 24, share a vision of the month as a time to recharge, to build your resources and your portfolio, and to stock up on the kinds of services you might have intended to avail yourself of during the term. And at a time of year when hunkering down is the norm, they also offer a ready-made opportunity for some restorative social warmth. Events include nano-courses in the sciences, a variety of English-language offerings, a financial planning seminar, library and publishing seminars, professional development and wellness workshops, concerts and movies at Dudley House, and even a ski trip. (See page 14 for an overview of January @ GSAS offerings, and check the website, www.gsas.harvard.edu/january, for sign-up information and the most up-to-date listings.)

Many GSAS students are on campus in January every year; the residence halls are always open, as is Dudley House. “What’s different this year,” says GSAS Administrative Dean Margot Gill, “is that we have the gift of time.” Naturally, many students will use the unclaimed time to research and to write, and so the January programming is designed to be flexible. Most events will have a simple sign-up procedure or will be open to all comers. “These opportunities will be here to support and supplement your research and writing,” says Gill—to enhance your term break, not pack it with obligation.

See page 14 for a snapshot of January@GSAS offerings.

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Read All About It

The Harvard library system comprises more than 70 individual libraries, with combined holdings of more than 16 million items. More than 11 million of those are part of the collection of a centrally administered system within the Faculty of Arts and Sciences that is referred to as the Harvard College Library (HCL).

As part of the GSAS Orientation festivities at Dudley House in August, entering graduate students got to meet Harvard College librarians from various facilities at an information table and in afternoon workshops.

The librarians spoke about collections and services in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. There was also a station that explored bibliographic citation tools, such as EndNote and RefWorks. Chris Barrett, a PhD student in the English Department, spoke about the top ten things students should know about the Harvard Libraries. Kindles and iPods were raffled off at each workshop.

The librarians also presented an updated Guide to Graduate Student Resources, including information on library resources, privileges, and research contacts. Find it at www.hcl.harvard.edu/research/guides/gradresources.

Managing High-Risk, Confidential Information

Failures of confidentiality threaten research integrity, reputation, legality, and funding. Every researcher in the social, behavioral, and health sciences must understand how to manage confidential information in research — a process that is particularly challenging because it requires satisfying a combination of complex legal, statistical, and technological constants.

Mid-to-late-career graduate students, faculty, and research staff are invited to a tutorial at Harvard’s Institute for Quantitative Social Science that provides a framework for identifying and managing confidential information in research settings. The next session is November 30 from 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m. in the CGIS Knafel building, room 262, 1737 Cambridge Street. This tutorial will be led by Micah Altman, PhD, senior research scientist at the IQSS. Contact Gabrielle Stone (gstone@iq.harvard.edu) to sign up.

Information or an emergency may require addressing more time to complete research — a process that is particularly challenging because it requires satisfying a combination of complex legal, statistical, and technological constants.

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... And a Reminder about Statistical Resources

The Institute for Quantitative Social Science and its affiliates, including the Harvard-MIT Data Center, are committed to providing the Harvard community with open work areas for researchers and students to conduct statistical inquiries. They maintain several state-of-the-art computer laboratories at the Center for Government and International Studies (CGIS) complex. All Harvard graduate students with a valid ID can register for a CGIS account, which grants full access to lab resources.

New Certificate Program for GSAS Students

The Institute for English Language in the Division of Continuing Education, in collaboration with GSAS, will offer a program for GSAS students leading to a Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CITESOL) in spring of 2010.

The program will take 15 months to complete, requires knowledge of linguistics and the history of the English language, and includes directed reading and research in applied linguistics as well as a practicum in teaching English to speakers of other languages. Candidates must have passed their general exams and must continue their doctoral studies while completing the requirements for the certificate.

For information, contact Lilith Haynes, assistant dean for the Institute for English Language Programs (haynes@hudce.harvard.edu).

Emergency Text Message Notification System

In the event of an extreme emergency on campus, Harvard has an emergency broadcast text messaging service that can contact all members of the University community. This is an opt-in service that requires annual renewal. To sign up or renew, go to messageme.harvard.edu.

Complete Guide to Incompletes

Why do students elect to take incompletes? Reasons vary. Progress on a paper could be aided by more research or by methodological expertise gained from another course, or an emergency may require immediate attention, necessitating more time to complete requirements.

The first step in the process is to determine how much time you’ll need to finish the work. The next is to consult your instructor about a completion plan. If the instructor agrees to grant the incomplete, you will have one term to finish. As soon as the work is graded, the instructor should inform the Registrar’s Office of the grade change.

If the work is not completed by the end of the following term, you must obtain an extension of the incomplete. To do so, you and the instructor must agree that extra time is necessary, and a date should be set for completion. Then, submit a petition for the extension to the GSAS Administrative Dean’s Office in Holyoke Center 350 (petitions available at www.gas.harvard.edu).

If you are applying for grants or fellowships, be aware that incompletes may result in the application being considered in a less-than-favorable light. For assistance in establishing a plan for finishing, contact Rise Shepsle, assistant dean of student affairs, at rshepsle@fas.harvard.edu.
November Degree Recipients

Congratulations on earning your graduate degree, and welcome to the ranks of GSAS alumni! Please stay in touch with the Registrar’s Office and the GSAS Office of Publications and Alumni Relations to be sure we have your up-to-date mailing and electronic addresses.

Academic Calendar

**Tuesday, November 3:** Last day to drop a course. After this date, a petition to withdraw must be submitted to the GSAS Student Affairs office in Holyoke Center 350.

**Wednesday, November 11:** A holiday (Veterans’ Day)

**Thursday, November 26–Sunday, November 29:** Thanksgiving recess

**Monday, November 30:** Applications due at the Registrar’s office for March degrees. Last day upon which March degree candidates may submit a completed and signed application for a secondary field.

GSAS Handbook

We welcome your suggestions during our annual review of the GSAS Handbook, a key resource for students, faculty, and staff. Have you gone to the Handbook with a particular question and not found an answer? E-mail ideas and opinions to rshepsle@fas.harvard.edu.

Coping with Flu Season

Seasonal flu vaccination clinics are taking place Monday and Tuesday 12-3 at HUHS. And complete, up-to-date information related to H1N1 at Harvard is at www.harvard.edu/h1n1.

Fellowship Application Suggestions

The Fulbright competitions and others are past, and many students are now preparing for those competitions that have later deadlines. Based on previous competitions, here are some further suggestions on the application process.

**TIMING**
Since the proposal, recommendations, and transcripts are due at the same time, it is important not only to start writing the proposal early, but also to work on the other items simultaneously.

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

The most serious issue is what to do about recommenders who agree to write a letter but miss the deadline. Students should give as much advance notification as possible, with sufficiently clear instructions as to deadline and destination (an addressed, stamped envelope is a great help), and a good description of the project — which is why it is so important to begin the proposal early.

**STRENGTHENING THE PROPOSAL**
Working on a number of drafts and seeking advice does result in a more polished proposal. In addition to advisors and colleagues, you may make an appointment with Cynthia Verba for a detailed review of the proposal.

Publishing Seminar

GSAS students are invited to attend the publishing seminar organized by Cynthia Verba as part of the Office of Career Services professional development series “Becoming Faculty.” The session is aimed at graduate students who will be considering their first submission of an article or a book manuscript for publication.

Speakers include a representative from Harvard University Press, as well as graduate students who have published.

The seminar will be on Wednesday, November 4, at 4 p.m. in Dudley House Common Room. While the speakers happen to represent fields in the humanities and social sciences, some of the advice will be applicable across all fields. There will be an opportunity for students to address questions to our speakers as well.

Fellowships Tip of the Month

It is essential to plan ahead, both in terms of identifying fellowship opportunities and in thinking about the application process. To overcome the difficulty of writing a proposal far in advance, keep in mind that a proposal is a projection of what you expect to accomplish in the future, offering sufficient reason for why your plans are promising, rather than a statement with definitive conclusions.

Enriching Resources

**CONTACT** Ellen Fox
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From the array of activities at Dudley House to the many GSAS student organizations, from the wide range of groups and workshops at the Bureau of Study Counsel and Mental Health Services to the wide diversity of Harvard Chaplains, there are many supportive resources available to GSAS students. In my role as Director of Student Services, I am available to help you explore these resources and discuss in confidence any academic or personal concerns. I invite you to make an appointment.
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The Graduate Student Center

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Faculty/Student Dinner
Thursday, November 12, 5:30 p.m. (reception in the Graduate Student Lounge), 6 p.m. (dinner in the Common Room). Invite your advisor or another favorite faculty member to a gourmet three-course meal at Dudley House. Tickets are required and may be obtained from the Dudley House Office as long as they last. Students on the Longwood campus may call 617-495-2255 to arrange for tickets.

Harvard/MIT Grad Student Party
Saturday, November 14, 8:30 p.m., Main Dining Room. Do you remember when stonewash was cool? When shoulder pads were in? When pastels and neon were worn side by side? Come relive the joy of ’80s fashion and do the running-man all night long at the Harvard-MIT ’80s party. Come dressed in your best ’80s gear and reminisce with friends. Free entry; snacks provided; there will be a charge for wine and beer.

Dudley House Winter Formal
Saturday December 5, 8:30–9:30 p.m., dance lesson, 9:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m., dance. Celebrate the end of classes at the Dudley House Winter Formal. See the House transformed into a decadent winter wonderland, and your fellow grad students dressed-to-impress and dancing the night away. Live music by the Dudley House Orchestra. Tickets (which include hors d’oeuvres, desserts and drinks) on sale at Dudley House Office starting November 23 for $10; $15 at the door.

Brought to you by your Dudley Social Events Fellows: Laura Tully (tully.laura@gmail.com), Alison Hill (althill@fas.harvard.edu), Sverre Johnsen (johnsen@fas.harvard.edu), and Rory Schacter (schacter@fas.harvard.edu).

OUTINGS

Avenue Q
Thursday, November 19, in Boston, 7:30 p.m.

E-Dudley
What’s the fastest way to get up-to-the-minute news about events at Dudley House?
The Dudley House e-mail list! Subscribe at www.fas.harvard.edu/~dudley.

This way to coffee:
The Gato Rojo beckons on an early fall day.
This Tony Award–winning musical features a cast of hilariously foul puppets who live (alongside humans) in a charming yet rundown New York neighborhood and deal with everyday challenges like getting a job, falling in love, and discovering their purpose in life. Tickets on sale Tuesday, November 10, at the Dudley House Office. Limited to 30 people. Contact Tina (tinalin@fas.harvard.edu).

**Save the Dates:**
Coming in December, tickets to The Nutcracker Ballet and Mamma Mia.

Coming in January, Dudley House ski trips to Sugarloaf (trip 1: January 18–21; trip 2: January 21–24, 2010).

Brought to you by your Dudley Outings Fellows: Tina Lin (tinalin@fas.harvard.edu) and Cara Takakjian (ctakakjian@fas.harvard.edu).

**INTELLECTUAL/CULTURAL EVENTS**

**Senior Common Room Dinner**

Monday, November 9, reception 5:30 p.m., Graduate Student Lounge, dinner 6 p.m., Common Room. Join us for an evening with renowned economist Robert C. Merton, John and Natty McArthur University Professor at the Harvard Business School. Merton is past president of the American Finance Association, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He received the Nobel Prize in the Economic Sciences in 1997. Sign up for tickets at the Dudley House Office; students at Longwood may call 617-495-2255 to arrange for tickets. Contact Sahand (hormoz@fas.harvard.edu).

**International Movie Night: Bombay (1995)**

Thursday, November 5, 7 p.m. This classic Bollywood movie uses the plight of a Muslim-Hindu couple to examine the religious tensions and violence of Bombay in the early ‘90s, when the famous Babri Masjid was torn down. Featuring a stunning soundtrack and presenting a balanced view of the riots, this is a don’t-miss. Light refreshments will be served.

Brought to you by your Dudley IC Fellows: Anouska Bhattacharyya (abhattach@fas.harvard.edu), Sahand Hormoz (hormoz@fas.harvard.edu), Dinyar Patel (dpatel@fas.harvard.edu), and Esra-Gokce Sahin (egsahin@fas.harvard.edu).

**DUDLEY CLASSIC FILMS**

**Films are shown Friday evenings on the big-screen TV in the Graduate Student Lounge. Everyone welcome.**

**Classic American Genres of the 1950s**

Friday, November 13

6 p.m. Sci-fi: *The Incredible Shrinking Man* (1957), 81 min. An atomic radiation cloud has a strange effect on a young man: he keeps getting smaller and smaller and the cat and spider keep getting larger.

7:45 p.m. Melodrama: *Written on the Wind* (1956), 99 min. Rock Hudson, Lauren Bacall, Dorothy Malone, and Robert Stack play out their story in lurid Technicolor, with fervid music and flaming nostrils, making this a powerful portrayal of 1950s social and sexual angst.

**Holiday Film Evenings**

Friday, December 11, 6 p.m. Annual classic *The Sound of Music* (1965), 174 min. Crisp apple strudel, Julie Andrews, Captain von Trapp, nuns, Nazis, alps, a scheming baroness…and all those children!

Thursday, December 17, 6 p.m. *It’s a Wonderful Life* (1946), 130 min. Jimmy Stewart gets stuck in Bedford Falls wondering what his life is worth. Frank Capra’s classic film is a great antidote to the stress of exams and papers.

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**Lunch on Us**

Invite a faculty member or GSAS administrator to the Dudley Café, on us. One free ticket per term will be available for graduate students seeking to bring a faculty member (instructor or assistant, associate, or full professor; no teaching fellows or postdocs, please) or administrator to lunch. To pick up tickets for you and your guest, visit the Dudley House Office on the third floor. (Several students may bring the same guest.)
DUDLEY HOUSE

Irony and Identity
This year’s Tanner Lectures at the Humanities Center will be delivered by Jonathan Lear, the John U. Nef Distinguished Service Professor at the Committee on Social Thought and in the Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago. Lecture 1: “Becoming Human Is Not That Easy,” Wednesday, November 4, 4:30 p.m. Lecture 2: “Ironic Soul,” Thursday, November 5, 4:30 p.m. Both talks are in the Lowell Lecture Hall. Moderated by Homi Bhabha, with respondents Cora Diamond (University of Virginia School of Law) and Richard Moran (Harvard University Department of Philosophy).

DUDLEY ARTS

The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats
Thursday, November 5, 8-10 p.m. Direct from The People’s Republic of China, the Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats offer sensational acrobatics, balancing feats, martial arts displays, and much more. Performing at the Center for the Arts at Northeastern University (360 Huntington Avenue, Boston). Tickets are $10 for students. Meet at Dudley at 7 p.m. Contact Charlie (marcrum@fas.harvard.edu).

Modernism Four Ways
Saturday, November 14, 11 a.m. Gallery Talk with Melissa Renn, research associate, Department of American Art, Harvard Art Museum/Fogg Museum. Four paintings on display in Re-View offer a fascinating glimpse of the range of styles, painting methods, and types of patronage that characterized American art between the 1920s and 1950s: Georgia O’Keeffe’s Red and Pink (1925), Charles Sheeler’s Upper Deck (1929), Jackson Pollock’s No. 2 (1950), and Jacob Lawrence’s Ventriloquist (1952). Free admission. Meet at Dudley at 10:45 a.m. to walk to the Sackler Museum. Contact Charlie (marcrum@fas.harvard.edu).

Russian Ark
Saturday, November 21, 7–9 p.m., Graduate Student Lounge. Come see director Alexander Sokurov’s 2002 tour de force film on Dudley’s big screen. Filmed in a single take, this lavish and dreamlike work chronicles the ghosts of 300 years of Russian history. Snacks will be provided. Contact Charlie (marcrum@fas.harvard.edu).

Dudley Knitting Group
Wednesdays: 7:30–10 p.m., Want to learn how to knit? Looking to meet other knitters (and crocheters, spinners...)? Join us at the Cafe Gato Rojo on Wednesdays for company, conversation, and crafting! We have yarn and needles for anyone starting out and are happy to show you the ropes. Contact Katie (kmrose@fas.harvard.edu).

Salsa Tuesdays
Tuesdays, 8:30–10 p.m., Graduate Student Lounge. Looking for a great way to meet new people, stay in shape, learn some smooth dance
moves, and listen to some hot Latin music? Salsa Tuesdays at Dudley is the way to go. No experience necessary and no partner required; smooth-soled, comfortable shoes are recommended. Contact Katie (kmrose@fas.harvard.edu).

Upcoming: Open Mic nights at the Gato
Dust off the guitar, dig out the sing-along songbooks, or just come by to support your friends over a cup of fair-trade coffee! We’re looking for local talent to play a few evening sets in Dudley’s own coffee-house, the Gato Rojo. Contact Katie (kmrose@fas.harvard.edu) or Tara (dankel@fas.harvard.edu), and keep your eyes peeled for upcoming shows!

Brought to you by your Dudley Arts Fellows: Charlie Marcrum (marcrum@fas.harvard.edu) and Katie Rose (kmrose@fas.harvard.edu).

MUSIC AT DUDLEY

Dudley House Orchestra Fall Concert
Sunday, November 15, 8 p.m., Paine Hall.
Featuring the music of Sibelius, Ginastera, and De Falla. Tickets are $7 for students, $10 for others. Dudley House Orchestra is the graduate student orchestra at Harvard, holding rehearsals once a week on Sunday evenings from 6:30–9 p.m. in the Main Dining Room at Dudley. All students who play an instrument are invited to join! For information, visit www.fas.harvard.edu/~dudley/fellows/music/orch/ or contact Bert (vanherck@fas.harvard.edu).

Dudley House Jazz Band Winter Concert
Saturday, December 12, 8 p.m., Main Dining Room. Featuring evergreen Gershwin standards revisited by Duke Ellington, Stan Kenton, Sammy Nestico, and more, starring pianist William Bares as a very special guest. Free admission. Weekly rehearsals take place on Wednesday nights in the Common Room: Combo, 6–7:30 p.m., Big Band, 8–10 p.m. There are openings in all sections; interested singers, musicians, and composers should contact Jean-François (jcharles@fas.harvard.edu).

World Music Ensemble Winter Concert
Sunday, December 13, 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. No experience with traditional or world music is necessary to join, but any member who knows music of a specific culture can teach tunes to the group. We craft our arrangements at Tuesday night rehearsals and then play an exciting fusion at our end-of-semester concerts. Contact Behtash (babadi@fas.harvard.edu).

The Dudley House Choral Program
Join the Dudley Chorus for an exciting season! Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. This year we will have a concert of fun tunes from around the world (Germany, USA, Mexico among others) and a concert of Sacred Music from Eastern Europe and Russia (Stravinsky, Janacek, and Rachmaninov, among others). Contact Gabriele at gyanoni@fas.harvard.edu.

Brought to you by your Dudley Music Fellows: Behtash Babadi (babadi@fas.harvard.edu), Jean-François Charles (jcharles@fas.harvard.edu), Bert Van Herck (vanherck@fas.harvard.edu), and Gabriele Vanoni (gyanoni@fas.harvard.edu).

Accessibility Services
The Accessible Education Office can arrange for readers, note-takers, interpreters, accessible classrooms, shuttle van service, and special final-examination services for students with physical and/or learning disabilities. Assistance is also available for students temporarily disabled by illness or accident. For information, visit www.fas.harvard.edu/~aeo.

Baby, It’s Cold Outside

Warm up at the Dudley House Winter Formal
Saturday December 5, 2009
8:30–9:30 p.m., take a waltzing lesson
9:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m., dance!

TICKETS: $10 in advance, $15 at the door (including hors d’oeuvres, desserts, and drinks).
Interested in Resident and Dudley Fellow Positions?
There will be an informational meeting about resident and Dudley Fellow positions for the 2010-11 academic year on Monday, November 30, at 4 p.m. in the Dudley House Common Room. The meeting will feature a discussion about opportunities as freshman proctors in the freshman dormitories, resident tutors in the Houses, resident advisors in the GSAS residence halls, and Dudley fellows. A panel of students who currently hold these positions will discuss their experiences and offer application suggestions. For more information, call 617-495-5005 or e-mail efox@fas.harvard.edu.

DUDLEY PUBLIC SERVICE

Pine Street Inn’s Annual Knit-a-Thon
Sunday, November 8, meet on the Dudley Steps at 10:30 a.m. Come join us as we knit squares to turn into afghans for the homeless.

Blood Drive
Thursday, November 19, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Graduate Student Lounge. Sponsored by Mt. Auburn Hospital.

Little Brothers Thanksgiving Event
Thursday, November 26. Looking for a place to go on Thanksgiving? Join us to visit elderly folks who are looking for companionship. Meet on the Dudley Steps at 9:30 a.m. Note: you must fill out a CORI background-check form in advance, so contact the fellows at dudleypublicservice@gmail.com.

Ongoing:
Tutoring opportunities through Cambridge School Volunteers and Agassiz Baldwin Community After-School Program. Contact the fellows for the forms you’ll need.

Food Drive. Donate nonperishable food items in the foyer of Dudley House.

Weekly Soup Kitchen at Christ’s Church, 0 Garden St. Join other Harvard volunteers every Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Brought to you by your Dudley Public Service Fellows: Enoch Lambert (lambert4@fas.harvard.edu) and Zhunan Chen (zachen86@yahoo.com).

DUDLEY LITERARY PROGRAM

Writing Boot Camp
Saturday and Sunday, November 7–8, and then again November 14–15, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Common Room. Having trouble setting aside some time to write? Join us for the weekend — we will provide a quiet setting, breakfast and lunch, caffeine, and some guidance from the GSAS writing tutor. Students from all disciplines and at any stage of writing are welcome. Cost is $20, plus a $20 deposit that will be returned at the end of the weekend if you attend both sessions. Information at www.fas.harvard.edu/~dudley/fellows/lit/bootcamp.html.

Writer’s Workshop
Sundays, November 8 and 22, 1–3 p.m., Dudley Library. If the phrase “academic prose” does not encompass your literary aspirations, come to the Writer’s Workshop. Bring whatever you’re working on (poetry, essay, fiction, memoir, drama) and join in the discussion. Information at www.fas.harvard.edu/~dudley/fellows/lit/writing.html.

Book Club
Thursday, November 12, 7–9 p.m., Fireside Room. November’s book is The Blithedale Romance, by Nathaniel Hawthorne. Head to the Dudley Library (3rd floor) to sign up; space is limited. Information at www.fas.harvard.edu/~dudley/fellows/lit/bookclub.html.

Brought to you by your Dudley Literary Fellows, Jonathan Bruno and Keith Stone (dudley_literary@yahoo.com).

INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS

With the fall term in full swing, it’s not too late to get involved with Dudley Athletics. Join one of the Dudley intramural teams to compete in ultimate frisbee, soccer, flag football, tennis, or volleyball, and watch for announcements on our website (http://GoDudley.webhop.org) about Game Nights in the game room, where you can play pool, foosball, air hockey, ping pong, or Wii (including Rock Band).

Brought to you by your Dudley Athletics Fellows: Mehmet Akcaayka (akecaayka@seas.harvard.edu) and Doug McClure (dmclure@fas.harvard.edu).
Dudley House Calendar  November 2009

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION, CHECK DUDLEY HOUSE E-MAIL LISTINGS

1 Sunday
Writing Bootcamp
Common Room 9 a.m.
Dudley Orchestra Rehearsal
Main Dining Room 6:30 p.m.

3 Tuesday
World Music Ensemble Rehearsal
Fireside Room 6:30 p.m.
Dudley Chorus Rehearsal
Common Room 7 p.m.
Salsa Class
Graduate Student Lounge 8:30 p.m.

4 Wednesday
Publishing Seminar
Common Room 4 p.m.
Graduate Student Council Open Meeting
Graduate Student Lounge 6:30 p.m.
Dudley Knitting Group
Café Gato Rojo 7:30 p.m.
Dudley Jazz Combo Rehearsal
Common Room 6 p.m.

7 Saturday
Writing Bootcamp
Common Room 9 a.m.
Dudley Jazz Band Rehearsal
Common Room 8 p.m.

8 Sunday
Writing Bootcamp
Common Room 9 a.m.
Pine Street Inn
Knit-a-Thon
Leave Dudley at 10:30 a.m.
Dudley Orchestra Rehearsal
Main Dining Room 6:30 p.m.

9 Monday
Senior Common Room Dinner, Robert Merton
Reception: Graduate Student Lounge, 6 p.m.
Dudley Chorus Rehearsal
Common Room 7 p.m.
Salsa Class
Graduate Student Lounge 8:30 p.m.

13 Friday
Dudley Classic Films: Genres of the 1950s
Graduate Student Lounge 6 p.m.: Incredible Shrinking Man
7:45: Written on the Wind

14 Saturday
Gallery Talk: Modernism Four Ways
Leave Dudley 10:45 a.m.
Writing Bootcamp
Common Room 9 a.m.
Harvard/MIT Campfire
Main Dining Room 8:30 p.m.

15 Sunday
Tickets on sale for Avenue Q outing
World Music Ensemble Rehearsal
Fireside Room 6:30 p.m.
Dudley Chorus Rehearsal
Common Room 7 p.m.
Salsa Class
Graduate Student Lounge 8:30 p.m.

18 Wednesday
Dudley Knitting Group
Café Gato Rojo 7:30 p.m.

19 Thursday
Public Service Blood Drive
Graduate Student Lounge 10:30 a.m.
Outing to Avenue Q
Boston Theater 8 p.m.

21 Saturday
Arts Movie: Russian Ark
Graduate Student Lounge 8 p.m.

26 Thursday – 29 Sunday
Thanksgiving Holiday
Dudley House closed

30 Monday
Resident and Dudley Fellow Info Session
Common Room 4 p.m.
Dudley Orchestra Rehearsal
Common Room 6 p.m.

DECEMBER
1 Tuesday
World Music Ensemble Rehearsal
Fireside Room 6:30 p.m.
Dudley Orchestra Rehearsal
Common Room 7 p.m.
Preventing Interviewing Pitfalls

 Actually get out there and do it. You practical tips on how to process of networking and give workshop will demystify the in your field of interest. This from people already working with and gather information find the perfect job is to meet workshop: Tough Questions and Negotiations, January 7, 10–11:30 a.m. at OCS. Career Transition Work Group, four Tuesdays, beginning January 12, 1–3 p.m. at OCS. Real-Life Stories from the Academic Job Search, Wednesday, January 13, 4:30–6 p.m. at Dudley House. How to Feel as Smart and Capable as Everyone Seems to Think You Are, a presentation by Valerie Young. Thursday, January 14, time and location TBA. Retooling: Job Search Boot Camp, Wednesday, January 20, 3–5 p.m. at Dudley House. Reflections on Rejections, Tuesday, January 26, time and location TBA.

Career Information Listservs
To stay informed about job opportunities, career workshops, job fairs, and other events, we encourage you to subscribe to either or both of our GSAS-focused listservs, our primary mode of communication with graduate students. 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.”

Dossier Service
Graduate students intending to pursue academic careers are encouraged to use this web-based service, which is specifically designed to help current GSAS students and GSAS alumni manage their letters of recommendation. To get started, go to www.ocs.fas.harvard.edu or call Maureen Hilton at 617-495-2787.

Walk-In Hours and Appointments
The GSAS counselors hold regular walk-in hours every Monday from 1 to 4 p.m. If you have a quick question, drop in for a 10–15 minute session. To schedule an individual appointment with one of the GSAS specialists, please call 617-495-2595.

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Early Feedback

Why wait until the end of the semester to ask your students about your teaching? Q scores are etched in stone, and you receive them only after it’s too late to use them for your current course. Instead, ask your students to fill out mid-semester evaluations. When you get their feedback before your course is over, you have a chance to adjust your teaching or applaud your success. You also show your students you care about their experience as learners while they’re still learning.

The Bok Center can help you craft mid-semester evaluations that meet your needs, and our trained staff is happy to assist you in making the best use of your feedback. Indeed, research shows you’ll get more out of feedback if you consult with a person experienced in interpreting student evaluations. Hard copy templates and online forms are available through the “Early Evaluations” topic-box on your course website or you can download them from http://bokcenter.harvard.edu.

Language Coaching for Non-Native English Speakers

Check out the Bok Center website for workshops on Speaking Clearly with an Accent, for TEs who are non-native speakers of English. Learn simple techniques for improving the clarity of your spoken English. Contact Virginia Maurer (vmaurer@fas.harvard.edu).

Departmental TFs: A Great Peer Resource

The Departmental Teaching Fellows program continues to grow in 2009–2010 with the addition of a Departmental TF in Linguistics and a Departmental TA for studio art in Visual and Environmental Studies. Departmental TFs are experienced teachers who are trained and mentored by the Bok Center while also working closely with their faculty and administrative offices. DTFs bring teaching-related workshops, discussions, consultations, and office hours directly into their departments. Many serve as TFs for graduate courses on pedagogy, and others are busy developing new discipline-specific resources like handbooks, websites, and more. Please seek them out—they’d be happy to talk with you about teaching.

If you’re interested in becoming a Departmental TF next year, please visit the Bok Center website in January, when the application materials will be posted. Contact Virginia Maurer (vmaurer@fas.harvard.edu).

In Common
GRAD STUDENT PEER COUNSELING

Preoccupied? Have something on your mind? Just need to talk? Call us.
In Common is an anonymous and confidential peer counseling hotline for graduate students.
Call us Sunday - Thursday, 8 pm - 12 am
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Our Mission
The GSAS Graduate Student Council (GSC) strives to support and improve the quality of graduate student life at Harvard. In addition to monthly open business meetings, we regularly convene with the Deans of the Graduate School and represent graduate students on more than a dozen university and student committees.

In past years, we have worked to clarify parental accommodation policies for student parents, pressed for a new dental plan, helped organize a University-wide Day of Service, and coordinated a variety of student forums on topics such as healthcare coverage. Since 1999, we have recognized and advocated for excellence in faculty mentoring with the annual Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Awards.

Open meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of each month from September through May (excluding January). Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Dudley House Graduate Student Lounge.

Concerned about recent cuts to the evening van services? Have ideas for improving campus safety? The College Safety Committee will be sending representatives from HUPD, community relations, and transportation/facilities to present on the committee’s activities and take your questions.

Are you a student group representative? We will be announcing and voting on funding allocations for Round 1. If your group applied for funding, please remember that a representative must be present at this meeting for final approval.

Are you interested in applying for a conference or summer research grant next semester? To be eligible, your department must have been represented at a minimum of two open meetings this semester. Only two open meetings remain, including this one, so be sure to check your department’s attendance on our website.

The final meeting of the semester will be held on December 2.

Wiki Spotlight
The former GSAS Survival Guide is now a wiki! Please help us out by checking it out and contributing here: www.harvardgsc.com/wiki/

Research and Conference Grants
GSC conference grants provide up to $750 to GSAS students presenting at conferences or symposia in their fields throughout the year. Any student who has paid the GSC fee and whose department has been represented at a minimum of two GSC open meetings the preceding semester is eligible to apply.

Next Deadline: February 10 (Winter Round)
For a complete list of deadlines, guidelines, attendance records, and application materials, please visit www.harvardgsc.com or contact GSC Secretary Cherie Ramirez (cramirez@fas.harvard.edu).

Funding for GSAS Student Groups
The GSC provides funding for recognized GSAS student organizations and special events sponsored by GSAS groups. Guidelines, application forms and deadlines are available at www.harvardgsc.com. To be eligible for funding, group representatives must be present for at least two open meetings per semester, including the meeting at which funding requests are considered.

Next Deadline: February 5 (Round 2)
Funding decisions will be announced at the November, March, and April GSC open meetings. For a complete list of deadlines, guidelines, attendance records, and application materials, please visit our website or contact GSC Treasurer Cammi Valdez (cvaldez@fas.harvard.edu).

Does Your Department Have a GSO?
Representing GSAS students starts at the department level. Graduate Student Organizations (GSOs) are department-level student groups that meet periodically to discuss important concerns. Each department should form its own GSO and choose department representatives to attend the GSC open meetings.

If you would like to help your department build its own GSO, please contact the GSC (harvardgsc@gmail.com) and your At-Large Representative (see the list on our website).

Does your department have a GSC Representative?
In order for students in each department to be eligible for conference grants and summer research grants, they must have at least one official GSC representative. This representative acts as a link between the GSC and your department and must attend two or more GSC meetings each semester.

Contact your Graduate Student Organization, department administrator, or graduate student coordinator to ensure that your program is represented.

Stay Connected
Subscribe to our mailing list or join our Facebook page. Go to the GSC website (www.harvardgsc.com) to find out more.

Bust Your Stress
The GSC is excited to once again be partnering with GSAS Student Services to bring you another lecture by mind/body medicine specialist Dr. Herbert Benson. Given the popularity of his previous presentation of applied stress-relief strategies, two identical sessions will be offered: Thursday, November 5, at noon in Sever 113 and Wednesday, November 18, at 7 p.m. in Science Center Hall D.
How to Build a Planet
Observatory Nights at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, free and open to the public, are held on the third Thursday evening of each month. At this month’s event, fifth-year astronomy PhD student Meredith Hughes will explore the miraculous and messy process of planet formation, using clues from as far as the Orion Nebula and as near as your backyard to tease out the evidence of our cosmic origins. Telescope observations will follow, weather permitting. Thursday, November 19, 7:30 p.m. 60 Garden Street, Cambridge. Visit www.cfa.harvard.edu for more.

Bureau of Study Counsel
The Bureau of Study Counsel serves students in many capacities, including academic and personal counseling, tutoring, learning workshops, and via the Reading Course. All groups and workshops are confidential. Call 617-495-2581 or visit bsc.harvard.edu.

Perfectionism: A Double-Edged Sword
One session: Wednesday, November 4, 1-2:30 p.m. To register, e-mail Jennifer Page (jpage@bsc.harvard.edu) or Sung Lim Shin (slishin@bsc.harvard.edu).

Seasons of Grief
One session: Wednesday, December 2, 3-4:30 p.m. To register, e-mail Sheila Reindl (sreindl@bsc.harvard.edu) or Sung Lim Shin (slishin@bsc.harvard.edu).

Exam-Taking Workshop
One session: Wednesday, December 9, noon-1 p.m. No registration required.

Harvard Satyrical Press
New HSP Editor in Chief Needed! Ever thought of running a comedy magazine? Now’s your chance. HSP is looking for a new Editor in Chief, starting Fall 2009/Spring 2010. We are also looking for people interested in layout, web design, editing, writing, graphics, and business/advertising. Contact Andrew Friedman (friedman@fas.harvard.edu).

Rolling Submissions Accepted for Spring Issue
Submit your work to Harvard’s only graduate student comedy magazine, generously funded by the Graduate Student Council. Check it out at www.harvardsp.com, and look for print copies of our fall 2009 issue all around campus. Send submissions or inquiries to harvardsp@gmail.com, attention Andrew Friedman, Editor in Chief.

GSAS Housing Services
Want to Live in the Residence Halls?
Occasionally, rooms become available in the GSAS Residence Halls during the late fall or winter months. Our office is maintaining a waiting list for any new room availabilities in the halls. If you are interested in living in the GSAS Residence Halls, please contact GSAS Housing Services at gsashous@fas.harvard.edu or 617-495-5060. We’re located in Dudley House, room B2.

Harvard University Housing
Harvard University Housing currently has apartments available for rent to eligible graduate students, faculty, and staff. Most properties are within walking distance of Harvard Square or the Longwood Medical Area. No security deposit application fee, finder’s fee, or last month’s rent in advance is required to move in. You can view all of our property information and submit an application at www.hres.harvard.edu/rre.htm. Eligibility restrictions apply; e-mail leasing@harvard.edu for more information.

Du Bois Institute
The W. E. B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research is the nation’s oldest research center dedicated to the study of the history, culture, and social institutions of Africans and African Americans. For information, visit dubois.fas.harvard.edu.

W.E.B. Du Bois Lectures
A series of talks by Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, Avalon Foundation Professor of the Humanities at Columbia University, entitled “Du Bois at Large.” Tuesday, November 17, 4 p.m., “Du Bois & Gramsci”; Wednesday, November 18, 4 p.m., “Du Bois & The General Strike”; Thursday, November 19, 4 p.m., “Du Bois & Women’s Work.”

Harvard Graduate Women in Science and Engineering
HGWise kicked off the new academic year with an ice cream social on the Longwood campus and the annual HGWise Luncheon at Dudley House in Cambridge. Fifty female graduate students from disciplines across the University met to reconnect with old friends and meet women in other fields. We discussed the direction that HGWise will take in the coming year: speakers, workshops, and socials (look for gingerbread-making parties, bocce ball, and croquet!). There is an exciting slate of career and professional-development workshops planned; look for details on the HGWise listserv and in future issues of the Bulletin.

Preventing Interviewing Pitfalls
Wednesday, December 2, 3-4:30 p.m., Dudley House Common Room
Does the thought of a job interview make your knees tremble? Do you tend to speak with “ummm’s” and end declarative sentences with a questioning intonation? Do you shrink in your chair or absentmindedly click your pen? Come to this interactive workshop to identify some of the most common interview impact-busters and learn ways to avoid them. This workshop is co-sponsored by OCS.

Discussion for Current and Prospective Graduate Student Parents
Are you a parent or considering becoming one? HGWise will host a discussion by recent Applied Physics graduate and mother of two, Marissa Olson Hummon, on how to balance work and children and to connect with other graduate students in the same boat. Date and location still TBD; contact HGWISE (hgwise@hcs.harvard.edu) for details.
Note: More events will be added, and details below may change. Please check the web at www.gsas.harvard.edu/january for the most up-to-date listings, as well as sign-up information for all events.

ACADEMIC COURSES
Cell Biology 330, January 6–22
Genetics 390, January 8–23
Virology 330, January 5–26

MICROBIAL SCIENCES INITIATIVE
A hands-on mini-laboratory experience, projected start January 11.

Recreational activities for consortium members: opportunities for informal presentations by MSI-associated faculty members around a group dinner; outings to see microbial activity in action.

Note: students interested in the Microbial Sciences Initiative graduate consortium and the January offerings should attend an information session on November 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the Harvard Center for the Environment seminar room (24 Oxford St.), Contact Karen Lachmayr (klachmay@fas.harvard.edu).

LIBRARY
Harvard College Library will host January workshops for GSAS students on a wide array of topics. Space will be limited for some, and registration will be required for all. Details on dates, times, and locations coming soon. Workshops will include:

Harvard Map Collection Orientation: Harvard Map Collection is the oldest map library in North America and is among the largest. You will view highlights of the antiquarian collection and learn how to find maps and data from all time periods. (1 hour, limited to 15 participants)

Basic Geographic Analysis: Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are powerful tools for performing analytical tasks on data with a spatial component.

Working with Digital Historic Maps: Thousands of digitized items from the Map Collection are available and can be incorporated into a variety of spatial analysis programs like ArcGIS and Google Earth.

EndNote Workshop for the Sciences: a hands-on workshop on making effective use of EndNote citation management software, especially for scientists.

Bibliography and Book History: A series of special conversations, hosted by Houghton Library
Introduction to Bibliography
Manuscript to Print
Binding Workshop
Printing Shakespeare
Bibliography in the Modern Era

For more information or to share an idea for a workshop on a subject or resource, contact Laura Farwell Blake (farwell@fas.harvard.edu).

THE ARTS
Jazz in the Gato
January 14, 7 p.m.
Dudley House Café Gato Rojo

Chamber Music Concert
January 16, 7:30 p.m.
Dudley House Dining Room

Classic Movies: Roman Holiday & Citizen Kane
January 22, 7:30 p.m., Dudley House Graduate Student Lounge

OUTINGS AND RECREATION
Game Room night — stay tuned!

Ski Trips
January 18–24, New Hampshire

In the Heights, theatre outing
January 24, 7:30 p.m., Boston Opera House

ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE
Pronunciation Course
• January 11–February 5: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m.–noon or 7:35–9:35 p.m.
• January 12–February 5: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 1–3 p.m.
Institute for English Language

Writing Course
January 11–February 5, time TBA
Institute for English Language

FELLOWSHIPS
Fellowship-Writing Bootcamp
January 22, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. (tentative)
Institute for English Language

From Dissertation to Book
January 15, 2–4 p.m., Suzanne Smith, GSAS Writing Tutor
Dudley House Private Dining Room

Writing Bootcamp
January 11–12, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Dudley House Common Room

FINANCIAL PLANNING
Workshop on Financial Planning for your Final Years in GSAS
January 21, 4–5:30 p.m.
Dudley House
GSAS Fellowships Office
Financial Aid Office

REAL LIFE STORIES FROM THE ACADEMIC JOB SEARCH
Career Transition Workshop
January 5, 12, 19, 26, and Feb 2, 1–3 p.m. (1–4 p.m. on Jan 26)
Office of Career Services, 54 Dunster Street

The Imposter Syndrome
January 14, 4–6 p.m.
(tentative), Location TBA
Dr. Valerie Young
Sponsored by HGWISE, FDD, Post-Doc Affairs, GSC, GSAS, OCS

Retooling: Job Search Boot Camp
January 20, 3–5 p.m.
OCS, 54 Dunster Street

Reflections on Rejections
January 26, 4–5:30 p.m.
(tentative), Location TBA

Job Search Tough Questions and Negotiations
January 27, 10–11:30 a.m.
OCS, 54 Dunster Street
Mentors, Advisors, Community Builders

BECOME A HOUSE TUTOR OR A FRESHMAN PROCTOR AND PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE LIFE OF HARVARD COLLEGE

GSAS STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO explore House Tutor and freshman Proctor positions, which provide not only an opportunity to take part in the life of Harvard College, but also a valuable educational and administrative experience. This introduction is intended to acquaint GSAS students with some aspects of the College, and to help graduate students compete successfully for College appointments.

What follows is a description of the responsibilities and application procedures for House Tutors and freshman Proctors, prepared by the House Masters and the Dean of Freshmen. Applicants should pay special attention to deadlines.

House Tutors

There are 12 residential Houses, along with Dudley House, which serves GSAS students and has approximately 70 undergraduate affiliates.

Graduate students may associate with Houses as Tutors in a Senior Common Room made up of Tutors, faculty associates, and other members who form a coterie of postgraduate academics and professionals.

RESPONSIBILITIES

House Tutors, both resident and nonresident, are expected to be advisors to, and intellectual role models for, undergraduates. Although each House may have different specific expectations, the following may be considered as general guidelines for Tutors.

Resident Tutors are required to participate in any House-specific training, as well as the University-wide Tutor Orientation Program in late August, and to be in residence from the time students arrive through Commencement, holding direct responsibility for a given entry, hallway, or building. All Tutors participate actively in House life and are accessible to students for both academic and personal counseling. Many Tutors are also selected to be sophomore advisors.

Tutors take initiative in organizing and participating in intellectual, cultural, and extracurricular activities in the House, and those representing their department and/or field are engaged in teaching courses in their specialty (perhaps in House-based sections or House-based tutorials for credit), tutoring and advising (in coordination with departments), and writing letters of recommendation for students.

In addition to their roles as academic and social advisers, resident Tutors must also occasionally handle discipline, maintaining Harvard’s rules and regulations as they apply to residential life.

Resident Tutors are provided housing and meals to enable them to meet the responsibilities outlined above. Some Tutors may receive additional compensation for special appointments in the House, such as work as a Senior Resident Tutor or House Librarian. An important reward for becoming a House Tutor is the fellowship of the Senior Common Room, which is made up of scholars from a wide range of disciplines and ages.

HOW TO APPLY

To become a House Tutor, apply online at asperin.fas.harvard.edu/horatio/login.jsp.

For information about the Dudley Cooperative and working with non-residents, contact the Dudley House Undergraduate Office at ududley@fas.harvard.edu.

The online submission should include a cover letter and resume. Among other things, the letter might describe specific academic interests and potential contributions to the scholarly life of students in the House, special nonacademic activities (hobbies or cultural, political, and community activities) and ways you might share these with members of the House, and any dorm-living experiences you may have had in college or elsewhere. Each member of a partnered or married couple should both submit information through the online portal.

Applications and additional information will be available on the Office of Student Life website (www.osl.fas.harvard.edu) on December 1. Completed applications and all supporting materials must be submitted by February 12, 2009. If you wish for official recognition by the department or departments in which you teach, you must notify those departments of your interest in becoming a House Tutor. Some House Tutors do not represent departments officially.

Candidates selected as finalists for appointment will be interviewed during January and February and appointment offers will be made in writing in early March.

Freshman Proctors

Freshman Proctors provide guidance for first-year students in all aspects of their exploration of Harvard.

Proctors reside in freshman dormitories and are the members of the College staff with whom first-year students have the most extensive contact.

Each Proctor works under the direction of a Resident Dean of Freshmen to create an academic and social community among 20 to 25 first-year students and to provide academic counseling to approximately 5 to 8 first-year students.

Providing academic information and guidance is the key to an effective advising system, and each Proctor must develop knowledge of general and specific course and degree requirements as they apply to his or her group of students. Proctors are expected to help students plan course schedules, aid students when they encounter academic difficulties, and think through course programs and concentration plans with students. The Proctor will also play a disciplinary role.

Proctors are appointed for the academic year. Appointments are reviewed and, if appropriate, renewed annually.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please check the Freshman Dean’s Office website (www.fdo.fas.harvard.edu) for Proctor application information and upcoming deadlines.
HARVARD INTEGRATED LIFE SCIENCES (HILS) came together on September 30 at the Museum of Comparative Zoology to celebrate two scientific milestones: the publication of Charles Darwin’s *On the Origin of Species* and the founding of the Museum of Comparative Zoology by one of Darwin’s arch-nemeses, Louis Agassiz. Although the museum was founded with the purpose of collecting evidence to disprove Darwin’s theories, it is now a leading center for research in reconstructing the Tree of Life and the processes that created it.

Students from the department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology showed off their workplace to other biology students — from departments such as Chemical Biology, Molecular and Cell Biology, Systems Biology, and Neuroscience. Students and deans got to see and hold the skin of a 12-foot boa, the baculum of a 400 lb walrus, the world’s smallest hummingbird, a fish with light organs along its body and with the biggest teeth (relative to its body size) of any fish, a giant fossil nautilus, beautiful butterflies, and a room full of ants.

The event showcased the degree to which the diversity of life will always be an endless source of fascination for all biologists, providing a comparative framework within which research on all species, including humans, can be carried out.

Examining an animal fur and an assortment of hummingbirds, among the treasures of the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology.