Harvard-Radcliffe Class of 1961
60th Reunion Schedule
May 27 – June 4, 2021

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**Thursday, May 27**

10:30 AM–12:15 PM  **2021 Graduation**
We will gather as a community online on Thursday, May 27, to award degrees and celebrate the achievements of our graduates. The principal address will be delivered by Ruth Simmons. President Simmons—now at Prairie View A&M University after serving as president at both Smith College and Brown University—is among America’s foremost advocates for higher education.

2:30–3:30 PM  **Virtual Tree Spread**
Join us for a time-honored and beloved tradition! Breakout rooms will be set up by House with the ability to move between rooms.

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**Friday, May 28**

12:00–2:30 PM  **Radcliffe Day**
On Radcliffe Day, please join Dean Tomiko Brown-Nagin as she welcomes 2021 Radcliffe medalist Melinda Gates, philanthropist, businesswoman and best-selling author. Her work at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which she cofounded two decades ago, has led her to focus on improving the lives of women and girls as a means to accelerate positive change. Our program will explore how best to increase women’s power and influence in the United States with participants Iris Bohnet, Thasunda Brown Duckett, Drew Gilpin Faust, David Rubenstein, and Nikema Williams.

3:30 PM–5:00 PM  **Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project**
Please join Alice Abarbanel, Julie Cheever, Connie Gibb, and Diane Franklin from the Class of 1966 for an update on the Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project, including several excerpts from oral history interviews with alumnae from classes of the 1940s to the early 1960s. This project was initiated in 2019 by the Radcliffe Club of San Francisco and in April 2020 the Schlesinger Library awarded the project one of four honorary Schlesinger Library Oral History Grants. Interviews are conducted by alumnae volunteers and the recordings and transcripts are sent to the Radcliffe College Archives at the Schlesinger.
**Wednesday, June 2**

11:30–11:35 AM  **Reunion Welcome**  
Brief remarks from program co-chairs Peter Ellis, Ruth Wardle Scott, and Josh Young

11:35–1:00 PM  **Classmate Panel: Defending Inclusive Pluralist Democracy**  
Moderator: Joan Hutchins '61  
*Barney Frank '61* on how to break the vicious cycle that sustains xenophobic populism by demonstrating that government can reduce economic inequality.

1:00–2:00 PM  **Break**

2:00–2:45 PM  **Memorial Service**  
Join classmates as we gather to honor those in the class we have lost since our 55th Reunion in 2016.

3:00–3:30 PM  **Break**

3:30–5:00 PM  **Faculty Panel: Professor Venkatesh Murthy**  
What is intelligence? For animals, including humans, this is characterized by flexible problem solving with limited information. Machine intelligence includes everything from voice recognizing smartphones to game-playing computers, and more. Many of us think that a comparative study of animal and machine intelligence will be fruitful for understanding both. Importantly, as machines increasingly perform tasks that were once thought to be solely in the domain of humans, there is an urgent need for discussions of the moral and societal implications of artificial intelligence.

5:00–6:00 PM  **Social Hour**  
Unstructured time to catch-up with classmates

**Thursday, June 3**

11:30–1:00 PM  **Classmate Panel: Avis Bohlen ’61 and James Collins ’61**  
Classmates and former Ambassadors *Avis Bohlen ’61* and *James Collins ’61*

1:00–2:00 PM  **Break**

2:00–3:00 PM  **Faculty Panel – Women and Guns**  
*Professor Caroline Light* on the unanticipated implications of “second wave” feminist mobilization, and the marketing of guns as essential to women’s self-defense.
3:00—3:10 PM  **Mini-Break**

3:10—4:30 PM  **Cathcart and Klein Comedy**
Classmates Thomas Cathcart ’61 and Daniel Klein ’61

4:30—5:00 PM  **Class Update**
An update on our Harvard College Fund class giving total, the Pitman Diorama restoration project and accompanying video, our Class Governance, and what we’re planning for 2022!

5:00—6:00 PM  **Social Hour**
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**Friday, June 4**

11:45 AM—1:00 PM  **Harvard Alumni Association Annual Meeting**
The Annual Meeting will kick off at 11:45 a.m. (ET) with special pre-program hosted by the 25th Reunion Chief Marshal Anurima Bhargava AB ’96, followed by the main program at noon (ET), hosted by HAA President John J. West Jr. MBA ’95.

The program will include remarks by Harvard University President Lawrence S. Bacow and featured speaker Kevin Young AB ’92, the Andrew W. Mellon Director of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture. The program will also include recognition of the 25th Reunion Chief Marshal and the incoming HAA President; and a celebration of the 2020 and 2021 Harvard Medalists.

2:00—3:15 PM  **A Conversation with Michael Sandel**
Join fellow classmates, Crimson Society members, and other Harvard and Radcliffe alumni celebrating their reunions for a virtual program featuring Michael J. Sandel, Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professor of Government.

3:30—5:00 PM  **Classmate Discussion of Professor Sandel’s Presentation**
Directly after Michael Sandel’s talk about his new book, The Tyranny of Merit, our class will have an opportunity to discuss the issues Professor Sandel raises.