

Harvard Women's Weekend Agenda FINAL

Friday, November 4

2:00–3:30 pm: **HKS Women's SIG Discussion**

Location: HKS Campus, Belfer Building, Bell Hall

Join HKS alumnae and students to discuss ways to enhance the professional and personal development of women. The event, which will focus on the realities and challenges women face in their careers, includes a case study workshop followed by a networking session for alumnae and students. This event is organized in cooperation with the HKS Women's Network, a shared interest group (SIG) that is currently in formation.

3:00–5:00 pm: **Alumnae-led Breakouts and Campus Activities** (choose one)

- **[Global Women's Empowerment Expo: Connect, Recruit, and Inspire](#)**

Location: Hives Classrooms, Batten Hall, 125 Western Ave, Allston

Leading women's empowerment organizations connect with Harvard alumni and students seeking career, internship, mentorship, volunteer, and fundraising opportunities. Hosted by [Harvard Alumni for Global Women's Empowerment](#), [the Harvard Center for Public Interest Careers](#), [Harvard Circle of Women](#), and [HBS Women's Student Association](#).

- **Hits and Misses: Sports Marketing, Gender, and Society**

Location: Knafel Center, Radcliffe Yard

Sports permeates our society. From the inspiring to the infuriating, athletes and teams have a broad reach. This conversation of experts from business, journalism, and academia will look at the extent of such influence and illuminate the connections among sports, marketing, and gender. Speakers will consider how gender affects the ways athletes are represented and how sports are promoted through data analysis, advertising campaigns, and the media. Hosted by the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study

Welcoming Remarks: **Lizabeth Cohen**, Dean, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, and Howard Mumford Jones Professor of American Studies, Department of History

Speakers: **Jessica Gelman** AB '97, CEO of Kraft Analytics Group (KAGR); **Daniel Peterson** AB '02, resident scholar in journalism, Lowell House; director of content, AdmitHub; former editor, [ESPNBoston.com](#); **Shira Springer** AB '97, columnist on women's sports, *The Boston Globe*; **Janet Rich-Edwards** AB '84 (moderator), associate professor of medicine, Harvard Medical School; associate professor in the department of epidemiology, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, codirector of the science program, Radcliffe Institute.

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- **Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance Reception**

Location, Ticknor Lounge, Boylston Hall

Join Latina graduate and undergraduate students for an informal gathering. Refreshments will be served.

3:30 pm: **Harvard Women's Tennis vs. Syracuse University**

Location: Murr Center

Cheer on Harvard Women's Tennis as they play Syracuse.

5:00–7:00 pm: **Welcome Reception at Harvard Business School**

Location: Williams Room, Harvard Business School

Join fellow attendees for a reception featuring welcoming remarks by Drew Gilpin Faust, President and Lincoln Professor of History, Harvard University, and a performance from Harvard's oldest all-female a cappella group, the Radcliffe Pitches. Beer, wine, and light snacks will be served.

7:00–9:00 pm: **HKS Women's Evening Reception**

Location: HKS Campus, Littauer Building, Malkin Penthouse

An evening cocktail reception exclusively for HKS alumnae to meet and network with their peers, and an opportunity to bring together the HKS community before the HAA Women's Weekend begins. Welcome remarks will be given by [Iris Bohnet](#), Director of Women and Public Policy Program and Professor of Public Policy at HKS. Light refreshments will be served.

7:00 pm onward: **Dinner on your own and evening activities (optional; additional fees and registration may be required)**

- 8:00 pm: [ONE MUSIC: A Moving Mosaic of Pop, Folk and Classical Favorites Celebrate the Gift of Song](#)

Location: Sanders Theatre

Join us as we celebrate the diversity our musical lives and the common bonds of our shared humanity. This creative journey across varied genres, cultures, and styles explores timeless themes of sorrow, unity, memory, ritual, love, and joy through song. Collegium and RCS will present the world premiere of "In the Name of Music" by Harvard alumnus Robert Kyr alongside Brazilian, Bulgarian and American folk music, contemporary works by Stephen Sondheim, Joan Szymko, Craig Hella Johnson, and Stephen Paulus, and songs made famous by the Beatles, the Wailin' Jennys, Sweet Honey in the Rock, and others.

Students \$10 | General \$20

Free parking for this event is available at Broadway Garage (7 Felton St).

- [Painted Black and Blue](#)

Location: SciBox

A play written and directed by Angelica Clayton AB '17 chronicling a young woman's experience with domestic abuse in college. Learn more about Painted Black and Blue and other Harvard Radcliffe Dramatic Club offerings at hrdctheater.com.

Saturday, November 5:

Morning Activities

Jump-start your day and take advantage of alumnae-led yoga or non-denominational devotional.

- Yoga with Vera Ventura ALM '12 — *Yoga is currently full, but if you would like to be added to the waitlist, please email Women's Weekend at haa_womensweekend@harvard.edu*
Location: 114 Mount Auburn Street
Start time: 7:00 am
- Morning Devotional with Gloria White-Hammond MDV '97 and Julia Whitcavitch-DeVoy MTS '94
Location: Hall A, Science Center
Start time: 7:45 am

8:00–9:00 am: Breakfast

Location: Science Center Concourse

Start the day with informal conversation and continental breakfast.

9:00–9:30 am: Opening Conversation

Location: Hall B, Science Center

Featuring remarks by Tamara Elliott Rogers AB '74, Vice President for Alumni Affairs and Development at Harvard University, followed by a conversation with Sarah Lewis AB '01, Assistant Professor of History of Art and Architecture and African American Studies.

9:30-10:45am: "What's Happening at Harvard": A Student Panel

Location: Hall B, Science Center

A lively and interactive discussion featuring graduate and undergraduate students, examining current and pressing issues on campus. The conversation will cover diverse issues, including on-campus support for LGBTQ communities, mental health, peer counseling around race and class concerns, single sex organizations, and the expansion of the arts and theatre on campus. Moderated by Geraldine Acuna-Sunshine AB '92, MPP '96.

Speakers include Stephanie Deccy AB '17, Allie Feldberg PhD '18, Osaremen Okolo AB '17, Sahar Shahid MDV '17

10:45–11:00 am: Coffee Break

11:00 am–12:30 pm: **Concurrent Alumnae and Faculty-Led Sessions** (choose one)

Memo to the President Elect: Key Issues Following the 2016 Election

Location: Hall D, Science Center

As the country will be days away from a historic Presidential election featuring the first female candidate from a major political party, this conversation will explore issues ahead for the new President. How should our new Commander-in-Chief approach the education gap between men and women, economic and pay inequality, ongoing racial discord, and other complex concerns?

Speakers include Marilyn Holifield JD '72, Michelle Wu AB '07, JD '12, Eleanor White AB '67

Beyond Balance: Challenges and Choices in the 21st Century

Location: Hall, B, Science Center

Explore the complex array of challenges and choices that face women today, including challenges for those reentering the workforce, caring for both children and aging parents, and balancing social pressures of personal and professional success. At a time when the perennial question seems to be “Can Women Have it All?”, this discussion will address how “balance” is distracting us from core concerns.

Speakers include Robin Ely AM '07, Susan Fales-Hill AB '84, Helena Foulkes AB '86, MBA '92, Ishani Ganguli AB '05, MD '10, MPH '16, Ilene Lang AB '65, MBA '73

Don't STEM the Tide: Advancing Gender Equality in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

Location: Hall A, Science Center

How do we create environments that increase the participation of women, girls, and other underrepresented groups in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics? Why have the numbers historically been dire, why is the change critical to both individuals and to society, and what sort of innovations are opening pathways to new frontiers? How does the gender wage gap tie into this particular field?

Speakers include Phyllis Gimbel EdM '95, Emilie Liebhoff EdM '02, Margo Seltzer AB '83, BF '97, GSASP '87, and Nisha Swarup AB '18

The Global Landscape: International Women's Issues

Location: Geological Lecture Hall, 24 Oxford Street

The complex global landscape shows consistent and ongoing human rights violations against women and girls. How are diplomatic tactics, foreign policy, and other interventions making headway abroad—or not—and how do these efforts align with U.S. priorities? How are diverse constituencies encouraging global gender equality, economic independence, and educational access?

Speakers include Tara Abrahams AB '99, MBA '04, Adema Sangale MPA '15, and Sajida Shroff EdM '95

Women's Health in America

Location: Hall E, Science Center

What is the latest thinking about the health needs of women, from teens to nonagenarians? What changes are occurring in the way we understand and treat mental and physical ailments as our lives and environments are changing? How does financial status, as well as race, sexual, and gender orientation, impact health outcomes?

Speakers include Jan Hively AB '53, Caroline Light, Janet Rich Edwards AB '84, SD '95, RAE '06, RAE '08, RAE '09, and Hanni Stoklosa MPH '14

Women in Entrepreneurship

Location: Hall C, Science Center

Women entrepreneurs are rapidly increasing their ranks and are a powerful, global economic force given their efforts around reinvestment, job creation, and innovation. How are female entrepreneurs from a diversity of backgrounds and generations overcoming challenges, and what concerns remain? How can

we continue to expand opportunities and support entrepreneurial networks, both on a local and global scale?

Speakers include Nell Derick Debevoise AB '02, Therese Meers JD '08, Reva Minkoff AB '08, and Kelsey Wirth AB '92

12:30–1:45 pm: **Lunch**

Location: Northwest Labs

Community buffet-style lunch offers the opportunity to chat informally with leaders of a number of Shared Interest Groups and connect with friends old and new. There will be no formal program.

2:00–3:30 pm: **Shared Interest Group and Alumnae-Led Discussion Groups** (choose one)

Work/Family Balance: Unattainable Standard?

Location: Room 319, Longfellow Hall

*Have you ever been frustrated by the lack of resolution that often accompanies conversations about balance? Join Linda Rossetti MBA '91, veteran tech start-up CEO and mom, for a provocative new look at balance through the lens of women's transitions and their influence on women's choices. The interactive session will feature research from Rossetti's book, *Women & Transition: Reinventing Work and Life*, and will explore the difference between change and transition. Attendees will be introduced to a framework for understanding transition and will participate in a set of hands-on exercises designed to introduce women to the skills necessary to navigate transition successfully. Even if you haven't yet experienced a major life-changing event, you will find this workshop invaluable. This session is organized by the Alumnae-i Network for Harvard Women (www.harvardwomensig.com).*

Girls' Education as a Pathway to Global Women's Empowerment

Location: Room G08, Larsen Hall

*This session will explore the importance of girls' education as a means to the full participation of women in their families, their communities, and the global economy. Building on a powerful piece of storytelling from *Girl Rising*, a documentary film intended to raise awareness about the importance of educating girls in the developing world, this session will engage key leaders from the field in a discussion of the factors that prevent girls from going to school, and how education is linked to a variety of opportunities for women, including improved health, economic empowerment, and political rights. This session is organized by [Harvard Alumni for Global Women's Empowerment](#).*

Harvard Women of Color: Conversation, Connection, Community, Change

Location: Room 203, Larsen Hall

This interactive session will explore the complex array of concerns, challenges, and choices that face women of color. Through shared remarks and an open discussion featuring Harvard alumnae and faculty as well as session participants, we hope to engage participants. We aim to break down silos separating different racial and ethnic groups, and spur conversation to generate positive and workable solutions that address the urgency of this historic moment. Come prepared to learn, share, and be inspired. Organized by Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance, Harvard Black Alumni Society, and Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance.

Building Collaboration Across Sectors

Location: Elliot Lyman Room, Longfellow Hall

The Harvard Women in Defense, Diplomacy, and Development (W3D) group will lead an interactive session on effective strategies for building trust and relationships across the 3D's (defense, diplomacy, and development). Focus groups will begin by reviewing their understanding of the Department of Defense, USAID, State, and related organizations (e.g., nonprofits, think tanks, consulting firms) and then move through the lifecycle of their respective experiences in these domains. After the group critically examines the what, the group will move into an action-oriented, discussion of best practices on how to effectively build a trusted network across the 3D's, while navigating the complexities of pressing world problems.

The Evolution of the LGBTQ Landscape

Location: Room 229, Longfellow Hall

Join for an informal round-table discussion about personal and political issues of interest to the LGBTQ community. Topics will be informed by participants, but may include the impact of the Presidential election on LGBTQ communities, intersectional justice and activism, and the shifting landscape of LGBTQ parenting. Organized by Harvard Medical School's LGBT Office in conjunction with the Harvard Gender and Sexuality Caucus.

Exercise the Six Dimensions of Wellness

Location: Askwith Hall, Longfellow Hall

Jan Hively, PhD, the co-founder of three networks focused on positive aging, will lead a discussion about the Six Dimensions of Wellness (physical, intellectual, social, emotional, vocational, and spiritual) and the importance of exercising every dimension lifelong. Barbara Kivowitz, MSW, a psychotherapist and health care consultant, will talk about organizing a personal support network for wellness, and about cultivating hope.

Raising and Teaching Girls in America: Then and Now

Location: Room 320, Longfellow Hall

This session, run by a mother-daughter pair, will explore how raising and teaching girls has changed in America in the last 50 years. We will look at how intergenerational ideologies, media, and social culture influence how parents and educators interact and work with girls. Participants will leave this session with strategies for raising and teaching girls to be influential and confident women.

3:30–5:00 pm: Alumnae-Led Breakouts, Mini-reunions, and Campus Activities (choose one)

Harvard Women in Wine: Tastings and Perspectives

Location: 6th Floor, 124 Mount Auburn Street

Does anyone come to Harvard and expect to end up with a career in wine or food? Not necessarily. But it turns out that, in quite a lot of ways, Harvard proves solid training ground for a range of skills in the hospitality industry — business acumen, sensory analysis, and a solid sense of history and perspective. Join us as we taste wines and ciders made by alumnae at the helm, and listen in as panelists discuss how their Harvard experience impacted the course of their professional lives. Organized by Cathy Huyghe, founder of the Harvard Wine and Food SIG.

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Harvard Women in Business Alumni-Student Meet-up

Location: Room G08, Larsen Hall

Please join us to celebrate the first annual HAA Women’s Weekend! This session will provide an open environment for the past and present of amazing Harvard Undergraduate Women in Business (WIB) to unite. We aim for this event to provide a space for alums and undergrads to have a conversation about prominent issues both on and off campus, and further grow the diverse and empowering WIB network. Light refreshments will be served, and non-WIB members are also welcome!

Harvard College Women’s Center Open House

Location: Canady Hall

Stop by the Harvard College Women’s Center for an informal open house, during which you can meet current students and learn more about the center’s work since it first opened 10 years ago.

Radcliffe Choral Society

Location: Askwith Hall, Longfellow Hall

The Radcliffe Choral Society Foundation and Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum Foundation are pleased to sponsor an open sing event for Women’s Weekend, inviting all women attending the weekend’s festivities to join together in song with fellow alumnae and current students. The sing will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will be conducted by Mariah Wilson, the Boston University Conducting Fellow for the Radcliffe Choral Society. The sing is open to all women, whether or not they sang with a group at Harvard or Radcliffe, as well as current students. We welcome singers of all levels to join us in reading through some wonderful pieces and celebrate making music together!

6:30 pm: Dinner and Closing Reception

Location: Northwest Labs

This fun and informal dinner will feature remarks from Dr. Francesca Dominici AM ’09, Professor of Biostatistics, Associate Dean of Information Technology, and Senior Associate Dean for Research at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

10:30 pm: Donkey Show at the A.R.T. (optional; additional fee and registration required)

Location: OBERON Theater

Not ready to end the evening? Experience surreal Shakespeare at Harvard’s OBERON Theater. Tony Award–winner Diane Paulus AB ’88 has created the ultimate disco experience—a crazy circus of mirror balls and feathered divas, of roller skaters and hustle queens inspired by Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream. Come party on the dance floor to all the ’70s disco hits you know by heart as the show unfolds around you. After the show, the party continues into the night so you can live out your own fantasy of disco fever.

Sunday, November 6:

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9:00–11:00 am: **Community Brunch**

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*Close out the weekend with an informal brunch and presentation by Molly Edwards PhD '21. Molly is a second-year PhD student in the Organismic and Evolutionary Biology program. In Dr. Elena Kramer's lab, she studies the evolution and development of columbine flowers. She is also the creator and host of **Science IRL**, an educational YouTube series dedicated to showing viewers what science is like, in real life.*

Family and friends are invited to attend brunch (\$15).

11:00–12:30 am: **Networking and Lecture featuring Professor [Kimberlé Crenshaw](#) JD '84, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the African-American Policy Forum/Professor of Law at UCLA and Columbia Law School (co-hosted with the HKS African Diasporan Women)**

Location: HKS Campus, Nye Conference Center, Taubman Building, 5th Floor

[Professor Crenshaw](#) JD '84 is a leading authority in the area of Civil Rights, Black feminist legal theory, and race, racism and the law. Her talk will focus on the significance of critical race theory and intersectional activism as it relates to the leadership development and empowerment of women and girls.

11:00 am onward: **Additional Optional Activities**

Locations across campus

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