

Alumni Learning, Online

Graduates who crave continued access to teaching and faculty members will have a new channel to (virtual) classrooms through HarvardX for Alumni, a spring experiment with the University's online learning partnership. Beginning on March 22, seven units will be released, one every two weeks, enabling alumni individually, or through gatherings at Harvard clubs or elsewhere, to sample courses on the edX platform:

- *Poetry in America*, with Elisa New, Cabot professor of American literature;
- *The Ancient Greek Hero*, with Gregory Nagy, Jones professor of classical Greek literature and professor of comparative literature;

- *Computer Science*, with David Malan, senior lecturer on computer science;

- *Chinese History*, with Peter Bol, Carswell professor of East Asian languages and civilizations and vice provost for advances in learning (who oversees Harvard X and the Harvard Initiative for Learning and Teaching);

- *Neuroscience*, with David Cox, assistant professor of molecular and cellular biology and of computer science; and two forthcoming courses:

- *The Einstein Revolution*, with Peter Galison, Pellegrino University Professor, an historian of science; and

- *Tangible Things*, with Laurel Ulrich, 300th Anniversary University Professor, an American historian who focuses on material culture.

"Access to intellectual content, continuing to learn, ranks very high in what's important" to alumni, according to the Harvard Alumni Association's

In production: from the making of Elisa New's "Poetry in America" online course

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research, said Philip Lovejoy, deputy executive director. Alumni have already made use of HarvardX courses through the edX platform, and of online versions of Bass professor of government Michael Sandel's "Justice." (Earlier, before the technological advances that enabled the enriched teaching tools embedded in edX, [harvard@home \[www.athome.harvard.edu\]](http://www.athome.harvard.edu) made recordings of lecture courses and campus events available; it is instructive to compare those versions of the Nagy, Sandel, and Ulrich classes with current online learning experiences.)

This spring's experiment consists of hour-long segments combining new material with content from full-length courses. Each includes an introductory discus-

sion between the professor and Robert Lue, faculty director of HarvardX and of the Bok Center for Teaching and Learning; a 5- to 15-minute activity or exercise from the online course; and an online discussion forum prompted by a question derived from the contents. HAA's hope is that this brief format will efficiently update alumni about work on campus to improve pedagogy, while whetting their

appetite for continuing engagement with their Harvard education—however far, in time and distance, they may be from campus. The response will guide the HAA's future online learning programs.

Registration information is available at alumni.harvard.edu/x. Alumni learners of the world, log on.

case, Leighton says, is a moment that "sustains PDS lawyers, when we see all that is good in a client and the right moral compass that exists in everyone."

Buchanan knows that intimate connection well. The work comes down to "finding something in common with a client, some insight into who they are as a person. Then they let their guard down and trust you and know you are really there to help," she says quietly. "If you don't have that, you're just going through the assembly line—and you don't really care. That's when you know it's time to leave."

~NELL PORTER BROWN

Overseer and HAA Director Candidates

THIS SPRING, alumni can vote for five new Harvard Overseers and six new elected directors of the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA).

Ballots, mailed out by April 1, must be received back in Cambridge by noon on May 23 to be counted. Election results will be announced at the HAA's annual meeting on May 29, on the afternoon of Commencement day. All holders of Harvard degrees, except Corporation members and officers of instruction and government, are entitled to vote for Overseer candidates. The election for HAA directors is open to all Harvard degree-holders.

Candidates for Overseer may also be nominated by petition by obtaining a prescribed number of signatures from eligible degree holders. (The deadline for all petitions was February 3.)

For Overseer (six-year term):

Nicole S. Arnaboldi '80, M.B.A.-J.D. '84, New York City. Vice chairman, Credit Suisse Asset Management.

Michael Brown '83, J.D. '88, Boston. CEO and co-founder, City Year.

James E. K. Hildreth '79, Davis, California. Dean, College of Biological Sciences, University of California, Davis.

David W. Leebron '77, J.D. '79, Houston. President, Rice University.

Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D. '75, Corvallis, Oregon. Valley professor of marine biology and Distinguished Professor of zoology, Oregon State University.

Michael M. Lynton '82, M.B.A. '87, Los Angeles. CEO, Sony Entertainment.

Sunshik Min, D.B.A. '89, Seoul, Korea.

President, YBM, Inc.

Lesley Friedman Rosenthal '86, J.D. '89, New York City. Vice president, general counsel and secretary, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

For elected director (three-year term):

Henry Parkman Biggs '86, Saint Louis, Missouri. Associate director, McDonnell International Academy, Washington University in St. Louis.

Raphael W. Bostic '87, Los Angeles. Bedrosian chair in governance and the public enterprise; director, Bedrosian Center on Governance, Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California.

Peter Andrew Boyce II '13, New York City. Associate, General Catalyst Partners; co-founder, Rough Draft Ventures.

Margaret Jay Braatz, Ed.M. '93, Ed.D. '99, Chicago. Vice president for planning and presidential administration, DePaul University.

Leea Nash Bridgeman '02, M.B.A. '05. Louisville, Kentucky. Executive director and trustee, Bridgeman Family Foundation.

Jessica Gelman '97, M.B.A. '02, Wellesley, Massachusetts. Vice president, customer marketing and strategy, The Kraft Sports Group (New England Patriots); co-founder, MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference.

Jay H. Hebert, J.D. '86, Fort Worth, Texas. General counsel, Keystone Group L.P.

Vanessa W. Liu '96, J.D. '03, New York City. COO, Trigger Media Group.

Alvaro Rodriguez-Arregui, M.B.A. '95, Mexico City. Co-founder and managing partner, IGNIA Partners, LLC; board vice chairman, Banco Compartamos.

HAA Clubs and SIGs Awards

THE HAA Clubs and SIGs (Shared Interest Groups) Committee Awards honor both individuals who provide exemplary service to those groups, and groups that have themselves organized exceptional programming. The following recipients were to be honored at the HAA Board of Directors' winter meeting on February 6.

Rowena S. Frazer '76, of Hoover, Alabama. Officially the program chair of the **Harvard Club of Birmingham**, Frazer is also known as "Bulldog" or "The Big Thinker" for transforming the club into a vibrant social, educational, and philanthropic outlet for alumni. She created the E.O. Wilson Distinguished Lecture Series to bring faculty

members to Birmingham; raised money to enable an inner-city high school to compete at a Harvard tournament; and established the club's Summer Community Service Fellowship, a largely alumni-funded program that helps undergraduates work in the public-interest sector.

Thomas P. Reardon '68, of Plymouth, Massachusetts. Reardon founded the **Harvard Veterans Alumni Organization SIG** in 2007, and since then has, almost single-handedly, ensured its success by creating a board of directors, attracting more than 800 members, organizing social events, such as football tailgate parties, and raising the Harvard community's awareness of veterans' contributions. The SIG partnered with the Harvard Club of Washington, D.C., to establish the Memorial Church plaque dedicated to Harvard's Medal of Honor recipients. Reardon has also spent hours readying HVAO's AlumniMagnet website to ensure that the group has a strong and welcoming online presence.

Founded in 1886, the **Harvard Club of Indiana** has been revitalized within the past year under a new board of directors

that has increased membership, updated the club's website, and restored the budget. Moreover, a series of diverse events, such as a private tour of the Indiana Museum of Art, has drawn alumni from every decade since the 1950s, and club leaders have strengthened members' ties to the University through hosting HAA-sponsored Global Networking Night events, sponsoring dinners for Harvard's swim-team members when they were in town, and welcoming newly admitted regional students at a dinner and information session.

The **Harvard Club of Japan** holds nearly 40 events a year, ranging from lectures on international topics, to wine tastings, to monthly Zen meditation sessions. Its treasury has doubled to \$60,000 within the last five years, and it has also successfully connected with other local alumni groups and clubs from graduate and professional schools across the University. The club hosted a historic dinner for President Drew Faust in Tokyo in 2010, and the HAA Asia-Pacific Club Leaders' meeting in 2011. Club members have also rallied in providing aid to the Fukushima community.

Guidelines for Commencement Day

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Morning Exercises

DEGREE CANDIDATES will receive a set number of tickets. Parents and guests *must* have tickets to enter Tercentenary Theatre. Seating is limited, not guaranteed, and cannot be reserved; there is standing room on the Widener steps and at the rear and sides of the Theatre. The sale of Commencement tickets is prohibited. For details, visit <http://commencement.harvard.edu>.

- A limited supply of tickets will be made available to all other alumni/ae on a first-come, first-served basis through the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) at <http://alumni.harvard.edu/annualmeeting>.

- Alumni/ae and guests are urged to view the Morning Exercises on large-screen televisions in the Science Center and at most of the undergraduate Houses and professional schools. These locations have ample seating, and tickets are *not* required.

- Alumni/ae attending their College reunions (25th, 35th, 50th) will receive tickets at their reunions. Alumni/ae in classes beyond the 50th may obtain tickets from the HAA by calling 617-496-7001, or through the annual Tree Spread mailing sent out in March (RSVP by April 15).

Afternoon Program

THE HAA'S Annual Meeting, which includes remarks by the president of the HAA, Overseer and HAA election results, the presentation of the Harvard Medals, and remarks by President Drew Gilpin Faust and the Commencement speaker, convenes in Tercentenary Theatre on Commencement afternoon at 2:30 P.M. For tickets (which are required, but free), visit <http://alumni.harvard.edu/annualmeeting>, or call 617-496-7001.

~The Commencement Office