

of the problems, but we still will have the illegal export market.” Some 40 percent to 70 percent of the pot consumed in the United States comes from Mexico (estimates vary among U.S. law enforcement groups)—enough to represent roughly 15 percent to 30 percent of the cartels’ overall revenue. But in recent years, 23 states and the District of Columbia have legalized marijuana in some form, and Mexican suppliers, reportedly, are already being affected: between 2012 and 2014, Border Patrol seizures of Mexican pot fell by 23 percent, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). And late last year, multiple news reports described how legal marijuana grown in the U.S. was driving down the price so sharply that some Mexican farmers had stopped planting it.

Those same reports, though, noted that some farmers are switching over to poppies. That tracks with the DEA’s findings, too: seizures of heroin (and methamphetamines) along the Mexican border have

risen. To truly disable organized crime, Torres Landa and Santacruz know, will require legalizing not just marijuana but those other, harder drugs. “In the long term, yeah,” Torres Landa says. That’s a tougher sell, but one that is also gaining traction around the globe. Last year, Brazil’s Supreme Court began debating the decriminalization of marijuana, cocaine, and heroin, and Ireland announced plans to decriminalize heroine, cocaine, and marijuana possession. In Colombia and Peru, it is legal to cultivate and possess cocaine; in Germany and Switzerland, people caught with cocaine face fines instead of jail. Several countries, including Canada, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands, allow the medical use of cocaine or heroine—or both. Portugal decriminalized all drug use in 2001.

For now, Santacruz and Torres Landa are pursuing one small step at a time. “When people see that we don’t become a zombie nation because marijuana is le-

gal,” Santacruz says, “then we can move on” to other drugs. “We know it’s a long journey.” Perhaps that’s why, on December 11, when the plaintiffs picked up their permits from Mexico’s federal health authority office and displayed them for news photographers waiting outside, the two men, half-smiling, looked not so much exultant as resolute.

## 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 20 to be counted. Election results will be announced at the HAA’s annual meeting on May 26, 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 if they obtain a prescribed number of signatures (201 this year) from eligible degree-holders. Lists of signatures for five potential candidates were submitted by the February 1 deadline; for more information, see page 22.

The HAA’s nominating committee has proposed the following candidates.

For Overseer (six-year term):

**P. Lindsay Chase-Lansdale** ’74, Evanston, Illinois. Associate provost for faculty and Frances Willard professor of human development and social policy, Northwestern University.

**Helena Buonanno Foulkes** ’86, M.B.A. ’92, Providence, Rhode Island. President, CVS/pharmacy; executive vice president, CVS Health.

**Karen Falkenstein Green** ’78, J.D. ’81, ALI ’15, Boston. Senior partner, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr, LLP.

**Ketanji Brown Jackson** ’92, J.D. ’96, Washington, D.C. Judge, United States District Court.

**John J. Moon** ’89, Ph.D. ’94, New York City. Managing director, Morgan Stanley.

**Alejandro Ramírez Magaña** ’94, M.B.A.

## A Special Notice Regarding Commencement Day

Thursday, May 26, 2016

### Morning Exercises

TO ACCOMMODATE the increasing number of people wishing to attend Harvard’s Commencement Exercises, the following guidelines are provided to facilitate admission into Tercentenary Theatre on Commencement Morning:

- Degree candidates will receive a limited number of tickets to Commencement. Their parents and guests must have tickets, which must be shown at the gates in order to enter Tercentenary Theatre. Seating capacity is limited; there is standing room on the Widener steps and at the rear and sides of the Theatre. For details, visit the Commencement office website (<http://commencement.harvard.edu>).

**Note:** A ticket allows admission, but does not guarantee a seat. Seats are on a first-come basis and can not be reserved. The sale of Commencement tickets is prohibited.

- A very limited supply of tickets is available to alumni and alumnae on a first-come, first-served basis through the Harvard Alumni Association (<http://alumni.harvard.edu/annualmeeting>). Alumni/ae and guests may view the Morning Exercises over large-screen televisions in the Science Center and at most of the undergraduate Houses and graduate and professional schools. These locations provide ample seating, and tickets are *not* required.

- College Alumni/ae attending their twenty-fifth, thirty-fifth, and fiftieth reunions will receive tickets at their reunions.

### Afternoon Program

THE HARVARD Alumni Association’s Annual Meeting, which includes remarks by its president, 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. For tickets (which are required, but free) visit the HAA website or call 617-496-7001.

~The Commencement Office

'01, Mexico City. CEO, Cinépolis.

Kent Walker '83, Palo Alto. Senior vice president and general counsel, Google Inc.

Damian Woetzel, M.P.A. '07, Roxbury, Connecticut. Artistic director, Vail International Dance Festival; director, Aspen Institute Arts Program, DEMO (Kennedy Center), and independent projects.

For Elected Director (three-year term):

Janet Nezhad Band '83, M.B.A. '89, J.D. '90, New York City. Development consultant to nonprofit organizations.

Rye Barcott, M.B.A.-M.P.A. '09, Charlotte, North Carolina. Managing partner and co-founder, Double Time Capital.

David Battat '91, New York City. President and CEO, Atrion Corporation.

Susan M. Cheng, M.P.P. '04, Ed.LD. '13, Washington, D.C. Senior associate dean for diversity and inclusion, Georgetown University School of Medicine.

Farai N. Chideya '90, New York City. Distinguished writer in residence, Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute, New York University.

Trey Grayson '94, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. President and CEO, Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

Victor Jih, J.D. '96, Los Angeles. Litigation partner, Irell and Manella LLP.

Eliana Murillo '10, San Francisco. Head of multicultural marketing, Google Inc.

Michael C. Payne '77, M.D. '81, M.P.H. '82, Cambridge. Attending physician, department of internal medicine, division of gastroenterology, Cambridge Health Alliance.

## HAA Clubs and SIGs Awards

THE CITATIONS, awarded at the HAA board of directors meeting in February, honor both alumni and groups that have organized exceptional programming.

E. Andrews Grinstead '97 of Mobile, Alabama. Having served as the HAA Alumni Leadership Conference co-chair, HAA director of southeastern states, and HAA director of general-interest SIGs, Grinstead has been an invaluable alumni leader, assisting numerous clubs and SIGs with organizational revitalization, engagement, transition, and development. In addition, he is a past president and vice president of the Harvard Club of the Mid-South and has been a schools and scholarships admissions interviewer.

Jeanne E. Gullahorn '54 of Naples, Flori-

## “Our John Harvard”

During its 150th-anniversary celebration in December, the Harvard Club of New York unveiled Everett Raymond Kinstler's portrait of John P. (Jack) Reardon Jr. '60. In accompanying remarks, club president Charles L. Brock, J.D. '67, AMP '79, a past HAA president, cited the highlights of Reardon's formal University service: director of undergraduate admissions, of athletics, and of the Harvard Alumni Association. (He also served on the club's board, and is a Harvard Medalist.) Brock then turned to address the man he called “our Jack of all trades. Our ace of Harvard clubs. Our king of countless Crimson hearts.” Reardon's “rare wisdom, wit, and warmth” have been deployed as he has “counseled and cajoled presidents and provosts” and other members of the Harvard community. But more important, Brock said, Reardon is “the kind of person so many of us aspire to be,” at the core of Harvard as a *human* institution: “Jack, you are our John Harvard.”



da. Gullahorn joined the board of directors of the Harvard Club of Naples in 2008 and reestablished the HAA's Summer Community Service Fellowship for Collier County, helping to raise funds to sponsor 22 positions for undergraduates. Subsequently, as club vice president, and now president, she has worked to coordinate internships for incoming freshmen, as well as organize winter-break internships for students.

Timothy J. Pearson, M.P.P. '89, of Anchorage. As secretary of the Harvard Club of Alaska since 2006, Pearson has coordinated activities and events, built partnerships with other organizations, such as the Yale and Princeton clubs, and worked to get new club members involved with the community and the board. He has also bolstered bonds with the larger academic network in Alaska.

Since its founding in 2004, the Harvard University Muslim Alumni (HUMA) has grown to include more than 300 alumni. The shared interest group has helped bring together Harvard's Muslim community, with initiatives such as the Global Iftaars

Program during Ramadan, which was held in numerous cities worldwide. Other initiatives include alumni mixers, mentoring programs for students, networking events, and the annual dinner in Cambridge, which has featured inspirational speakers who focus on the Islamic world. The HUMA Muslim Life Fund also supports Harvard's first paid Muslim chaplain.

The Harvard Club of Quebec (HCQ) has seen tremendous growth during the last three years, increasing membership from just eight to nearly 200. Under the leadership of club president Andre DuSault, M.P.A. '00, the club also established a board of governors, wrote a new constitution, and created a nomination committee for succession planning. As part of the HAA's Global Month of Service, HCQ collaborated with other local institutions, such as the U.S. consulate in Montreal, to organize meaningful events and initiatives. The club has also sponsored dozens of other gatherings, such as the popular Young Professional Speakers Series, to effectively engage alumni.