Dear [first_name],

“Spring is sprung, the grass is riz. I wonder where the birdies is….”
(Anonymous)

It is spring, and the grass is green. The birds in DC, Maryland, and Virginia are indeed chirping. We’re witnessing beautiful cherry blossoms as well as less than lovely crowds of tourists. If you can make your way to the Tidal Basin, or even to lesser-known viewing spots like the National Arboretum, Hains Point, or Harvard’s Dumbarton Oaks, it’s such a joy to see spring in full bloom.

But if you can’t bear the tourist traffic or spare the time to be out and about cherry blossom peeping, the Harvard Club of Washington, DC does have you covered. Our new and improved website, Harvard-dc.org (https://harvard-dc.org/), has a nice shot of the cherry blossoms and the Washington Monument on the bottom of its Home Page. So please do check it out and then take a peek at our Events Page (https://harvard-dc.org/events/).

We’re looking forward to our upcoming dinner conversation on nuclear energy (https://harvard-dc.org/event/a-new-nuclear-renaissance-a-dinner-conversation-with-timothy-matthews-rich-powell-ab-05-and-nicholas-mcmurray/) on Monday, April 20th at Hogan Lovells. Our panelists are nuclear energy experts, excited about sharing their views on renewed interest in expanding nuclear power in the face of a global energy crisis. Please join us to better understand whether nuclear energy is poised to play a central role in powering the world’s future.

You may also wish to join us for a free, members only, opportunity to reflect on awe in your own life. On Friday, April 24th, you’re invited to an interactive workshop exploring Panini’s Rome at the National Gallery. Numerous articles have been written about the Harvard Graduate School of Education’s concept of “slow looking.” The National Gallery’s “Finding Awe (https://harvard-dc.org/event/finding-awe-at-the-national-gallery/)” project has brought the GSE’s research establishing the power of awe to the art world. As they say, feeling awe may even improve your health.

In addition, please consider joining the Harvard Alumni for Climate and the Environment for a networking event during DC Climate Week (https://harvard-dc.org/event/dc-climate-week-networking-event/). You’ll have an opportunity to connect with local leaders, alumni, and advocates to discuss sustainability and other topics on Friday, April 24th. Plus, the event will be held at the Reservoir Center, the heart of DC’s water and sustainability hub.

I look forward to hearing what you think about our new website and whether there are other events you’re interested in having the Harvard Club pursue.

Happy Spring!

Katherine

Katherine Zeitlin Haskell ‘79
President | Harvard Club of Washington, DC

More than a Flower: the Connecting Power of Orchids | Free / Members Only

Thurs., Apr. 16, 11:00am-12:30pm
National Museum of African American History and Culture
1400 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20560

Join us for an exploration of “More than a Flower: the Connecting Power of Orchids.”
Each year, the Smithsonian and the National Botanic Gardens collaborate to bring an exquisite show of orchids to DC. This year the National Museum of African American History and Culture is hosting the show. "More than a Flower" shares the fresh and fragrant beauty of live orchids and connects stories, scholarship and art to this extraordinary species.

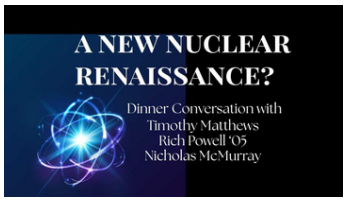
We have passes for 11:00am for a non-guided visit to "More than a Flower". You can wander around and take in the beauty of the orchids for as long as you like, and can even walk around the rest of the museum for the rest of the day.

April Chinese Table

Sat., Apr. 18, 10:30-11:30am
Valley Brook Tea
2015 Massachusetts Ave NW
Washington, DC, 20036

Whether you’re a beginner, intermediate, or fluent and just miss speaking Chinese, the Harvard Club wants to see you at the Chinese Table at Valley Brook Tea (2015 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036) from 10:30am – 11:30am on Saturday, April 18 Come to Dupont Circle, order a cup of tea, and practice your Chinese in an intimate setting.

A New Nuclear Renaissance? A Dinner Conversation with Timothy Matthews, Rich Powell (AB ’05) and Nicholas McMurray



Mon., Apr. 20, 6:30pm-8:30pm
Hogan Lovells
555 13th St NW
Washington, DC 20004
Are we at the brink of a New Nuclear Renaissance? Is there a renewed global interest in expanding nuclear power after decades of stagnation, especially in the face of a global energy crisis? Join us for this timely panel on nuclear energy, moderated by Tim Matthews and featuring industry experts Rich Powell (AB ’05) and Niko McMurray.

As countries work to meet climate goals, nuclear power is being reconsidered as a reliable, low-carbon source of electricity that can run continuously alongsid renewable energy. Growing demand for power—driven by electrification, AI, data centers, and the return of energy-intensive industries—is adding urgency to this shift. Concerns about energy security, especially in the face of geopolitical tensions and fluctuating fuel prices, are also pushing nations to diversify how they generate electricity. From advanced reactor technologies to shifting public perception, this discussion will explore whether nuclear energy is poised to play a central role in powering the world’s future.

Timothy Matthews
Morgan Lewis, Partner
Tim Matthews is a legal expert on nuclear power industry. He represents and counsels electric utilities, nuclear industry suppliers, and other licensees before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the Department of Labor (DOL), and other regulatory agencies, and in US federal courts.

Rich Powell (AB ’05)
CEO, CEBA & Clean Energy Buyers Institute
Rich Powell is the CEO of CEBA (Corporate Energy Buyers Association), a business association dedicated to advancing low-cost, reliable, carbon emissions-free global electricity systems. He is also the CEO of the Clean Energy Buyers Institute, a nonprofit organization affiliated with CEBA. Rich has frequently testified before Congress on energy issues and innovation, and his views are regularly featured in national and energy trade media articles.

Nicholas McMurray
ClearPath, Managing Director – International and Nuclear Policy
Niko McMurray leads the development and execution of ClearPath’s international and nuclear policy portfolios to advance the organization’s mission and vision. Niko has expanded ClearPath’s nuclear energy technical and regulatory depth, allowing the organization to be a strong resource for Members of Congress and other partners.
Please note that Harvard Club of Washington D.C. has a **no ticket refunds** policy.

Finding Awe at the National Gallery: ExploringPanini's Rome | Free / Members Only

Fri., Apr. 24, 1:00pm-2:30pm
National Gallery of Art
6th and Constitution Ave NW
West Building, Gallery 31
Washington, DC 20565

Pause from your daily routine to invite more awe into your life! In this interactive workshop, we'll explore where artists have found awe, how it has inspired their work, and reflect on awe in your own life. We'll look mindfully at a single work of art, connect with others through conversation, and learn some "awe practices" that you can bring to your everyday life. Chairs will be provided for everyone. Bring an open mind but nothing else is required!

DC Climate Week Networking Event

Fri., Apr. 24, 5:30pm-7:30pm
Reservoir Center
301 Water Street SE
Washington, DC
Join us for an evening of connection and climate action as the **Harvard Club of Washington, DC** and **Harvard Alumni for Climate and the Environment** co-host a DC Climate Week networking gathering. Set at the Reservoir Center (Navy Yard, DC) on Friday, April 24, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, this event brings together local leaders, alumni, and advocates to discuss sustainable solutions and build the community ties necessary for a resilient future. Whether you're a seasoned policy expert or looking to dive into the climate space for the first time, come enjoy an evening of high-impact networking and collaborative dialogue at the heart of the District's water and sustainability hub.

We will be serving refreshments and light bites.

Please note that the Harvard Club of Washington, DC has **a no ticket refunds** policy.

Transatlantic Partnerships in a Changing World – Why US-Europe Cooperation Is Critical Now | A Dinner Conversation with Dr. Alexandra deHoop Scheffer

Thurs., April 30, 6:30-8:30pm
Hogan Lovells
555 13th St NW
Washington, DC 20004

Join us for an engaging dinner-conversation with Dr. Alexandra de Hoop Scheffer, president of the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) with
Dr. Joe McCarthy, former Senior Associate Dean and Director of Degree Programs at the Harvard Kennedy School.

As global power dynamics shift and shared challenges intensify, transatlantic partnerships are more critical than ever to maintain security, prosperity, and democratic resilience. In this conversation, Dr. de Hoop Scheffer will explore why close U.S.–Europe cooperation is crucial for safeguarding democratic valu economic stability, and collective security in an increasingly uncertain world, and how institutions like GMF serve as vital bridge-builders—connecting leade ideas, and policies across the Atlantic at a pivotal moment.

May Singles Mixer

Fri., May 1, 6:30-8:30pm
Eat A Lao
1327 Rockville Pike Ste K,
Rockville, MD 20852

Mix, mingle, and make meaningful connections at our May Singles Mixer, where you can meet other members of our vibrant community across the DC and DMV area. Join us at Penn Social for a night of fun, conversation, and connection, (and dancing) here in DC!

As is our tradition, we invited all other Ivies– Come for the networking, stay for the chemistry.

For our May Singles Mixer, Penn Social is offering us complimentary entry to the Firehouse Fridays Country Dance Social starting at 8:30pm. If you want to dance the night away, with someone special you might meet, don't miss this perfect opportunity!

Fees: To encourage attendance from those who sign up, we're charging $20. A ticket you can exchange for a refreshment will be included, and for our Januar Singles Mixer, you'll also have a free-ticket for the Firehouse Fridays Country Dance Social. Please note that we have a no-refund policy on purchased tickets

Note: this mixer is open to everyone – whether you're the class of 2024 or 1944 (or somewhere in between), we'll be delighted to see you, and we think you'll meet someone interesting!

American Politics: Where Do We Go From Here? A Dinner Conversation with Jonathan Karl and Declan Garvey

Mon., May 4, 6:30pm-8:30pm
Hogan Lovells
555 13th St NW
Washington, DC 20004

Join us for an engaging and wide-ranging conversation with Jonathan Karl, best-selling author and Chief Washington Correspondent of *ABC News*, and
Declan Garvey, AB '17, former Editorial Board Member of The Crimson, and Executive Editor at *The Dispatch*.

Jonathan Karl has spent more than three decades covering American politics, foreign policy, and the military, earning a reputation as one of the most respected journalists in Washington. As ABC's Chief Washington Correspondent, he has reported from the White House, Capitol Hill, and hotspots around th world, offering clear, in-depth coverage during some of the most pivotal moments in recent political history. His latest book, *Retribution*, reflects the breadth
of that experience while offering a nonpartisan look at where we are, how we got here and where we are going.

We hope you'll join us for what promises to be a lively, thoughtful, and timely discussion over a buffet dinner at Hogan Lovells.

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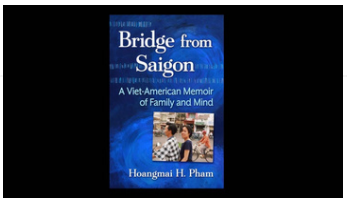
Bridge From Saigon: A Viet-American Memoir of Family and Mind | Books&Brews Series featuring Dr. Hoangmai Pham



Thurs., May 7, 5:30-8:30pm
Reservoir Center
301 Water Street SE
Washington, DC

In celebration of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month, we invited Dr. Hoangmai Pham to talk about her newly released book *Bridge from Saigon: A Viet-American Memoir of Family and Mind*.
As a young Vietnamese refugee, Hoangmai Pham suddenly lost her sense of safety and belonging when her family fled Saigon at the end of the war. But her later success in navigating life in America as a physician and health policy leader at the top of her profession paradoxically triggered a psychological unraveli during middle age.

Bridge from Saigon depicts Hoangmai's struggle in confronting her hidden multiple personalities to heal, luring the reader into parallel slipstreams of discovery—one of family secrets and epic history before and during the Vietnam War, the other of traumas masked behind a child's vivid imagination. Hoangmai's final triumph crystallizes the immense price that immigrants pay for a chance at a better life, and their resilience in achieving every sense of integration.

Stories of ghostly ancestors, a fraught return to Vietnam as an adult, and her kaleidoscopic inner characters unfurl in a voice that is at once dreamlike and brutally honest in a memoir that incisively depicts an immigrant story like no other.

There will be plenty of time for questions and light refreshments will be served.

~~Events with Other~~ Clubs & SIGs

Puthandu / Pi Mai/ Songkran / Thingyan / Vaisakhi – Solar New Year Dinner

Sun., April 19, 6:00pm
Eat A Lao
1327
Rockville
Pike Ste K,
Rockville,
MD 20852

Join Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance for a festive dinner celebrating the Solar New Year with delicious food, great company, and vibrant traditions from Tamil Puthandu, Pi Mai Lao, Thai Songkran, Burmese Thingyan, Punjabi Vaisakhi and many more!
RSVP Link: https://forms.gle/swgos6QuDidiyKsA7

Fireside Chat with Jason Sinnarajah @ Nationals vs Braves

Wed., April 22, 5:00pm
Nationals Park
1500 South Capitol St. SE
Washington, DC, 20003

The Harvard Business School Club of Washington DC presents a fireside chat, networking reception, and Washington Nationals game with Nationals President of Business Operations Jason Sinnarajah. Jason joins the Nationals at a pivotal moment in the franchise's transformation, leading all business operations as the organization builds toward its next chapter. Join us for an evening of conversation, networking, and baseball.
Location: Nationals Park, Washington, DC. Exact location details will be shared with registered attendees.
Cost: $57 per person (includes game ticket and loaded concession value).

Harvard Alumni for Women's Global Women Empowerment 2026 Expo

Sat., April 25, 9:00am-3:00pm
Virtual Event

Harvard Alumni for Global Women's Empowerment (GlobalWE) is excited to invite you to participate in its 2026 Women's Empowerment Expo.

This flagship event brings together organizations, leaders, and innovators who are advancing opportunities for women and girls around the world. The Expo creates meaningful connections between organizations and the Harvard community, fostering collaboration in areas such as mentorship, internships, volunteering, career exploration, and charitable engagement.

Harvardwood -- Spring Writing

Sat., April 25, 1:00pm
Compass Coffee,
1201 Half Street SE
Washington, DC

Believe it or not, lots of Harvard alums are working on writing novels, plays, poetry, and writing history.

We invite writers of all genres, frameworks, shapes, and sizes to join us at Compass Coffee Navy Yard (1201 Half Street SE, near the baseball stadium) on Saturday, April 25, at 1PM ET, for "Spring Writing."

Many of you asked for a writers-focused event and we are heeding that request! This gathering is meant to offer a space where writers can share pages from current projects, receive on-the-spot feedback, and collaborate with other writers. No restrictions on the project type - if you have pages, bring 'em with you. Past events have allowed for 10-minute reads and feedback.

Although this event is FREE, we do ask that you RSVP. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact DC@Harvardwood.org.

H4A-DC May 3rd NMAA Docent Led Tour & Lunch

Sun., May 3,

10:00am-12:00pm
National Museum of Asian Art,
100 Jefferson Dr. SW,
Washington, DC 20004
&
Rice Bar Market Place,
801 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Plz, 04, Washington, DC 20004

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander History Month. To celebrate AAPI History this month, we will visit the National Museum of Asian Art for a docent-led tour. After the tour, we will head to Rice Bar Market Place for a quick bite. Please RSVP by May 1st.
RSVP Link: https://forms.gle/otN4Esw8TQ1YJrCA7