

The Harvard Club of the United Kingdom



◆ News & Notices ◆ September / October 2010

Upcoming Events

◆ **2 October 10.30am-4.30pm**
(lunch included)

Walking tour of Pepys' haunts in the City of London followed by a tour of the Houses of Parliament. £35 (HCUK members), £40 (non-members).
Contact: Stuart Gordon 07816 520361 (s.gordon@post.harvard.edu)

◆ **17 October 3-5pm**

Reception featuring Prof. Douglas A. Melton, Thomas Dudley Cabot Professor of Natural Sciences at Harvard University.

The Royal Society Kohn Centre,
6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y5AG Contact: Jessica Popkin (jessica_popkin@harvard.edu) by October 1, 2010

◆ **2 November**

iRelaunch Return to Work Conference hosted by London Business School. Register now for early bird discount off registration fee.
www.irelaunch.com/cr/index.asp

◆ **20 November SAVE THE DATE!**

THE Game Live! Live telecast of Harvard v Yale at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, 65 Fleet St., London EC4Y 1HS Contact: robertgould@post.harvard.edu

◆ **22 November SAVE THE DATE!**

President Drew Faust at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, 65 Fleet St., London EC4Y 1HS London EC4Y 1HS

◆ **28 November SAVE THE DATE!**

8th Annual American Thanksgiving Dinner in London. 12:30 cocktails for 1:30 luncheon.

◆ **Harkness Fellows Association and Transatlantic Trust.**

Autumn Programme 2010 open to HCUK Members. For details see back page of this newsletter.

See also events - www.hcuk.org

Letter from the President

Dear HCUK Members

As I settle in to my new role as President of the Harvard Club of the UK, I sometimes feel a bit daunted by the enormity of the task! From our work with the Harvard College Admissions office in the Outreach Program and the John Harvard Book Prize initiative, to our student internship and mentoring programs with the Harvard Center for European Studies, to our on-campus support for the growing Harvard College British Club, to our sponsorship of a wide ranging series of members' events here in the UK, there is certainly much to be done. I have also been struck by the incredible energy and enthusiasm of our members, many of whom have already been in touch with me to offer their ideas and support. I look forward to working with all of you during my term as President to help HCUK continue to grow and foster a vibrant and active Harvard community in the UK. This important work is for all of us -- I can't wait to get started!

We have many great events coming up in the autumn, including our annual Harvard-Yale Game extravaganza and a visit by President Faust. I hope to see many of you at HCUK events throughout the year.

As most of you have heard by now, we have just launched our new HCUK website. I urge all of you to visit it at www.hcuk.org. The site is a powerful new tool that will allow us to reach out to our members much more effectively. The site also provides an easy way for members to communicate with each other. In particular, you should consider joining or starting a shared interest group or "SIG". It's easy and it's a great way to meet up with like minded Harvard alumni/ae in the UK to start a book club, share a topical or recreational interest or pursue a hobby. I look forward to seeing a growing SIG community of Harvard birdwatchers, Chelsea supporters, Jane Austin enthusiasts and herb gardeners!

Young alumni are the lifeblood and the future of HCUK. Our Recent Graduates Committee continues to be as energetic as ever. I'd like to welcome **Vicky Henderson (AB '05)** and **Jordan Evans (AB '06)** who are joining us as co-chairs of the Recent Graduates Committee. If you are a recent grad and want to find out about upcoming recent grads events, email hcukrecentgrads@googlemail.com to be added to our recent grads email list. If you have an idea about a recent grads event, or want to volunteer to help out, contact Vicky (vicky.henderson@gmail.com) or Jordan (jordanevans@gmail.com) directly.

Finally, on behalf of HCUK and its members, I'd like to thank our outgoing President **Brandon Bradkin (AB '89)** for his tireless efforts on behalf of HCUK over many years. Brandon's leadership and energy transformed HCUK into Harvard's leading international alumni organization. Well done!

Best wishes to all in the Harvard family in the UK!

Don Guiney (AB '78)

Internship Programme - A Summer to Remember (and the best so far)

When our Harvard student interns recall their most salient memories of the summer, chasing sheep is not normally the first thing that comes to mind ... but it is for intern Danielle Kim. Danielle is one of 16 students who participated in the Harvard Club of the United Kingdom (HCUK) – Center for European Studies (CES) Summer Internship Programme, now on its seventh successful year. Thanks to Scott Malkin (Col '80, HBS '83, HLS '84), CEO and founder, and Tony McAuliffe, Director of Special Projects, she spent the summer working at Value Retail, an operator of luxury outlet shopping destinations that regularly employs Harvard undergraduates as summer interns.



Intern Danielle Kim (and work colleague Ilaria Confalonieri) in front of Christ Church College, Oxford.

Danielle learned a tremendous amount about marketing, tourism, and PR, declaring in her end-of-summer report that “this internship was hands-down the most valuable career-related experience I’ve had.” But she also learned a great deal about herself. “Runaway sheep, which marked my second day in the country, was only the start. [I learned] how to ride a horse for the first time, [drink] homemade Pimms on a hot afternoon, how to form tortillas while simultaneously dancing to salsa music ... The people I encountered were so diverse: hours were spent trading lifestyles and traditions. Never before had I felt so American! But by the end of the summer, what struck me wasn’t just how different we were; it was how similar - how at the end of the day, even individuals from opposite ends of the earth had so much in common”.

Christy Colburn, CES Grants and Internships Coordinator, says, “It is very satisfying to read the trip reports and learn about students’ personal growth resulting from both their professional experiences

and cross-cultural encounters. This is the heart of our internship programme: providing real value to alumni employers while facilitating unique opportunities for students’ individual growth. Living and working independently in a foreign environment really teaches students a lot about themselves and what they are capable of.”

Value Retail has been a strong supporter of the programme since the beginning, hosting one or more interns every summer, because the management team recognises that it is a winning proposition for everyone involved. Employers profit from their Harvard interns’ intelligence, creativity, passion, and drive - Chantal Khoueiry, Group HR Director at Value Retail, says of Danielle’s internship, “It was a great help indeed to have extra special hands and a fresh perspective on the way we work. Fresh and creative ideas can only add value to the company - and the students gain significant international work experience while immersing themselves in another culture.”

The internship programme also allows students to benefit from the advice of alumni mentors and brings current students in contact with the Club. Traditionally mentors and interns interact on an informal basis, enjoying a meal or a social activity together, and connecting ad-hoc via email, Facebook, and phone for questions regarding matters both practical and professional. Intern Travers Rhodes said, “I think that between CES/HCUK and my generous mentor, you have developed an almost perfect program.”



In summer 2010, the experiences of both the interns and their employers were, almost without exception, fantastic. Here are a few highlights:

Michelle Quach (pictured with alum Dr. Dorothy Connell, her supervisor) interned at The Children’s Society, a leading children’s charity based in London. She credited the programme

with “helping me fulfil my lifelong dream of experiencing Europe. I thoroughly enjoyed my internship, which gave me an in-depth look at British society through the lens of a non-profit organisation, and through which I met a variety of enlightening and wonderful people. I’ve come back to the States

with an increased appreciation for European culture and history - now I want to learn French and improve my Spanish!”. Dorothy Connell said, “I very much enjoyed having the opportunity to meet and mentor such an outstanding person and representative of Harvard as Michelle. She arrived with high skills coupled with an unassuming and practical nature that won the hearts of all my colleagues from our CEO to our receptionist. The charity world, as much as the business world, needs to attract capable young people to our enterprises on both sides of the ‘pond’, and I felt that this internship programme was invaluable.”

Marissa Glynias spent her summer with the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. The high point of her internship was being invited to the BBC Proms in London where the RLPO was performing. “I helped work at the reception preceding the concert, and then we sat in a box for the performance! I absolutely loved my internship in Liverpool. Working at the Phil was a great experience, because I got an overview of every department and how they work together to prioritise the music and its outreach in the community. Thanks to HCUK and CES for giving me such an amazing opportunity”. Marissa’s supervisor Millicent Jones was equally delighted: “The experience was overwhelmingly positive. Marissa was enthusiastic and able to take on pretty much anything we threw at her. Hosting a Harvard intern is an amazing experience for the whole organisation. The level of drive, commitment, curiosity and ability amongst Harvard interns we’ve hosted is extraordinary.”

Aixin Wang (pictured with Julian Huppert MP for Cambridge) had a dynamic and exciting internship as she helped the newly-elected MP set up his office during an unprecedented time in British politics. “My research internship with Julian Huppert MP was a truly rewarding learning experience. It was amazing to work in Parliament, and work closely with Julian and learn from him ... my experience reaffirmed my interest in public policy as part of my career and broadened my horizons about working in other countries, since I greatly enjoyed living and working in London.”



Travers Rhodes interned at Durham University and offered this perspective: “My experience was of perfect comfort and interesting intellectual engagements. This

summer was a significant milestone in my life since it showed me a career I could really enjoy, and the excitement of being in Europe made this trip my most fun summer to date.” His supervisor Nigel Glover was equally pleased: “[Travers] was intelligent, motivated, and highly enthusiastic. Without him, this project would have remained on the back burner. He was able to bring his mathematical knowledge and apply it in a very productive way ... The experience was overwhelmingly positive.”

Interns Danielle Kim and Laura Bassett in London.



The internship programme goes from strength to strength because of the people who participate in it, and we invite and encourage HCUK members to offer new employment opportunities and/or become a mentor. As a closing to her report, Danielle Kim offered sentiments that echo those of both the interns and alumni participants: “I honestly couldn’t have asked for a better experience than the one I gained through my HCUK-CES internship. Thank you.”

Janice Bunstead, Chair,
HCUK-CES Internship Programme,
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Center for European Studies, Harvard University

If you are interested in participating in next year’s programme, please contact Christy Colburn at the Center for European Studies, Harvard University (ccolburn@fas.harvard.edu) and/or Jan Bunstead (jan.bunstead@post.harvard.edu) if you are a potential employer, or Yuko Thomas (yuko.thomas@post.harvard.edu), if you would like to be a mentor.

1 November 2010 is the deadline for internship proposals by employers. Please see www.hcuk.org for the relevant forms, timeline, and guidelines.

Harkness Fellows Association and Transatlantic Trust Autumn Programme 2010 Open to HCUK Members

We are very pleased to offer Harkness Fellows an interesting and varied programme of four events for the Autumn. The full list is summarised below. Details of some of these events have already been circulated by the HCUK Events emails.

Tuesday 19th October 2010

Reception and talk by bestselling author Ben Macintyre on his new book, "Operation Mincemeat." This is the thrilling, true story of the greatest and most successful wartime deception ever attempted; one that changed the course of World War II. The event will be held at the RAF Club on Piccadilly.

Wednesday 10th November 2010

Reception and presentation by Professor Nicola LeFanu on "The Composer's Journey." Nicola will speak about the process of composition, with musical interludes to illustrate her subject. This will be a rather different evening's entertainment and we are fortunate that Timothy Hornsby and his wife will host it at their house in Dulwich.

Friday 26th November 2010

Dinner to celebrate William Plowden's life and work with guest speakers Sir Nicholas Monck, Baroness Tessa Blackstone and Kate Jenkins. William had a distinguished career and made a substantial contribution to Harkness over the last 22 years. The dinner will be held at the Athenaeum, Pall Mall. It will be preceded by the AGM and papers for the meeting will be circulated later.

Thursday 9th December 2010

Reception and talk by Richard Hooper CBE entitled "In and Out of the Long Grass – the future of the Royal Mail." Richard has been highly involved in the recent reviews of the future of the Royal Mail and will share his experience on a service which affects us all. The event will be held at the Athenaeum, Pall Mall.

If you would like to attend any of these events and have not yet signed up for them, please contact Lizzie Martin as soon as possible as places are limited. Contact details are given below.

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We would love to include your event listing, articles and reviews in our next HCUK News for November / December 2010. Please send them to Cindy Levy (Cindy_Levy@mckinsey.com) by 31st October. Thank you.