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# The Harvard Club of San Francisco

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March - April - May 2012

#### HARVARD AT 375

with

**President Drew Faust Professor Lawrence Lessig** Professor Jonathan Zittrain

Join Drew Gilpin Faust, President of Harvard University and Lincoln Professor of History for an engaging discussion on the role of the University in the 21st century. Discover the tradition of imaginative change that has distinguished Harvard since its founding in 1636!



This 375th anniversary event will also feature a conversation between two eminent Harvard faculty, Larry Lessig and Jonathan Zittrain. Together, they will explore transparency, "open knowledge" and the implications of "open government" for society, and invite you to participate in the discussion. A festive reception will cap the evening with an opportunity to meet and reconnect with fellow San Francisco-area alumni and parents from across the University.

#### **SPEAKERS**

#### **Drew Gilpin Faust**

President of Harvard University and Lincoln Professor of History

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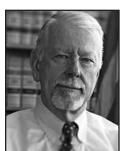
05/10 Annual Meeting Featuring — Judge Walker

Thursday, May 10th

#### ANNUAL MEETING FEATURING — JUDGE VAUGHN WALKER

HCSF members and their guests are cordially invited to attend the club's Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 10th. This festive evening will feature a buffet reception, and the remarks of the Honorable Vaughn Walker, former chief judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

Nominated to the federal bench by President George H. W. Bush, Judge Walker is perhaps best known for his August 2010 decision overturning the Proposition 8 ban on same-sex marriage in California. Judge Walker announced his retirement from the bench later that year.



In his 21 years as a San Francisco federal judge, Judge Walker presided over some

of the most significant social and economic disputes of contemporary American society. He has been described as an "independent-minded conservative," and his decisions have contributed to the national discourse on issues ranging from wiretapping and terrorism to downloads and browsers.

In recognition of his work, Judge Walker will receive HCSF's 2012 Citizen of the Year Award. Please join us for a fascinating evening of conversation and camaraderie.

Thursday, May 10, 2012

University Club, 800 Powell St., San Francisco

6:00pm-7:30pm Buffet reception and no host bar

6:00pm-6:30pm Private reception for Past Presidents,

Lifetime members and Benefactors

7:30pm - 7:45pm Convocation & Annual Dinner Business

7:45pm - 8:30pm Presentation by Vaughn Walker

8:30pm - 8:45pm Q&A

8:45pm - 9:30pm Dessert Reception

\$65 HCSF members

\$85 Non-members

Registration at www.harvardclubsf.org

No refunds after Thursday, May 3, 2012

#### **Message from President Augie Rakow**

#### The Harvard Club of San Francisco is Recruiting!

#### **Community Service Director**

The Harvard Club of San Francisco is a registered 501(c)(3) organization with a tri-fold mission: (1) community service, (2) interviewing candidates for admission to Harvard College, and (3) organizing social and educational events. We are actively recruiting someone specially talented for the top position leading our top-priority mandate. The right candidate will have a worldly view and unique, strong ideas about how to use the Harvard Club's diversely talented membership to serve Bay Area communities and beyond. The right candidate will be ambitious in their community service aspirations.

#### **Membership Director**

The Harvard Club of San Francisco serves approximately 20,000 Harvard alumni in Northern California from every department and school of the University. With only several hundred members a few years ago, the Harvard Club now boasts 1,300+ annual dues-paying members. We believe our membership should grow further. We are actively recruiting a Membership Director with great ideas to double or triple our membership. The right candidate will have a talent for basic quantitative analysis as well as online and in-person community building.

#### Special Member Relations Adviser

The Harvard Club of San Francisco is blessed with the most diversely talented, educated, accomplished and resourceful alumni members in one of the most beautiful and productive regions of the world. Harvard alumni and Harvard Club members occupy influential positions throughout the Bay Area. The Harvard Club is seeking a particularly innovative and creative member to advise the Harvard Club's board of directors on the development of new programs to serve the Club's most influential and uniquely-placed members. The right candidate will be comfortable working with high-net-worth individuals, CEOs, and renowned authors and artists, and will have an uncompromising respect for confidentiality. This is not a fundraising position.

All are volunteer positions. Interested candidates please contact the Harvard Club President, Augie Rakow, augierakow@post. harvard.edu. Please send a short paragraph describing your interest in the position, any relevant experience (though none is necessary), and two or three ideas you would like to pursue in the position that interests you.

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#### Lawrence Lessig

Roy L. Furman Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, and director of the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University

#### **Jonathan Zittrain**

Professor of Law (HLS, HKS) and Professor of Computer Science (SEAS), Co-Founder, Berkman Center for Internet & Society

Wednesday, April 4, 2012
San Francisco City Hall
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco
6:00pm Registration
6:30 p.m. Program
8:30 p.m. Reception
\$45 HCSF Members
\$55 Alumi and guests
\$25 Recent graduates of Harvard College '07-'11
Registration at www.harvardclubsf.org

### HARVARD IN EDUCATION HAPPY HOUR

Come join Harvard alumni/ae in the education sector for this San Francisco Bay Area networking event! Meet and connect with alums working with public, nonprofit, and for-profit organizations.

Bar888 InterContinental San Francisco 888 Howard St, San Francisco Thursday, April 12 6:30pm - 9pm No cost to attend RSVP at www.harvardclubsf.org

### Founders Series CloudFlare & HBS Professor Noam Wasserman



The Co-Founders of CloudFlare

HBS Professor Noam Wasserman will interview the three Co-Founders of Cloudflare on their startup experience

The Harvard Founders Series will feature Professor Noam Wasserman, the award-winning Entrepreneurship Professor at HBS and author of the upcoming book, "The Founder's Dilemmas: Anticipating and Avoiding the Pitfalls That Can Sink a Startup," who will interview the three Co-Founders of Cloudflare on their experience and lessons learned in starting one of Silicon Valley's hottest startups. The perfect talk for any aspiring entrepreneurs and technologists looking to learn from those who have taken the startup plunge.

CloudFlare, Inc. makes sites twice as fast, protects them from attacks, ensures they are always online, and makes it simple to add web apps with a single click. CloudFlare supercharges websites regardless of size or platform with no need to add hardware, install software, or change a line of code. The CloudFlare community gets stronger as it grows; every new site makes the network smarter. Thanks to its awesome sauce technology, every month hundreds of millions of people experience a faster, safer, better Internet. CloudFlare is recognized by the World Economic Forum as a Technology Pioneer and was named the 2011 Most Innovative Network & Internet Technology Company of the Year by the Wall Street Journal. CloudFlare is based in San Francisco, California, USA.

Matthew Prince is the co-founder & CEO of CloudFlare. Matthew wrote his first computer program when he was 7, and hasn't been able to shake the bug since. After attending the University of Chicago Law School, he worked as an attorney for one day before jumping at the opportunity to be a founding member of a tech startup. He hasn't looked back. CloudFlare is Matthew's third entrepreneurial venture. On the side, Matthew teaches Internet law as an adjunct professor, is a certified ski instructor and regular attendee of the Sundance Film Festival.

Michelle Zatlyn is the co-founder and Head of User Experience at CloudFlare, Inc. Michelle creates products people love. Growing up in Canada, she earned a degree in Chemistry and now applies the "scientific method" to improving businesses. Prior to Cloud-Flare, she worked at Google and Toshiba, launched two successful startups and got her MBA from Harvard Business School where she was awarded the Dubliner Prize for Entrepreneurship. Michelle

holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and a minor in Management, with Distinction, from McGill University. She also holds her MBA from Harvard Business School and was awarded the Dubliner Prize for Entrepreneurship. Michelle is an experienced public speaker and frequent panelist. She was named as one of the 2011 Top Women to Watch in Technology by the Huffington Post.

Lee Holloway is the lead software engineer, and has his hands in everything we do. Before co-founding CloudFlare, Lee built other amazing high-availability, high-volume database platforms including Project Honey Pot, an open source project Lee and Matthew Prince started in 2004 to track online fraud and abuse. It grew into one of the largest such communities online and provided the initial inspiration for CloudFlare. In his spare time, Lee is learning Russian and teaching his son Linux. Lee holds a degree in Computer Science from the University of Santa Cruz. He is a software architect specializing in high-availability, high-volume databases including RegistryCompliance.com, Michigan's Children's Protection Registry and Walmart.com.

Noam Wasserman is a professor at Harvard Business School. For more than a decade, his research has focused on early decisions that can make or break a startup and its team. At HBS, he developed and teaches an MBA elective, "Founders' Dilemmas" for which he was awarded the HBS Faculty Teaching Award and the Academy of Management's 2012 Innovation in Pedagogy Award. In 2011, the course was also named one of the top entrepreneurship courses in the country by Inc. Magazine.

Tuesday, March 27, 2012 6:30pm Pillsbury Winthrop, 50 Fremont St., San Francisco \$25 HCSF Members, \$40 Non-members Registration at www.harvardclubsf.org For any questions about this event, please contact Eliot Hodges '02 at ehodges@post.harvard.edu

## Chamber Music Salon Series HCSF and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music

In April, an intimate private house salon will be generously hosted by Harvard alum, Lauren Hall in Pacific Heights. A visual and aural masterpiece — an antique Bosendorfer grand piano — will be showcased by conservatory musicians at this beautiful home. Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

Sunday, April 29, 2012 2pm-4pm \$20 HCSF Members; \$30 Non-members Registration at www.harvardclubsf.org Limit 20

#### "Let's Write!" Creative Writing Workshop

Taught by Harvard Alum Novelist Mary Rakow, Ph.D.

Join fellow Harvard alums and Mechanics' Institute authors and authors-to-be for a 4-hr creative writing workshop with Harvard alum and novelist Mary Rakow, Ph.D.

#### The Format

The focus is on individual critique. Class is limited to 10 participants. Also, brief in-class exercises and writing prompts to take home. Open to writers at all levels. Please bring 10 copies of your work (5 page maximum).

#### The Philosophy

"Many creatures must make, but only one must seek within itself what to make." We are that creature. We alone must make objects of meaning. Bring what you have to this writing workshop: the opening line of a poem, a novel excerpt, an idea. Find what you are trying to make. Get started. Go deeper into what you have. See more clearly the finishing touches you must now do. Take a step toward more powerful, truthful and beautiful work.

#### The Instructor

Mary Rakow, Ph.D., comes to fiction from theology. A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, she is the recipient of a Lannan Foundation Literary Fellowship. Her novel, The Memory Room, was shortlisted for the Stanford University Libraries Saroyan Prize, finalist for Los Angeles Times Fiction Prize, and one of The Los Angeles Times Ten Best Books of the West in 2002.

"The Memory Room marks the rarest of occurrences — the debut of a literary master." Janet Fitch, White Oleander.

"Mary Rakow is a breathtaking writer and passionate teacher." Sam Dunn, Failing Paris.

Saturday April 28, 2012

1pm - 5pm

Mechanics' Institute Board Room

57 Post Street, San Francisco, 94104
(at Montgomery Street BART station)

\$20 HCSF members
\$20 Mechanics' Institute members
\$40 Non-members
Registration at www.harvardclubsf.org
Limited to 10 participants
Questions? Email Mary: marrakow@yahoo.com

Sold out? Email Mary to be waitlisted: marrakow@yahoo.com

#### **Harvard Book Award**

Each year the Harvard Club of San Francisco sponsors book awards for outstanding rising juniors attending Bay Area high schools. This program is a fantastic way to not only recognize students' achievement, but also to raise awareness of Harvard University in our local community. In the last few years, the HCSF has been growing this program to make book awards available to more Bay Area public schools which have previously not been part of the Harvard Book Award program in order to reach a more diverse group of students.

If you would like to hear more about this great program and/ or sponsor a book award for a local student please contact the Harvard Club Book Award organizer Stephanie Lee at stlee@post.harvard.edu.

#### **The Supper Series**

Everyone knows that many teenagers live on the edge, whether it's experimenting with drugs and alcohol, having unsafe sex, or reckless driving. Looking back, it's a miracle that any of us survive to adulthood. Why is this? Is it an unavoidable rite of passage or can it be avoided?

On the evening of February 21, Dr. Jessica Cohen, a postdoctoral research fellow at UC Berkeley (Harvard '02), addressed this pertinent issue with an intimate group gathered at the house of Spencer Rhodes ('00). Dr. Cohen, who received her Ph.D. in cognitive neuroscience at UCLA ('09) before moving to UC Berkeley, discussed why teenagers engage in high-risk, and sometimes dangerous, behavior and how understanding their brain development and function can help us to better understand what motivates them to act in that manner.

Dr. Cohen's lecture was the third Supper Series event organized by the Harvard Club of San Francisco. Each Supper Series event features a local expert who discusses his or her specialty at the home of an alumnus, and then leads a discussion about the topic with other alumni. The first two speakers were Katharine Woodman-Maynard ('08), who discussed life as an artist and an animator, and Kevin R. Stone, MD ('77), who discussed his groundbreaking medical research on tissue repair and replacement.

Keep a lookout for the next fascinating Supper Series event, and please contact the Supper Series organizer, Eliot Hodges at ehodges@post.harvard.edu if you'd be interested in hosting a Supper Series event at your home or speaking at one.

#### 20 Years After the Fall of the USSR and Yugoslavia

Presented by Francis Tapon, HBS '97 and author of the new book, The Hidden Europe



April 28, 2012 marks the 20th anniversary of the fall of Yugoslavia. This raises some questions:

- How are the Balkans today? Where is it going?
- Is it safe for tourists? If so, where should one go?
- What about the rest of Eastern Europe
- How is it faring 20 years after the fall of the USSR?
- Where are the best investment opportunities in Eastern Europe?

Join Francis Tapon, HBS '97 grad and author of the new book, "The Hidden Europe: What Eastern Europeans Can Teach Us", as he answers these and many other questions about Eastern Europe.

He'll take you on colorful journey, exploring 25 Eastern European countries, showing you hundreds of stunning photos.

Francis will argue that while the Berlin Wall collapsed over two decades ago, there's still many myths and mysteries in Eastern Europe.

He's been interviewed on KQED's Forum with Michael Krasny. Now is your chance to ask him questions about this hidden region in Europe. He will be autographing copies of his book. Visit www.francistapon.com for more information on Francis Tapon.

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

6:30pm - 7:30pm Networking reception

7:30pm - 8:30pm Presentation

8:30pm - Q&A

University Club of San Francisco, 800 Powell St., San Francisco \$25 HCSF Members (member may bring one guest at the member price)

\$35 Non-members

Registration at www.harvardclubsf.org

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