

Calendar of Events

PROFESSOR STEPHEN GREENBLATT PUBLIC LECTURE

MARCH 25, 2014

Cambridge Public Library
449 Broadway, Cambridge, 6 p.m.

Join Stephen Greenblatt for an informal talk titled "Shakespeare and the Pleasure of Tragedy." Greenblatt is the John Cogan University Professor of the Humanities at Harvard, and his recent book, *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern*, was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 2012. In its citation, the Pulitzer board described Greenblatt's book as "a provocative book arguing that an obscure work of philosophy, discovered nearly 600 years ago, changed the course of history by anticipating the science and sensibilities of today." Join us for this talk about how Shakespeare and his age rediscovered the peculiar taste for stories of downfall and death. Lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, call 617-349-4040.



FAMILY CULTURAL EVENT: DOMINICAN CARNIVAL!

MARCH 29, 2014

Peabody Museum
11 Divinity Ave., Cambridge, 2-4:30 p.m.

Join the Asociación Carnavalesca de Massachusetts, known for its participation in Latino cultural festivals and as an ambassador of Dominican culture. Carnival participants can celebrate with games, crafts, and traditional tales; join the parade as *diablos cojuelos* ("limping devils"); and cavort indoors in traditional costumes. Regular museum admission rates apply. For more information, visit peabody.harvard.edu.

FROM DARWIN TO DNA: THE GENETIC BASIS OF ANIMAL BEHAVIOR

APRIL 2, 2014

Harvard Museum of Natural History, Geological Lecture Hall
24 Oxford St., Cambridge, 6 p.m.

How do certain animals, such as wild mice, evolve their most critical survival traits, including skin coloration, body shape, and the ability to dig elaborate tunnels in order to hide from predators? How fast can successive generations acquire visible traits, and how do animal genes and behavior interact? Evolutionary geneticist Hopi Hoekstra and colleagues have combined extensive field research with the latest techniques in DNA analysis to unlock one of biology's most elusive secrets: the genes that control behavior. This lecture is free and open to the public. Free event parking is available in the 52 Oxford Street Garage. For more information, visit hmn.harvard.edu.



"SPRING INTO HEALTH" ARBORETUM WALK

APRIL 6, 2014

Rhoda Kubrick, Arboretum docent
Arnold Arboretum, Hunnewell Building
125 Arborway, Boston, 10 a.m.

Break out of winter dormancy and get that sap flowing! Explore the less-traveled paths of the Arboretum with a brisk walk designed for getting fit. Pause to hear about interesting plants while you catch your breath. This activity is free, but registration is requested. Visit arboretum.harvard.edu for more information. In case of inclement weather, contact 617-384-5209.



CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE FESTIVAL

APRIL 18-27, 2014

Various Times & Locations

The Cambridge Science Festival, the first of its kind in the United States, is a celebration showcasing the leading edge in science, technology, engineering and math. A multifaceted, multicultural event every spring, the Cambridge Science Festival makes science accessible, interactive, and fun! An annual festival highlight, the Science Carnival & Robot Zoo will take place on Saturday, April 19th, at the Cambridge Public Library. Also be sure to check out 'Science Meets Art' at the Harvard Allston Education Portal on Wednesday, April 23. Harvard University undergraduates will host an assortment of hands-on activities and demonstrations to explore the intersection of art and science. For more information, visit cambridgesciencefestival.org.

ARTS FIRST

MAY 1-4, 2014

Various Times & Locations

Harvard invites you to four days of non-stop art. The annual ARTS FIRST festival celebrates student and faculty creativity at the University. Around half of Harvard's 6,600 students participate in the festival each spring. More than 225 music, theater, dance, film, and visual arts events, most free of charge and open to the public, are on tap. Whether you are a fan of a cappella or bhangra, tap or Tchaikovsky, installation art or painting, improv comedy or pipe organ performance, ARTS FIRST has an arts experience for you. For more information, visit ofa.fas.harvard.edu/arts.



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ALLSTON

Winter 2014

Harvard Allston Partnership Fund Awards \$100,000 to Allston-Brighton Nonprofits

This winter, the Harvard Allston Partnership Fund (HAPF) awarded 11 local nonprofits grants totaling \$100,000 to support programs in the Allston-Brighton community. Since its creation in 2008, the HAPF has provided \$600,000 in grants to 21 local organizations, supporting programs for more than 4,300 Allston-Brighton residents. The grant program, established by Harvard University and

the city of Boston, in collaboration with the Allston community, was created to support nonprofit organizations providing neighborhood improvement projects, cultural enrichment, and educational programming for residents living in North Allston-Brighton.

Funding decisions are made by a volunteer board of community members following careful review of all

applications received. This year's awards provide support for educational programs, youth enrichment activities, arts programming, activities for families, health and wellness programs, and English literacy classes.



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The recipients of the sixth round of HAPF grants are:

- Big Sister Association of Greater Boston
- Boston Children's Chorus
- CommonWheels Bicycle Co-Op
- Family Nurturing Center of Massachusetts
- The Fishing Academy
- Friends of the Honan Allston Branch Library
- Gardner Pilot Academy
- Joseph M. Smith Community Health Center
- The Literacy Connection
- West End House Camp
- West End House Girls' Camp



This fall, as the original grant program approached its conclusion, Harvard extended its commitment to the Harvard Allston Partnership Fund for an additional 10 years. Applications for the next round of funding will be available in fall 2014. For more information, visit www.edportal.harvard.edu or email hapfund@gmail.com.



Harvard Ceramics Program Celebrates Studio Opening in Allston

The Ceramics Program at the Office for the Arts at Harvard, located at 224 Western Ave. in Allston, officially celebrated its opening and new location in Allston at the end of February. The event was attended by Harvard University President Drew Faust, Office for the Arts staff, Harvard faculty and students, and Allston-Brighton community members.

Though the Ceramics Program has been located in Allston for more than 25 years, its new location provides better visibility within the neighborhood. The new location boasts a public gallery directly fronting the street. Programming and events will build upon the success of the existing programming and will include a visiting artist series, exhibitions, and community initiatives.

The interior of the studio offers classrooms, as well as clay and glaze chemistry labs, plaster and mold-making design areas, and a large kiln room. There are independent workspaces for artists, administrative offices, a lounge, and a visual presentation and digital resource room.

The Ceramics Program offers courses and workshops to Harvard affiliates and the general public. Through a partnership with the Harvard Allston Education Portal, the Ceramics Program will host additional community programs and events in the future and will offer a limited number of scholarships to Allston-Brighton residents to participate in select courses.

To learn more, visit <http://ofa.fas.harvard.edu/ceramics/>.

Check out our redesigned website

The Community Connections website, community.harvard.edu, features news, information, programming highlights, and events in Harvard's host communities. Stories and information cover an array of topics: from educational programming, research updates, and public service activities in Cambridge and Boston, to resources for job seekers, professional development for schools and teachers, and family activities and opportunities. Stay connected through community.harvard.edu!



Sign up for e-Connect

To stay in the loop about upcoming Harvard events and community news, sign up to receive our monthly e-newsletter *e-Connect* by emailing community@community.harvard.edu. Or visit us at community.harvard.edu.

Harvard Partners with Boston Public Schools to Host Workshop Series for Local Families

The Teaching and Learning Partnerships (TLP) team in Harvard's Public Affairs and Communications office provides educational resources, programs, and professional development opportunities for local schools and community-based organizations.

In partnership with Boston Public Schools (BPS), the TLP team is working with the Edison School, Jackson-Mann K-8 School, the James W. Hennigan School, and the Tobin K-8 School to offer the program "The Mind Matters: Families Make a Difference." This workshop series provides educational resources and community support for families with children ages 3-8 to help foster learning at home.

Developed by Harvard and based on cutting-edge brain research, the program provides families with strategies on how to foster a child's development. Participants receive materials and activities to use at home with their children. The 10-session series is free and is designed to be convenient for families. In addition, participants can earn points as part of BPS's Parent University certificate program.

Harvard's TLP team provides the training for the "Mind Matters" trainers to facilitate



the series across Boston. In February, the TLP trained 18 individuals from BPS and community organizations to lead the workshops during a three-day professional development series at the Harvard Allston Education Portal (Ed Portal). In addition, through a partnership with the Allston-Brighton schools, the series is being offered at the Ed Portal as a convenient location for Allston-Brighton families.

To learn more about the program, visit <http://www.bpsfamilies.org/parentuniversity>.

Harvard Allston Education Portal Offers Programs for Allston-Brighton Residents

The Harvard Allston Education Portal (Ed Portal) is a collaborative partnership involving Harvard University, the Allston-Brighton community, and the city of Boston. Located on North Harvard Street, the Ed Portal welcomes Allston-Brighton residents on to Harvard's campus and provides access to Harvard programs and resources.

The Ed Portal offers year-round educational, arts, and wellness programming. Every fall and spring

semester, 25 Harvard undergraduates provide mentoring to more than 125 Allston-Brighton children. The Harvard Allston Workforce Collaborative provides free computer classes and career resources for Allston-Brighton adult residents. Harvard faculty host public lectures on a variety of topics from brain science, to astronomy, to photography. Through partnerships with the Office for the Arts at Harvard, the Center for Wellness, and community programs such as Unbound Visual Arts and CommonWheels Bicycle

Co-Op, the Ed Portal offers dance workshops, art exhibitions and classes, health and wellness workshops, and more - all available to Allston-Brighton residents.

HarvardX for Allston, also known as "AllstonX," aims to enrich learning experiences and workforce development opportunities for Allston-Brighton residents by combining technology and online learning with in-person programs with Harvard faculty, students, and staff. The program provides

support and resources to harness technology to further one's own skills and education to advance in the knowledge economy. Join the Ed Portal's email list for announcements on upcoming HarvardX for Allston programs.

Membership to the Ed Portal is free and open to Allston-Brighton residents. To learn more, visit www.edportal.harvard.edu.

