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# JULIE GAGE PALMER NOMINATED FOR HARVARD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ELECTED DIRECTOR

The Harvard Club of Chicago is proud to announce that Julie Gage Palmer '84 has been nominated as a candidate for Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) Elected Director.

HAA promotes and maintains a beneficial relationship between Harvard University and its alumni, through club activities, including educational programs, volunteer opportunities, and networking events.

All Harvard degree holders may vote for Elected Directors via ballots to be mailed no later than April 1, 2013. Ballots must be received back in Cambridge by noon on May 24, 2013.

Julie has been a long-time Director of the Harvard Club of Chicago and is currently one of the co-chairs of the HAA's Schools and Scholarships Committee.

Julie is a devoted volunteer, who cofounded the Harvard School Liaison program in the Chicago area, in addition to having served on her 25th Reunion planning, symposia, and gift committees.

As a Director of the Harvard Club of Chicago, Julie has participated as a leader in a variety of Club programs. She worked as one of the editors of the book, *150 Years of the Harvard Club of Chicago*. She was instrumental in facilitating the Club's Justice Online and Literature of Childhood discussion groups for alumni.



Julie Gage Palmer

Julie has been involved with Schools Committee interviewing since the mid-1980s, first in Michigan and then here in Chicago since 1987.

"I love working with Harvard alumni. My experiences on the Board of the Harvard Club of Chicago, as an alumni interviewer, and with the Schools and Scholarship Committee have allowed me to stay in touch with fellow alumni and with Harvard. The students I interview become more and more interesting as I get older. The same is true of my fellow alums!"

Julie is also heavily invested in community education in the Chicago area. She chaired a successful community referendum campaign supporting increased tax revenue for a suburban school district. This involved educating the local community about public education funding in Illinois. She also co-founded a local education advocacy organization called the Gifted Education Parent Network. Through her work with the Harvard Schools and Scholarship Committee, Julie has worked with the Chicago Scholars program, an organization that supports underserved area students as they apply to and attend college.

"One worthwhile alumni experience leads to the next. Alumni volunteer to serve not only because they care about the cause they are serving, but also because they love Harvard and enjoy being connected to the community."

Julie and a few other alumni are now working to establish a new Harvard Shared Interest Group (SIG) devoted to women's freedoms in cross-cultural contexts. She invites alumni who might like to work on this SIG to contact her at jgagepalmer@gmail.com.

Professionally, Julie graduated from University of Michigan Law School in 1987. She is a Lecturer in Law at the University of Chicago Law School and is co-author of the book, *The Ethics of Human Gene Therapy*.

Julie Gage Palmer and her husband, John B. Palmer III, have three children, David (Harvard College Class of '15), Joseph, and Benjamin.

—Ilana Greene, ALM '11

## THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HARVARD CLUB OF CHICAGO

The Harvard Club of Chicago is pleased to present Margo Georgiadis, a distinguished member of the Harvard family, at its Annual Meeting. Ms. Georgiadis has had a fascinating career, and currently is President of Americas Operations at Google. She leads the company's North American and Latin American



advertising sales and operations teams, which provide digital solutions to Google's large and small clients.

Earlier she was VP of Global Sales Operations with responsibility for driving Google's global sales operations and strategies, as well as leading the technology teams that enable the successful commercialization of Google's products. Prior to her current role, Margo was the Chief Operating Officer of Groupon, Inc. She spent five years as Executive Vice President of Card Products and Chief Marketing Officer of Discover Financial Services, where she led a radical turnaround of business performance and revitalized its rewards leadership with award-winning new products, customer experience and marketing. Prior to Discover, Margo was a partner at McKinsey and Company for 15 years, where she was a leader in the Marketing and Retail practices, and co-founded the customer acquisition and management and retail marketing practices.

Date: Sunday, May 5, 2013 Time: 5:30 p.m. reception 6:00 p.m. meeting and dinner Location: Indian Hill Club, 1 Indian Hill Road, Winnetka Cost: \$65.00 for Members and their guests; \$75.00 for Non-Members

Reservations required by May 2

# COLLEGE INTERVIEWING WORKSHOP AT WHITNEY YOUNG KICKS OFF SIGNATURE LIAISON PROGRAM

The Harvard Club of Chicago

is actively engaged in a number

of volunteer efforts throughout

support, early college awareness, global service events and other

important projects. Chicago area

alumni are encouraged to become

fellow alumni on these important

club members to partner with

endeavors.

the city, including education

Why do colleges conduct interviews? Why do interviewers want to talk about academics if they have a student's test scores? What if a student can't answer one of the interviewer's questions? What should a student wear to a college interview? How can students deal with interviewing nerves?

These were just some of the questions both posed and fielded at the first Whitney Young Magnet High School Interviewing Workshop conducted in the school's library on March 7, 2013. Approximately seventy students attended the two-hour after-school workshop for high school juniors organized and moderated by local Harvard alumni.

"After interviewing for more than fifteen years, we realized that many students could benefit from learning more about

the interview itself and how to prepare," explains Rebecca Chamian Ribaudo '93, co-liaison for Whitney Young with her husband Anthony Ribaudo '93. "Being able to speak about oneself and one's accomplishments in a compelling manner is a skill students not only need to hone for the college application process, but also for life beyond college."

In the first half of the workshop, four local Harvard alumni peppered the students with questions, leading a spirited dialogue that covered topics from how to discuss extracurriculars to the importance of asking your interviewer insightful, educated questions. In the second half, students broke out into mini discussion groups. In this smaller environment, students were able to ask more personal questions, such as how to bring up financial concerns and how to discuss an uneven academic record.

> "The workshop was of great benefit to our students," explains Mrs. Hogan, guidance counselor at Whitney Young. "We hope it's an annual event that Harvard can offer during the junior spring."

Held around the time of Whitney Young's college fair, the workshop is an effective way for Harvard to engage students at a pivotal time in their college planning process. Most importantly, it helps direct students into thinking about their college interview as an integral piece of their application, and

one for which they need to prepare.

"As we seek to deliver high quality seminars and talks to area high schools, I see the interviewing workshop as a signature program," adds Ked Fairbank, Harvard Club of Chicago President.

The Club's Education Committee is currently determining how to package workshop assets and scale the experience to reach more schools in the 2013-2014 academic year.

-Rebecca Chamian Ribaudo, AB '93

### **WEALT OF COMING EVENTS**

The Harvard Club of Chicago hosts numerous events throughout the year. Harvard Club members may receive reduced rates and first priority for some events. For more details on all upcoming events, or to register, please access the Harvard Club website: www.harvardclubchicago.org or call the HCC at 847.256.1211.

#### Harvard Loeb Fellows Discussion

*Date:* April 10, 2013 *Location:* McDermott, Will & Emery, 227 W. Monroe St., 45th Floor, Chicago, IL *Time:* wine & cheese at 5:30 pm; program from 6-7:30 pm *Cost:* \$15 for Members and Member Guests; \$30.00 for Non-Members. Complimentary for Crimson and Crimson Plus.

#### Survey of the Picasso Exhibit at the Art Institute

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2013 Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Location: McDermott, Will & Emery, 227 W. Monroe St., 45th Floor, Chicago, IL

*Cost:* \$15 for members and members' guests. \$30 for nonmembers. Complimentary for Crimson and Crimson Plus.

The *Picasso and Chicago* show opened recently at the Art Institute (AIC) to rave reviews. Liz McGoey, a Research Associate in the Department of Medieval to Modern European Painting and Sculpture at AIC, will discuss the AIC's current Picasso exhibition.

#### The Annual Summer Supper at The Cliff Dwellers

This year, the annual summer supper will feature Blair Kamin, the Pulitzer Prize-winning architecture critic of the *Chicago Tribune*, and current Harvard University Nieman Fellow. *Date:* August 13, 2013

*Location:* The Cliff Dwellers, 200 S. Michigan Ave. *Time:* To be Determined. Please check www. harvardclubchicago.org for further details.

# 🧖 IN MEMORIAM



The Harvard Club mourns the passing of George Miller Burditt, Jr. AB '44, LL.B., '48. While in college, George was the captain of the Harvard basketball team. After law school, he went on to have a distinguished legal career.

Throughout his lifetime, George remained active with Harvard. He

is a past president of the Harvard Law Society of Illinois, and was Grand Marshal one year. He also attended many local Harvard Club events.

George served eight years in the Illinois House of Representatives, and represented the Republican Party as a candidate for U.S. Senator.

George had a warm personality and was a friend to so many. He will be missed. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 27 at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago.

#### Will American Retain Its Economic Leadership?

Professor Gary S. Becker will speak on the role of markets, human capital and governments in achieving a full American economic recovery. Professor Becker is a Nobel Prize Laureate; University Professor in Economics, Sociology, and the Booth School of Business, The University of Chicago; and Rose-Marie and Jack R. Anderson Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution. *Date:* Thursday, April 18, 2013

*Time:* 5:30 p.m. Registration & cash bar reception 6:00-7:15 p.m. Presentation & discussion *Location:* The Ritz-Carlton Chicago, 160 East Pearson St. at Water Tower Place, Chicago *Cost:* \$10 for members; \$20 for nonmembers

#### Friends of Harvard Football Program

Please save the date of Thursday, May 30 for an evening event sponsored by the Friends of Harvard Football.

# Harvard Professor Niall Ferguson on the Global Economy

Professor Ferguson is the Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History at Harvard University. He is also a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, and a senior research fellow at Jesus College, Oxford University. **Date:** Monday, June 17, 2013 **Time:** 5:30 p.m. Registration & cash bar reception 6:00 p.m. Presentation & discussion 7:15 p.m. adjournment **Location:** Fairmont Chicago, 200 N. Columbus, Chicago

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Adela Cepeda, AB '80, founder of the A.C. Advisory investment firm, was recently profiled in the *Chicago Tribune*.

John Himmelfarb '68, has been featured in the February, 2013 issue of *Arts & Antiques Magazine*, as part of an article on abstract artists. John states: "My interest lies in the pure use of visual language without the baggage of imagery or narrative."

Congratulations to the Harvard Basketball team on its first NCAA tournament victory! 14<sup>th</sup> seeded Harvard University triumphed over third-seeded New Mexico in a 68-62 upset that left Harvard students and Alumni cheering!

Stay updated on Harvard Club of Chicago events and news by following us on Twitter at @Harvard\_Chi.

We welcome Ilana Greene as the new co-editor of the Harvard Club Newsletter! Ilana is a native of Chicago, a 2011 graduate of Harvard Extension School, and is pursuing a career in writing. Ilana will help solicit, edit, and draft articles for the newsletter. Volunteer writers and other content providers are always welcome; please contact <u>editor@harvardclubchicago.org</u>.



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