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PATRICK FITZGERALD, HCC ANNUAL AWARDEE, TO SPEAK AT HCC AWARDS DINNER ON MARCH 2, 2013

The Harvard Club of Chicago is pleased to announce that Patrick J. Fitzgerald, who recently stepped down as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, will receive the Club's Annual Award at the Annual Dinner.

The Annual Award Dinner is to be held on March 2, 2013 at the Chicago Club, 81 East Van Buren, Chicago. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:30 pm.

The Annual Awards Dinner is the principal source for scholarships and community service funds for Chicago area students. For forty-seven years, The Harvard Club of Chicago has presented an Award to leaders who have made a distinguished contribution to the greater Chicago community. In 2013, the Club is honored to give the Award to Patrick J. Fitzgerald.

Mr. Fitzgerald was the longest-serving United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, having been appointed to that position by President George W. Bush in 2001. Under his leadership, the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois prosecuted significant fraud, civil rights, official corruption, organized crime, narcotics and national security cases. The office includes a staff of more than 300 employees, including approximately 161 Assistant United States Attorneys, and covers 18 northern Illinois counties across the top tier of the state, with a population of approximately nine million people.

During his tenure, he became nationally recognized for his prosecution of many high-profile cases. These cases included the prosecution and conviction of two former Illinois governors and the fraud conviction of media figure Conrad Black. During this same period, he served as special counsel to the United States Department of Justice in connection



with the disclosure of the identity of a purported employee of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Prior to his 2001 appointment to lead the United States Attorney's Office in Chicago, Mr. Fitzgerald spent 13 years as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York. He served as lead counsel in the investigation, prosecution and seven-month trial of United States v. Usama bin Laden, et al., in which defendants were charged with and convicted of conspiracy to murder U.S. nationals overseas and the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Mr. Fitzgerald also participated in the nine-month trial of United States v. Omar Abdel Rahman, the prosecution of a conspiracy to attack the United States that involved the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

In 1995, Mr. Fitzgerald co-founded the Organized Crime-Terrorism Unit, investigating terrorist groups and facilitating coordination between the law enforcement and the intelligence

communities. He also handled numerous drug trafficking cases and organized crime cases, including the six-month trial of United States v. John Gambino.

In Chicago, Mr. Fitzgerald supervised the continuing public corruption investigation known as Operation Safe Road, which began in 1998, and which resulted in the convictions of approximately 73 defendants, including more than 30 public employees and officials. Since January 2004, he oversaw an investigation of the City of Chicago's Hired Truck Program in which three dozen defendants have been charged, including approximately 20 current or former city employees, and two dozen defendants have been convicted. Mr. Fitzgerald has also committed himself personally to the implementation of Project Safe Neighborhoods as part of a concerted effort with the Chicago Police Department and other state and federal law enforcement agencies to reduce gun violence.

Among Mr. Fitzgerald's awards and honors are the Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service in 1996, the Stimson Medal from the Association of the Bar of the City of New York in 1997 and the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in 2002.

Mr. Fitzgerald is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y. He graduated from Amherst College, Phi Beta Kappa, with a bachelor's degree in economics and mathematics in 1982, and from Harvard Law School in 1985.

The black-tie optional dinner fee is \$125.00 per person and \$60.00 for Decade Members. For reservations or further information please call the Club Office at 847.256.1211 or 312.266.8729 or go to www.HarvardClubChicago.org.

—Honey Skinner (AB '78)

HOLLYWOOD IN CHICAGO: THE HARVARDWOOD KICKOFF

CREATIVE HARVARDIANS, TAKE NOTE!

In December 2012, the Chicago chapter of Harvardwood kicked back to life with a holiday party organized by co-chapter heads Ramsey Lafayette (AB '10) and Dona Le (AB '05).

The purpose of Harvardwood, a volunteer-run, non-profit organization, is to provide support for Harvard students, alumni, faculty, and staff pursuing careers in the arts, media, and entertainment. Founded in Los Angeles in 1999, additional chapters have been well established in San Francisco, New York, London, and other major cities across the world.

The December 7th launch of Harvardwood Chicago attracted a good number of attendees to the Whiskey Bar of Deuces & the Diamond Club in Wrigleyville. Some guests revealed that, after registering with the Chicago chapter years ago, they'd been waiting for the organization to take flight.

Lafayette and Le met earlier in the fall at a Harvard Club of Chicago event, where they discovered their shared interest in television, film, and screenwriting.

At Harvard, Lafayette studied Psychology, with a focus on Drama, Acting, and Writing. Le has been involved with Harvardwood since 2009 as a Member Profile writer for the organization's monthly newsletter, Harvardwood Highlights.

Together, the co-chapter heads coordinated with Kelley Nicole Purcell, Harvardwood's Executive Director, to reach out to alumni in Chicago who have expressed interest in the organization or signed up to receive email updates.

"We are extremely excited to see Harvardwood activities get underway in the Chicago area again!" Purcell comments. "Ramsey and Dona have provided such a



great jumping off point for this re-launch, I'm confident Chicago-area Harvard alumni in the arts will benefit from their enthusiasm and passion."

Harvardwood is among a number of Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) affiliated with the Harvard Alumni Association. Over 40 SIGs have been approved by the HAA and are listed on the Harvard Club of Chicago's website.

Four levels of Harvardwood membership are available to current students, alumni, and faculty. Affiliates can join Harvardwood free of charge, but Full Members, Friends of Harvardwood, and A.R.T. Full Members pay a modest annual fee. Membership grants online access to private job listings, a mentorship program, seminars, and writing and acting programs, most of which take place in Los Angeles.

Lafayette and Le are focused on expanding the chapter and gaining momentum to host larger events. They plan to collaborate with similar organizations locally, such as the Chicago Screenwriters Network, to provide resources for Harvard's aspiring filmmakers, writers, and entertainers in Chicago.

If you have any questions about Harvardwood or suggestions for upcoming programs, or if you would like to be added to the Chicago chapter mailing list, please contact chicago@harvardwood.org. Harvardwood Chicago also has a Facebook page that provides information about upcoming events.

—Dona Le (AB '05)



BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY: CHICAGO'S APPEAL TO HARVARD GRADUATES

It's not New York City, and it's not Boston. It's not Silicon Valley or the San Francisco Bay Area.

For many recent Harvard graduates, that list makes Chicago not the Second City, but the fourth or fifth.

But those who relocate to Chicago discover that it's in fact a vibrant city that offers plenty of fun social activities and rewarding career opportunities across a variety of industries.

"At first, I expected the worst of Chicago," admits Alex McAdams (AB '11), who moved here shortly after graduation to join The Boston Consulting Group. "I figured it would either be a less impressive New York with the same drawbacks (overcrowding, rude people, dirty streets, etc.) or else just a podunk town with no culture."

Upon his arrival, however, McAdams discovered that "Chicago has all of the benefits of a big city: great nightlife, an amazing food scene, shows, festivals, and fantastic infrastructure. Yet somehow — almost magically — it manages to maintain a small-town vibe. People are friendly and say hello on the street. The city is remarkably clean and very welcoming to new people. It's easy to make friends."

And anybody, resident or visitor, who has been in Chicago during the summer can attest that it has plenty to offer. In addition to Taste of Chicago, Lollapalooza, and the Air & Water Show, Chicago summers are packed with countless cultural, artistic, and musical street festivals.

But most alumni moving to Chicago come in the late summer or early fall. Perhaps they've taken off the summer after graduation to relax and travel before starting full-time work, or they've waited until just before orientation to arrive. I personally found that autumn offers ample opportunity to adjust to life in Chicago, to meet co-workers and make new friends, and to carve out your favorite nooks and crannies in the city.

Membership in The Harvard Club of Chicago (HCC) is another great way to get to know other Harvard graduates in the greater Chicago area.

At my first HCC Decade Group event in early fall 2009, I met hosts Kris Mendez (AB '02) and Reva Minkoff (AB '08). Today, Mendez continues to organize happy hours every two to three weeks for Decade Group members.

"Decade Group Happy Hours are informal events aimed at recent graduates who may not know many other alums in the city," explains Mendez. "They are stress-free events where people can drop in for a few minutes or stay the whole time, meet other young alums, and learn about the club in a fun and friendly environment."



Harvard alumni mingle at Global Networking Night.

Furthermore, the HCC makes membership remarkably easy for young alumni. Those who have graduated within the last five years (2008-2012) receive free membership to the Harvard Club of Chicago and simply need to register at www.harvardclubchicago.org. And those who are five to ten years out of college pay only \$25 in membership dues yearly.

In addition to presentations usually given by Harvard professors and affiliates, the annual Harvard-Yale Watch Party, and other events, the HCC hosts an Annual Award Dinner in the spring and an Annual Meeting in the summer, and it participates as a co-sponsor with the Harvard Alumni Association in the semi-annual Global Networking Night.

This January, Harvard's Global Networking Night (GNN) was held on Monday, January 14th in major cities across the world. Chicago's GNN took place at Bar Forza (2476 North Lincoln Avenue) from 6:30pm to 9:30pm and was co-sponsored by the HCC, Harvardwood Chicago, and the Harvard Black Alumni Society of Chicago.

Harvard graduates looking to expand their professional and social networks in the city should strongly consider joining the Harvard Club of Chicago. The HCC, along with other affiliated groups, provides the perfect opportunity to mingle with Harvard alumni of all schools and all ages.

Although Chicago may not draw as many recent graduates as Manhattan, our skyline is just as bright and recognizable, as are our alumni.

—Dona Le (AB '05)

CREATIVE CAREERS: CHICAGO WRITER TURNS PUBLISHER

In an effort to foster career development and creative exchange among its members, the Harvard Club of Chicago enjoys showcasing the creative careers of local Harvard graduates. Natasha Tarpley grew up in Chicago. After attending Harvard for college, she returned to Chicago to attend the Northwestern University School of Law. Since graduation, she has followed a unique career path involving writing and now publishing.

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Ever since the age of seven, when I began crafting my own stories and poems, writing has been the way I navigated the world and in many ways, the way that I defined myself and my life. By the time I hit my late 20s, I had several critically acclaimed books under my belt, with future books under contract. I had won some impressive awards for my writing, and was being offered numerous residencies, writing and speaking gigs. I lived solely off of my writing in a sunny rent-controlled apartment in New York City. I assumed that I would have a happy and generally adventurous life “living by the word”—my own words to be exact—as writer, Alice Walker so aptly wrote.

But entering my late 30s, I had the jarring realization that after all these years of defining myself as a writer, I had lost the desire to write. Admittedly, this shift did not occur as suddenly as it seemed. Two major things happened that changed my relationship to my work. The first is that writing became a business. I am not the kind of artist who shuns the notion of making money from one’s work. However, being a full-time writer in New York meant hustling; meant taking on projects to which I had no connection, and in which, oftentimes, little interest. I started feeling like I was selling my writing skills to the highest bidder, fielding ghostwriting and work-for-hire jobs that brought a short-term pay off and no long-term respect. I stopped believing in my own ideas and, over time, fell out of love with words. The second is that I wanted my work to have a greater impact on the lives of my readers, especially children of color, and I wanted to have greater control over the creation and production of images of people/children of color.

So, after a long hiatus from writing, which included stints as a law student (I received my law degree from Northwestern University School of Law in 1998), a Reporter for Fortune Magazine and an educator and Publishing Director at a Chicago nonprofit focused on youth development through the teaching of creative writing, I have returned to my roots in writing and publishing.

This year, along with my mother Marlene Tarpley, I founded Voonderbar! Productions, an independent publishing and book development company. Through Voonderbar!, our goal is tell great stories that incorporate broader perceptions of people of color into the mainstream. In the books Voonderbar! will release, culture is treated as one aspect or fact of a character’s life and identity, but not necessarily the defining element. Scholastic Vice-President and Executive Editor, Andrea Pinkney said, “Multiculturalism is the new mainstream.” Indeed, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, minorities



represent almost one half of America’s population under the age of 5. This illustrates a need not only for greater inclusivity, but also for a fundamental shift in the paradigm of how we think and talk about race and identity.

From a business stand point, Voonderbar! Productions represents a culmination of my experiences and goals as a writer, as well as a new beginning. Essentially, I am starting over; re-establishing relationships with editors, learning about new technologies and crafting a business model that works for our company—through trial and error. Each day, there is something new about the business to learn, a puzzle to solve—and I love it. For example, Do we publish a book ourselves or sell a book concept to a major Publishing House (known as Book Development)? Who can we hire for graphic design? What’s our marketing strategy?

But no matter how a book eventually makes its way into the world, it is extremely gratifying to know that Voonderbar! is creating new opportunities for writers of all cultural backgrounds and expanding images of people of color, which will have a positive impact on the perceptions and identities of generations of readers to come. Voonderbar! has also reignited my passion for writing, providing me an opportunity to work with new authors and even to start a few new projects of my own. As the poet, Lucille Clifton wrote in her poem, “i am not done yet”, I am “a changed changer/where i have been/most of my lives is/where i am going”.

—Natasha Tarpley (AB ‘93). Tarpley is the author of the popular children’s book, *I Love My Hair!* (Little, Brown & Co.) and other acclaimed titles for children and adults. For more information about Natasha and Voonderbar! Productions, please visit NatashaTarpley.com.

UPCOMING 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.

The Harvard Club of Chicago and the Chicago Council on Science and Technology Present: A Dialogue with Harvard Professor J. (Woody) Woodland Hastings “Bioluminescence: Living Lights, Lights for Living”

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2013

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: McDermott, Will & Emery, 227 W. Monroe St., 45th Floor, Chicago, IL

Cost: \$15 for members and member's guests. \$30 for non-members. Complimentary for Crimson and Crimson Plus Members

The Harvard Club of Chicago Annual Award Dinner

Date: Saturday, March 2, 2013

Reception: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:30 p.m.

Attire: Black Tie Optional

Cost: \$125 per person; \$60 for Decade Members.

Location: The Chicago Club, 81 E. Van Buren Street, Chicago

Honoree and Speaker: Patrick J. Fitzgerald JD '85

Harvard Women's Lacrosse vs. Northwestern

Join the HCC and cheer on the Harvard Women's Lacrosse team!

Date: Saturday, March 16, 2013

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Lakeside Field, Evanston

For ticket information contact the Northwestern Ticket office at 888-467-8777

Harvard Loeb Fellows Discussion

Date: April 10, 2013

Location: McDermott, Will & Emery, 227 W. Monroe St., 45th Floor, Chicago, IL

Time: to be determined

The Loeb Fellowship is awarded by the Graduate School of Design (GSD) to accomplished practitioners, allowing them to step away from their hectic professional lives. For one academic year, they take classes at the GSD and throughout Harvard's vast network of professional and academic schools. They read, write, talk with professors, mentor students and expand their horizons. Their goals: to become better at their craft, to strengthen their leadership skills, and to change the world with their unique perspectives. Current Loeb Fellows will discuss their proactive efforts in the arenas of social cause and the environment.

2013 Annual Meeting of the Harvard Club of Chicago

A Dialogue with Margo Georgiadis AB '86, MBA '90, President, Americas, Google

Date: Sunday, May 5, 2013

Time: To be announced

Location: Indian Hill Club, 1 Indian Hill Road, Winnetka

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.

To register for these and other events, or for more information, please go to www.harvardclubchicago.org.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that Harvard Club of Chicago announces the passing of two leaders in the Chicago Harvard community.

Mari Terman, AB '57, was past President of both the Radcliffe Club of Chicago and the first female President of the Harvard Club of Chicago. Memorial services took place Sunday, January 20, 2013.

Charles Zeitlin, AB'53, LLB'56 served as both President of the HCC, and as Chair of the Harvard Club of Chicago Schools Committee. A memorial service was held for Mr. Zeitlin on Thursday, January 24 at the University Club of Chicago.

The Harvard Club of Chicago thanks both Mari and Charles for their service to both the HCC and to the greater Chicago-land area. They will be missed.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Harvard Club of Chicago is valuable!

If you are not a current member of the Harvard Club of Chicago, or have not renewed your membership, please join us! This is your Harvard Club, and we welcome you.

Club Membership confers numerous advantages:

- Reduced rates and first consideration for certain premier events
- Access to Harvard graduates from both the college and all graduate schools
- Continued learning opportunities through lectures, tours, and other local events
- Giving back to the Chicago community through volunteer activities

Membership is free for recent graduates who are 1-5 years out of college, \$25 per year for graduates who are 5-10 years out of college, and \$40 for graduates 10+ years out.

To join, or for questions about the Harvard Club of Chicago, please visit www.harvardclubchicago.org, or contact the club at 1-847-256-1211.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Harvard Club of Chicago welcomes volunteers! If you are interested in becoming involved in the Harvard Club, please let us know. Below, please find some of the ways in which HCC members can give back.

HCC's adopt-a-school program provides opportunities for Harvard Club volunteers ("Harvols"), whether or not graduates of Harvard, to aid students and faculty at two of Chicago's public high schools: Walter Payton College Prep ("Payton") and Henry Ford Academy Power House High ("PHH").

In partnership with Harvard's Center for Public Interest Careers, the Harvard Club of Chicago coordinates summer internship and one-year fellowship opportunities for both undergraduates and recent graduates at local non-profit and other socially/environmentally focused organizations.

If you are affiliated with an organization interested in hosting a Harvard student or post-grad, or if you are a student or graduate interested in learning more about this program, please visit www.harvardclubchicago.org.

CREATIVE ALUMNI ENDEAVORS

Are you a Harvard alum with a recent creative endeavor? Are you writing or acting in a play? Do you have a recent research publication that might of interest to others? The Harvard Club would like to continue highlighting Harvard Alumni who are engaged in unique and interesting careers. Please contact editor@harvardclubchicago.org if you would like to share your story.

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