

# HARVARD CLUB OF WASHINGTON, DC

Second Quarter 2018



## HIGHLIGHTS

### Sunday, June 9

Volunteer: Kingman Island  
Folk & Bluegrass Festival

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Mark Penn AB '76 on  
Microtrends Squared

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at the University Club

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Creek Park, Lights and Lunch

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Chess Social

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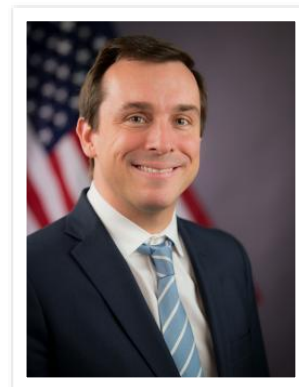
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## A Dinner Conversation with SEC Commissioner Robert J. Jackson Jr.

Stories of fortunes made through crypto-assets and "Initial Coin Offerings" (ICOs) in the local, national and international media are driving massive public interest in the emerging financial services sector known as "FinTech" (Finance and Technology), and its ever-broadening range of innovative products and new participants. Unregulated ICOs can be a wild west for investors. The DAO and SEC's recent enforcement actions improved investor protection by defining boundaries between investments and fraud. Inevitably, many crypto-assets in the US have elements of investment contracts, and need to comply with securities laws. On the other hand, FinTech and crypto-assets present a great opportunity to rethink financial services inefficiencies and reshape securities laws guided by equivalent principles, and keep the US at the forefront of innovation. To that end, the Harvard and Columbia Clubs of Washington DC, are honored and privileged to host SEC Commissioner Robert Jackson Jr. to speak about the challenges and opportunities of new regulation as it affects financial innovation, in relation with ICOs and crypto-assets.



**Registration:** Members and their guests \$45; Non-members \$65.

**When:** Thursday, June 28 from 6:00pm-6:30pm drinks/social,  
6:30pm-8:00pm dinner/talk

**Where:** Hogan Lovells, 555 13th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

## 2018 Annual Meeting: Dinner, Drinks, and Networking with the Harvard Club

Join fellow Harvard Club members as we come together to review the past year, chart a course for the future, and be with old friends and new. Enjoy a Boston-style dinner, including scrod with lobster sauce and grilled sirloin.

**Tickets:** Members and their guests \$40. Non-members \$65.

**When:** Wednesday, June 20 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

**Where:** Hogan Lovells, 555 13th St. NW Washington, DC 20004





**Dear Fellow Alumni,**

We are pleased to announce our nominations to the Board of Directors of the Harvard Club of Washington, DC for the 2018-19 year. This slate will be presented for election at the Club's Annual Meeting on June 20, 2018.

President: T.K. Yang AB '98  
Vice President, Administration: Mark Kopelman AB '12  
Vice President, Activities: Todd Theringer MPA '09  
Vice President, Membership: Barbara Cammarata AB '89  
Vice President, Radcliffe Affairs: Vanessa Beary EdM '11, EdD '14  
Treasurer: Merrie Schippereit MBA '79  
Secretary: Sanjay Patnaik DBA '12

Director (term expiring 2021): Sharifah Holder AB '10  
Director (term expiring 2021): Jonathan Reynolds ALM '15  
Director (term expiring 2021): Michael Ledesky AB '16  
Director (term expiring 2021): Rosalyn Jones AB '83, JD '87  
Director (term expiring 2020): Ilin Chuang HMS Fellow '02  
Director (term expiring 2020): Allison Gold AB '91  
Director (term expiring 2019): Steve Feyerick AB '85

We note that all of our nominees for the officer positions are current Board members. We also note that the Club's by-laws require that at least four members of any Board shall have graduated from Harvard within the past ten years. The Nominating Committee hereby confirms that, taking account these nominees with returning members of the Board, this requirement will be satisfied. We hope you have the opportunity to meet these nominees at the Annual Meeting or a future Harvard Club event.

Respectfully Submitted,

The 2018 Nominating Committee:  
Deborah Gelin AB '79, MBA '83, Past President of the Harvard Club of Washington, DC and Chair  
Mike Gaw AB '90  
Mark Kopelman AB '12  
Elizabeth M. Lewis AB '01, MBA '06  
Joan Ronnenberg MPA '80  
Merrie Schippereit MBA '79  
Todd Theringer MPA '09



## Volunteer at Kingman Island Folk & Bluegrass Festival

The Harvard Club will be staffing the “Schmoozing with the Stars Main Meadow Tent,” aka the VIP tent where the musicians will gather prior to going on stage. Register online at <http://hcdc.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=1612>.

**When:** Saturday, June 9 from 11:00 am to 8:30 pm

**Where:** 575 Oklahoma Avenue NE Washington, DC 20002



## A Dinner Conversation with Mark Penn AB '76 on Microtrends Squared

Penn has boldly argued that the future is not shaped by society’s broad forces, but by quiet changes within narrow slices of the population. Learn more about the next wave of trends shaping the future of business, politics, and culture. Ticket includes full dinner, drinks, and lecture. Harvard Club members and their guests: \$45; Non-members: \$65

**When:** Monday, June 11 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**Where:** Hogan Lovells, 555 13th Street NW Washington, DC 20004



## Happy Hour Reception at the University Club

Connect with fellow Harvard alumni. Learn more about the [joint membership opportunity](#) between the Harvard Club and the University Club of Washington, DC. Cocktails (cash bar), hors d'oeuvres, and Clubhouse tours will be offered. FREE – advance registration is required.

**When:** Wednesday, June 13 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

**Where:** The University Club of Washington, DC Keefer Memorial Library  
1135 16th St. NW Washington, DC 20036



### June Hike, Pizza and Light

Enjoy a Saturday morning hike at Rock Creek Park with other alumni and guests (18+ only). Sponsored by the Harvard Club and Ivy Singles Social Club. Hike and energy light session are free; lunch to be paid by individual.

**When:** Saturday, June 16 from 10:00 am

**Where:** Rock Creek Park, Sukyo Mahikari Center, and Italian Pizza Kitchen



### Tour the Historic Aged Woman's Home of Georgetown

The Aged Woman's Home has been serving DC women since 1867. This tour is limited to Harvard Club members and their guests. \$10.

**When:** Saturday, June 23 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

**Where:** The Aged Woman's Home 1255 Wisconsin Ave NW Washington, DC 20007



### 5th Ivy/Seven Sisters Chess Social

Join us at our next chess social! This is an excellent opportunity to network with IVY/Seven Sisters alumni and their guests and to take part in casual games. Advance registration: \$12; Door Admission: \$15

**When:** Monday, June 25 from 6:45 pm to 9:00 pm

**Where:** James Hoban's (Hoban Room), 1 Dupont Circle, NW Washington, DC 20036



### "Early Bird" Tour of the Gardens at Dumbarton Oaks

This FREE tour is limited to members and their guests and will be led by Jonathan Kavalier, Director of Grounds and Gardens. Tour will begin at the main garden gate on R Street, NW. Register at <http://hcdc.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=1610>.

**When:** Tuesday, July 10 from 7:45 am to 8:45 am

**Where:** R Street (between 31st and 32nd Streets) NW Washington, DC 20007



## Member Profiles

In this Newsletter, we highlight a Co-Chair of our Community Services Committee, Sharifah Holder, and two of our enthusiastic Community Service volunteers.

The Community Service Committee is always looking for new faces to join its activities and has an array of volunteer opportunities on its calendar. Please consider attending a Community Service event soon!



### **Sharifah Holder, College (AB, Social Anthropology), 2010**

*Harvard Club of Washington, DC Community Service Committee Co-chair and Board Member*

I graduated from Harvard in 2010 with a concentration in Social Anthropology and a secondary field in Chemistry. After graduation, I moved to DC and became a middle school special education teacher and completed my MPH at George Washington University. After six incredibly rewarding years in the classroom working to empower DC youth, I often reflect on how my time at Harvard shaped my commitment to community service. A commitment that led me to my teaching career and pursuing a Ph.D. in Behavioral and Community Health focused on mental health in children and adolescents.

“Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth.” This quote was a common refrain in my household growing up and my parents always instilled in me the importance of giving back to my community. As a child that meant reacting positively when my mom donated my favorite clothes and toys and in high school it morphed into organizing fundraisers for the Coalition On Violence Against Women in Kenya.

At Harvard, my passion for service was kindled by an unlikely source: a group of ten year olds jumping in the air and waiting on me to teach them our newest 8-count. I enjoyed the classes I took at Harvard, the professors I had the pleasure of learning from, and the friends who made my time there incredible, but waking up at 7am to play improv games and teach dance to middle school students with CityStep was by far one of my most meaningful experiences during my time at Harvard!

CityStep is an entirely student run non-profit organization that helps build self-esteem in local school children by encouraging creative self-expression through dance. I had never taken a formal dance class in my life, but after watching So You Think You Can Dance the summer before my freshman year, I was easily recruited by the students in red converses chanting “Ooh Aah” during the Activities Fair. My public service activities through CityStep and the Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA) developed my passion for empowering children and adolescents in underserved communities and I began to envision a future career that promoted healthy social emotional development in children. I remember a moment before the CityStep end of year showcase in Sanders Theater when one of my quietest students gave an inspirational speech to his teammates expressing his pride in all their hard work and how excited he was to perform. Witnessing the joy of my students and their personal growth each year, solidified the lesson my parents had tried to teach me; taking time to help others is not only incredibly rewarding but it is my duty as a member of any community. (*Continued on page 6*)





Being a member of the Harvard Club of Washington, DC has allowed me to continue honoring this commitment and to engage with a diverse group of Harvard alumni while serving the greater DC community. In my role as Community Service Co-chair and board member, I have the pleasure of organizing a wide variety of community service opportunities for Harvard alumni. In the past year, we wrote letters to service members, served and prepared meals for senior citizens and homeless individuals in DC and Baltimore, cheered on Girls on the Run participants, volunteered at science festivals and Special Olympics events, planted trees, built houses with Habitat for Humanity, and packed cases with essential items for Maryland foster youth transitioning to new placements and much more! We have also joined with the Harvard Education SIG and Living Classrooms, a Baltimore based non-profit, to launch #saturdaysocials, an ongoing monthly volunteer opportunity for Harvard Alumni to serve alongside citizens returning to society after incarceration. My goal is that every Harvard alumnus in the DC area has the opportunity to engage in at least one meaningful community service experience through the Harvard Club! I am excited to meet many of you at Saturday Socials and the other community service events that we have planned for this year!



### **Travis Taylor, GSAS (Ph.D., Virology), 2002**

I received my PhD in Virology from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in 2002. I am currently a science policy officer at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases focused on international matters. I am extremely interested in science education, emerging infectious diseases, and science diplomacy. One of the most rewarding experiences while at Harvard that combined those interests was the opportunity to join a dedicated group of volunteers that established a new medical school in Nepal based upon the Harvard model. That work changed my career interests from an academic research position to international infectious disease and policy programs. While an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Science and Technology Policy Fellow, I devoted two years to developing international disease surveillance programs in resource poor environments working with scientists from around the world.

As the youngest of five and the first to attend college, I have witnessed the truly transformative power of education. I also know that my success is dependent upon many others and I owe them a great debt of gratitude for their support. I am truly thrilled that the Harvard Club of Washington, DC provides ample opportunities to give back to the local community and to honor that obligation of service to others with regular volunteering events. In the last year I have built houses with Habitat for Humanity, served food at So Others Might Eat, and planted trees with Casey Trees. I also appreciate the range of truly exceptional events the Club organizes from the educational dinner conversations with distinguished luminaries to the more whimsical and equally enlightening tours of rum distilleries (and NPR!). I look forward to meeting many more extraordinary Harvard alumni in Washington DC at future thought-provoking (and entertaining) events.



## Christina Hernandez, HKS (MC/MPA), 2015

Cristina “Nina” Hernandez (HKS MC/MPA 2015) is an Army veteran with over 15 years of service in the national security sector. Nina has received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and remains committed to volunteering and serving underprivileged communities today. She has volunteered in various capacities, from honoring the fallen, to feeding the homeless, and mentoring youth. Her dedication to service stems from her desire to provide hope for those going through dark times. Nina is currently a White House Fellow and serves on the cohort’s Community Service Committee in addition to volunteering with the Harvard Club of Washington, DC.





## May's Saturday Social: Planting an Urban Garden

Earlier this year, the Harvard Club of DC successfully launched Saturday Socials, an ongoing monthly volunteer opportunity for Harvard Alumni to engage in community service projects in partnership with citizens who are returning to society after a period of incarceration. To do this, we partner with Living Classrooms, a non-profit organization committed to strengthening communities and inspiring people to achieve their potential through hands-on education and job training. One such initiative provides ongoing support to aid formerly incarcerated individuals in adjusting and returning to their community. The "re-entry" initiative focuses on providing marketable work skills and experiential learning for these individuals who are struggling to succeed against terrible odds.



For our second event in May, we met at Living Classroom's Adult Resource Center in Baltimore and walked together to McElderry Park. Our project was to construct six raised urban garden boxes and plant an assortment of vegetables and fruits. To see our photos from our event, use #HCWsaturdaysocials on Twitter and Instagram.

All Harvard Alumni living in the DMV are invited to participate in this unique service opportunity. Saturday Socials are held on the first Saturday of each month and we will engage in a different service activity. June's Saturday Social (June 2nd) is a visit to the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. If you are interested in getting involved in this collaborative volunteer opportunity, please contact [communityservice@harvard-dc.org](mailto:communityservice@harvard-dc.org).







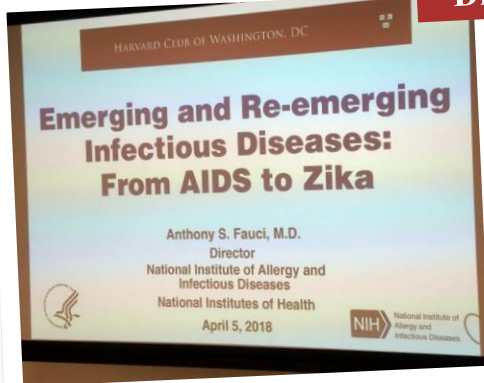
## Celebrating Women Bike Tour



National Park Service Ranger and former Radcliffe Institute Bunting Fellow Jan Buerger leads a bike tour highlighting extraordinary contributions women have made to the Mall and American history.



### Dinner Conversation with Dr. Anthony Fauci of the NIH



Dr. Fauci speaks to a sell-out crowd about his experience responding to infectious disease threats over the course of six Presidential administrations. Harvard Club President T.K. Yang with Dr. Fauci (far right)

### Event with Mexican Ambassador



Private dinner reception with Ambassador Gerónimo Gutiérrez at the Mexican Cultural Institute, which was recently listed in the DC inventory of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Places. Ambassador Gutiérrez with Harvard Club Executive Director Caren Pauley (far right)





### Tour of the U.S. Capitol



An insider's tour of the U.S. Capitol led by Virginia Tiernan AB '22. (left). Tour included the historical chambers that Congress has previously occupied as well as other ceremonial rooms: National Statuary Hall, the Rotunda, Crypt, and Old Supreme Court Chamber

Trevor Potter, President of the Campaign Legal Center (CLC) and a former Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, discusses CLC's work in the areas of government ethics, voting rights, partisan gerrymandering, and money in government issues. (bottom)

### Trevor Potter



### VA Gold Cup



The Harvard Club enjoys a day in the Virginia countryside watching the Gold Cup steeplechase horse races. Harvard Club Board Member Todd Theringer with guests.



Qty.	Date	Event	Price
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	June 11, 2018	Dinner Conversation with Mark Penn AB '76 on Microtrends Squared	Members and their guests: \$45; Non-members: \$65
	June 13, 2018	June Happy Hour Reception at the University Club	FREE – Advance Registration Required
	June 16, 2018	Ivy Singles June Hike at Rock Creek Park, Lights & Lunch	Registration Required, Guests must be 18+
	June 20, 2018	2018 Annual Meeting: Dinner, Drinks, and Networking with the Harvard Club	Members and their guests: \$40; Non-members: \$65
	June 23, 2018	Tour the Historic Aged Woman's Home of Georgetown	Members and their guests: \$10
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	June 28, 2018	Dinner Conversation with SEC Commissioner Robert J. Jackson Jr.	Members and their guests: \$45; Non-members: \$65
	July 10, 2018	Early Bird Tour of the Gardens at Dumbarton Oaks	FREE – Register Online
Total			\$

If you find that you cannot attend an event, please find a substitute or consider all fees paid as a charitable donation to the Harvard Club of Washington, DC. Your cooperation in this regard would be appreciated, as refunds are not possible. The Harvard Club of Washington, DC, is a 501(c)(3) organization and does not receive financial support from the University. Funds raised from these events will support the Harvard Club in its charitable mission, including the sponsorship of summer stipends for Harvard College students.

**If you have any questions regarding an event, please contact:** Caren Pauley, Executive Director, Harvard Club of Washington, DC at [caren@harvard-dc.org](mailto:caren@harvard-dc.org) or 202-337-1300. Registration forms should be mailed to: 3220 N St, NW #295, Washington, DC 20007.

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