**The Pforzheimer Newsletter**

May 4, 2020

“All The News That Fits We Print”

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**Tutor on call, 3/23/20 – 6/3/20**

**For Students On Campus ONLY**

857-300-7676

Instead of an on-call system for each of the four Houses with students, there will be a single, centralized on-call system, with a single phone number, that will be staffed on a rotating basis by Proctors and Tutors from Houses/Yards without students.

**LOCKOUTS:**
Call Securitas at 617-496-9370

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**Coming up in Pfoho…**

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*Zoom Links for many events above listed below, scroll down!*

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**Notes from the Allston Burr Assistant Dean, Monique Roy,**

pforzheimerhousedean@fas.harvard.edu:

Hi Everyone!
With the last day of classes behind us (congratulations, by the way – especially considering this extraordinary context!), I wanted to send you a few reminders you may find helpful. Please read carefully!

1. **Academic Resources and Stress Management:** It is as important as ever (and perhaps even more so now) to get plenty of sleep, eat well, and balance your studying with other activities. If you are feeling overwhelmed, please reach out. Our Pfoho tutors are available to provide support and encouragement, and Heather and I are always here for you, too – email me at pforzheimerhousedean@fas.harvard.edu or Heather at pfroz@fas.harvard.edu.

The [Academic Resource Center](http://academicresourcecenter.harvard.edu/home) is an excellent resource for both academic and personal advising, especially when navigating a remote Reading Period and Final Exams; visit their website to learn more: [https://academicresourcecenter.harvard.edu/home](http://academicresourcecenter.harvard.edu/home)

The [Writing Center](http://writingcenter.fas.harvard.edu) is available if you are looking for help with papers and other written assignments: [http://writingcenter.fas.harvard.edu](http://writingcenter.fas.harvard.edu) and [here for their online scheduler](http://writingcenter.fas.harvard.edu).

2. **HUHS/Urgent Care:** Please [see here](http://writingcenter.fas.harvard.edu) for information about the HUHS response to Covid-19 and for updates about HUHS operations and hours. If you are currently on campus, in-person urgent care remains available, 8:00am – 6:00pm, 7 days a week, at Smith Campus Center. Please call HUHS at (617) 495-5711 for guidance BEFORE your visit. For assistance between 6:00 pm – 8:00 am, 7 days a week, please call the nurse advice line at (617) 495-5711.

3. **CAMHS/Urgent Care:** CAMHS clinicians are working remotely Monday through Friday, 8am to 6pm and after-hours urgent care consultation by phone is available nightly from 6pm to 8am and weekends 24/7 at 617-495-5711. Please be sure to visit the CAMHS website for up-to-date information. Additionally, for those seeking
resiliency tools in stressful and disruptive times, CAMHS psychologist, Tara Cousineau, PhD, offers her “Courage, Presence, Resilience” (CPR) workshop in short, 15-minute clips.

4. Academic Honesty: This is a VERY good time to check in with your instructors about course-specific expectations on source citation, collaboration, and late work. **When you are sleep-deprived, feeling pressured, and down-to-the-wire on a deadline, your judgment may not be at its sharpest.** If you find yourself feeling pressured, please set up a meeting with me or your tutors to talk through your options. Remember that the penalty for academic dishonesty is always worse than for turning in an imperfect paper or incomplete problem set. See the Honor Council’s “Top Five Tips” for more ideas. The full College policy on plagiarism, collaboration, and dual submission can be viewed here.

5. Backing up your written work: Remember that it’s not a question of if your hard drive will crash, but when. There’s nothing more frustrating than losing a paper you just put the finishing touches on, and some professors will not accept computer problems as a reason for your missing deadlines, so make sure to back up your work regularly. There are free cloud backups that you can use, including Google Drive (https://www.google.com/drive/) and Dropbox (https://www.dropbox.com/). A good habit is periodically to email yourself a copy of your drafts, to make sure you’ll always have a recent edition available if anything happens.

6. Extensions: Extensions up through the last day of exam period (Saturday, May 16 this term) can be granted by professors, but **any work handed in after May 16 requires Ad Board approval to be accepted by the professor.** I am here to help you navigate that! If you anticipate needing an extension beyond May 16, please be in touch with me as soon as possible so I can walk you through that process.

7. Pfoho ABRD Virtual Office Hours: To schedule a time to talk via phone or Zoom, see Monique’s calendar here or Heather’s calendar here and choose a time that works for you.

**Notes from our Pfoho student members of the Harvard College Honor Council**

*We are Trey (2020), Analli (2021), and TJ (2020) in Pfoho! We are student member(s) of the Harvard College Honor Council. *Because members of the Honor Council recognize the challenges we are all facing between the end of the semester and the pandemic, we want to provide you as much support as possible, and we want to let you know that students on the Honor Council are here to help. Here are a few things we recommend:

1. Read the updated syllabi of all the courses you’re taking this semester, or, if the syllabus hasn’t been updated, take a moment to re-read the original syllabus. This way, you can stay up-to-date on and be reminded of the collaboration, extension, and citation policies for each course. Feel free to email your course staff for clarification questions.

2. Don’t hesitate to reach out to your Resident Dean or course staff if you require support or guidance on your work, including asking for extensions.

3. Take a few minutes to read the Honor Council’s Top Five Tips. This is the place to check out if you want to know some specific actions you can take that will help you uphold the Honor Code.

We are happy to help! Feel free to reach out to us at our email address listed below.

Best,
Trey Rogers, rogersy@college.harvard.edu, Pforzheimer House Class of 2020
Analli Torres, anallitortes@college.harvard.edu, Pforzheimer House Class of 2021
Terrence Williams, williamstr@college.harvard.edu, Pforzheimer House Class of 2020

**Inside-Pfoho Announcements:**

Results of Anne’s Pfoho Reading Period Riddle Challenge are in! Scroll down for the answers and winners…

**Keith’s Code table this week:**
Time: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom meeting
https://harvard.zoom.us/j/91908064154?pwd=ak1XbmprdFBUQnRZOWszWU91VHdyUT09
Password: 7

**Folklore and Weird Humanities Table**
Join Makinde and Daniel this Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00 PM via Zoom
Need help in orgo, chem, stats, or bio?
Two of our incoming resident tutors, are happy to help out. Here’s a note from Brittany & Chris…

We’re incoming resident tutors in chemistry (Chris Gerry, PhD ’19) and pre-med/statistical biology (Brittany Petros, AB ’18 and current MD-PhD student). We’re reaching out to offer Zoom office hours during Reading Period and Finals week. Please feel free to email us if we could provide any help with organic chemistry, statistics, chatting about life in grad/med school, etc. We look forward to meeting you all!

Best wishes,

Brittany and Chris
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Pfoho Community Dinner carries on!
Every Thursday night, 5-6pm
EVERYBODY is welcome. Bring your own dinner/snack (depending on your time zone!). Share the Community Pillow.
Via the ZHall link here https://zoom.us/j/571-882-9467

Learn to Make Puff Puff! - live demo with Makinde and Amanda!

It is a little-known fact that puff puff contains the perfect nutritional balance for a polar bear diet. If you feel like you’ve been missing out on this modern-day mana, come learn how to make it yourself from me and Amanda this coming week! We’ll be putting on live demonstrations of the secret art of making puff puff at 9:30 pm EST. Suggest a day for one of our livestreams here, and if you can’t make it, just wait for us to publish the recording after the fact. Or follow along with Amanda’s recipe we sent in an email.

For those you you who are uninitiated (including you first-years!), puff puff is a heavenly fried dough from Nigeria that’s become a staple of Pfoho cuisine. If you’ve never had it before, now’s your chance!

Questions, contact Makinde Ogunnaike, olumakinde17@gmail.com

Taking a leave for Fall 2020?? Despite the uncertainty for our Fall Term housing, if you are planning to take a leave of absence, as of now you still need to file a Housing Cancellation form

The deadline to cancel fall 2020 housing is Monday May 18th. More detailed info is available from the DSO page at: https://dso.college.harvard.edu/leaving-and-returning. The cancel form is linked to this page via the Residential Portal link (new) on the left margin. Log in with ID & PIN and navigate to Undergraduate Housing Forms 2019/20. This cancellation deadline applies to all students who will not be living on-campus in the fall. This includes students:

* Taking a leave of absence
* Studying Abroad
* Moving off-campus
* Moving into the Dudley Co-op

You may cancel after May 18th but will accrue late fees that increase as the summer goes on.

Interhouse Transfer Applications for Fall Term 2020, Round 2, are also due by Monday, May 18th.
Although our Fall Term housing is still uncertain, if you are interested in applying to transfer Houses, it’s best that you still comply with the guidelines as if all will resume. Sorry we don’t know yet for sure.
Complete info about transferring Houses is available here: https://dso.college.harvard.edu/transferring-houses. Applications are via the Residential Portal with the link on this same page. Log in with ID & PIN and navigate to Undergraduate Housing Forms. For this second round for the fall, the number of students who are able to transfer will be limited to the number and types of spaces available in a House. The inter-house transfer meeting will be held in mid-July. Students at a minimum must be in their 2nd term of residency in their assigned House this spring in order to apply to transfer to another House. Any approved inter-house moves will take place at the start of the fall term 2020-21. If the application is successful, you may not remain in your current House. Any questions, contact Sue at swatts@fas.harvard.edu.

Pfoho’s SLACK Channel is up and running!
You can find it at: https://harvard-pfozrzheimer.slack.com.
If you have any channels that you’d like added, just let Sue know – swatts@fas.harvard.edu
**Pfoho’s ZHall** is live and open 24/7! -- always available for meeting up with friends. Just click on [this link](https://zoom.us/j/571-882-9467) here.

**NOTE:** If any of you are interested in meeting in small groups online to work on P-sets or projects together (without risk of interruption), let Anne ([aharring@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:aharring@fas.harvard.edu)) know, and we can create breakout rooms for you to use.

Looking for **creative virtual backgrounds** to add a bit of fun to your socializing? Try some of the ideas offered [here](#). Or use a photo of your favorite Pfoho moment…

**Results of Anne’s Reading Period Riddle challenge are in!**

I am delighted to announce two **Riddle Monarchs of the Week**; the first two people (within moments of one another) to correctly answer all THREE challenging riddles:

- **Lucas Woodley**

- **(First year) Carson Kurad**

There are no Riddle Mongers this week, but **please congratulate the brilliant people on our Riddle Roll Call of Honor** -- people who correctly 2-3 of the riddles sometime over the course of Monday or Tuesday morning!

Frankie Matos  
Riley Hoffman  
Comfort Abuwa  
Robert Kennedy  
Bailey Hollingsworth  
Belinda Hu

Finally, please put your hands together for the winner of the **most creative WRONG answer award** (to #2)

- **Stephen Casper**

**Answers to the riddles:**

**Riddle #1:** A doctor, a lawyer, and an engineer were all staying in the same house. A policeman walking by this house heard a scuffle, and then someone calling out, "Oh, no! John -- don’t!" A shot then rang out. The policeman ran into the house and saw a dead woman and a gun lying on the floor. He turned to the lawyer and said, “You’re under arrest.”

**How did the policeman know that the lawyer had done it?**

**Answer:** He knew, because the lawyer was the only man in the house. The engineer and doctor were both women.

**Riddle #2:** Two people are found dead in a cabin in the woods. They were not murdered They did not expect to die. They were not alone.

**What happened to them?**

**Answer:** To figure out this riddle, you have to think about the multiple meanings of the word “cabin.” The two people were not in a log cabin in the woods, but rather in the cabin of a plane that had crashed in the woods.

**Riddle #3:** (a logic puzzle)
A man in search of fortune is keen to gain access to a notorious but elusive thieves guild. After snooping around the city for a few days, he finally gets a tip about the location of the guild entrance down a dark alleyway. After observing activities around the entrance, he notices that the thieves seem to be using some kind of passcode.
system. When a thief approaches the door, he is given a number by the guard, and then replies with a different number, at which point he is admitted. For example, the man observed how one thief was given the number "twelve," to which he responded "six." He entered the house! Another person was given the number "six" and responded with the number “three.” Success again! Convinced that he understands the system, the interloper now approaches the door himself, and asks to enter. The guard responds with the number "ten," to which the man responds confidently – five.". The guard immediately slams the door in his face, and slides a deadbolt into place.

**What went wrong? What should the man have said?**

**Answer:** A lot of you quickly figured this one out: he should have said “three,” because the actual system involved saying the number of letters in the number word! -- and there are three letters in the word “ten.”

**From your Pfellowships Team:**

**LOTS of info available from the URAF website here:** [https://uraf.harvard.edu/](https://uraf.harvard.edu/)

**Questions – please contact anyone on our Pfoho Pfellowships Team:** Erik Sand (eriksand@gmail.com), Daniel Frim (danielfrim@q.harvard.edu), Peter Dziedzic (pdziedzic@g.harvard.edu), Mureji Fatunde (ofatunde@post.harvard.edu), or Makinde Ogunnaike (olumakinde17@gmail.com).

**Our Pfoho Newsletter will continue to come out every Monday afternoon, in our new Virtual Style. If you’d like to include an announcement, just send it to Sue Watts (swatts@fas) by Monday at noon. Stay safe, stay healthy, Pfoho! We miss you!!**