Notes from the Allston Burr Resident Dean, Brigitte Libby

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GEN ED QUESTIONS?
The Gen Ed Program has a useful website here to address questions about the revamped requirements. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

UPCOMING ACADEMIC DEADLINES:
Consider adding these key dates to your calendars as a reminder.

Last day with Withdraw from a course: (Seventh Monday) Mon., Oct 16
Forms due by 5pm To Registrar’s

MY OFFICE HOURS:
You can check my office hours and sign up for an appointment on my google calendar at http://bit.ly/Pflibby. If these times don’t work for you, just email me and we will set something else up outside those times. Abby is ordinarily in from 9-5 Mon-Fri, and she always knows how to reach me.

Best,
Brigitte

ACADEMIC/HELP TABLES, FALL 2017

CHEM/ORG: Perry, Lydia, and Hope, Tuesdays 8-9pm, Dhall
COMPUTER SCIENCE table w/Jamie, Sundays noon-2pm, Dhall balcony
ENGINEERING and MATLAB office hours w/Brandon, by appointment, email bjhopkin@fas.harvard.edu
pFRENCH table w/Deji and Rachel, Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm
GERMAN table w/Anne and Catalina, Wednesdays 6:30pm, Dhall balcony
SOCIOLOGY office hours w/Katie, by appointment, email kmorris@fas.harvard.edu

Inside-Pfoho Announcements

- **Pfoho Pforum – Wednesday, October 11th – with Annalee Newitz**
  *Talk Title: “From science to fiction, and back again”*
  Annalee Newitz is a journalist and a fiction author, writing about the intersection of science, technology, and culture. Currently she writes essays about science as the Tech Culture Editor at Ars Technica. Previously, she was the founding editor of the science/scifi site io9, and editor-in-chief of popular tech site Gizmodo.
  Annalee has just published her first science fiction novel, *Autonomous*, about which Neal Stephenson has written, “*Autonomous* is to biotech and AI what *Neuromancer* was to the Internet.”
  Reception in the SCR at 6:00pm; dinner on the balcony at 6:30pm; followed by dessert and discussion in the Hastings Room at 7:15pm. Please join us.

- **The Fall Pfoho Student/Pfaculty Dinner is coming up SOON, on Wednesday, November 1st.**
  Reception at 5:30 on the balcony, followed by dinner in the dining hall at 6:00.
  Take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your professor, TF or tutor over a very special dinner. Remember to invite your guest soon - faculty schedules fill up quickly.
  Hard copy invitation cards are available now at the checker’s desk in the DHall or in the House Office. **Please RSVP by clicking here** Pfoho Pfaculty Dinner RSVPs with your GUEST’S NAME and his or her DEPARTMENT and any FOOD RESTRICTIONS by Monday, October 30th at the latest.

- **Pfoho Lunch-on-the-House Program continues:**
  The idea is simple. Invite a favorite professor or non-Pfoho TF (just one please) to lunch in a favorite restaurant in the Square, or anywhere that is mutually convenient. Keep the receipt. Fill out a form you will find outside Sue Watts’ office. Hand both of them into her. We will then reimburse you (via check or Venmo) for the entire cost of the lunch, up to $20 per person (limited to one lunch per person each semester)

- **PFOHO PFriday, Friday, Oct. 20th – this week’s pfesting: Pfelipes!**
  *Every Friday -- 5-6pm -- JCR*
  Start of the weekend right with the Pfamily!
  This week’s tutor hosts: Cassie R. and Sebastian J.

- **Winter Recess Housing:** for housing anytime between Dec. 20, 5 p.m. to Jan. 12, 9:00 a.m.
  If you have a need to stay in your room between Dec. 20, 5 p.m. and Jan. 12, 8:59 a.m., you should apply for Winter Recess Housing. The college opens to everyone again on January 12, 9:00 am. This process requires approval to stay on campus, so when you apply, please be sure to have information at hand which demonstrates your need. Everything you need to know about Winter Recess Housing is available on the OSL website here: https://osl.fas.harvard.edu/winterhousing. Application deadlines:
  - On or before Oct. 20—no fee – Decisions Sent 11/13
  - Oct. 21-Nov. 10: No fee – Decisions Sent 11/17
  - Nov. 11-Not. 20: No fee – Decisions Sent 12/8
  - Nov. 21 – Dec. 1: $50 fee – Decisions Sent 12/8
  - **You may not apply after Dec. 1, 2017.**

- **PFOHO ROOM RESERVATIONS:**
  Many rooms in Pfoho (common rooms, classrooms, the Igloo) can be reserved by Pfoho students and groups with a Pfoho affiliation. For more info, see http://pfoho.harvard.edu/RoomRescal.

Outside-Pfoho Announcements
Upcoming Workshops and Discussions at the BSC:

Commitment and Overcommitment
Wednesday, October 18, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
What drives us to overcommit? Consider where we devote our energy, time, and attention and how we make choices about what to prioritize in our lives. Register at bsc.harvard.edu.

Keeping Ourselves Accountable
Weekly meetings, beginning Tuesday, October 17, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Bring in your academic work, and join fellow students and a BSC counselor as we share and explore our common experiences and challenges with staying focused and getting our work done. We will discuss strategies for staying on target as we spend time each session working independently in this supportive, group setting. To register, email Aurora Sanfeliz at asanfeliz@bsc.harvard.edu.

Attending to Attention: Strategies for Focus and Concentration
Friday, October 20, 12:00-1:30 p.m.
Develop strategies to manage difficulties with attention. To register, email Aurora Sanfeliz - asanfeliz@bsc.harvard.edu.

Maximizing Your Approach to Learning
Friday, October 20, 1:30-2:45 p.m.
Identify your learning style and develop strategies to help you learn more effectively. Register online at bsc.harvard.edu.

Time Management
Wednesday, October 25, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
Identify your priorities, learn how to plan and manage your time more effectively, and develop strategies for dealing with challenges. Register online at bsc.harvard.edu.

Getting in Gear: Engaging with Your Senior Thesis
Wednesday, October 25, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Learn how to discern the guiding question of your thesis; structure your narrative of inquiry; manage energy, anxiety, time, and tasks; cultivate critical and creative thinking. Register at bsc.harvard.edu.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES
Full list of events: http://ocs.fas.harvard.edu/college-advising

HUHS October Announcements:
HUHS Free Flu Vaccination Clinics
Mondays and Tuesdays, October 2 through December 12, 12-3pm, Smith Campus Center, 75 Mt. Auburn Street, Monks Conference Room, 6th floor. Visit the HUHS website for a full list of clinic dates and locations. No appointment necessary.

HUHS Nutrition Consults
Individual nutrition consults for students no longer require a referral. Call 617.495.2068 or book an initial consult online through the Patient Portal.

Got an announcement for the Newsletter?
Send to Sue (swatts@fas) or Megan (meganross@college) by Monday at noon. Calendar events and lots of other helpful info are also online at http://pfoho.harvard.edu/.