

## Celebrate National Coming Out Day!

# Around the School

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### From the Dean

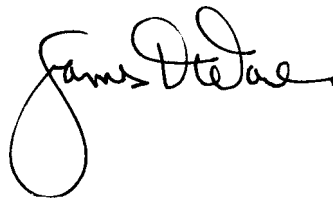
I am writing to call your attention to the annual celebration of National Coming Out Day on October 13. Since 1987, this has been a day for gays, lesbians, bisexual, and transgendered individuals to celebrate their identity. It is also an opportunity for others, regardless of sexual orientation, to show support for the lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgendered among our faculty, staff, and students, who are to be respected as individuals who make valuable contributions to the life of the school and to the greater community.

On Tuesday, October 13, members of our staff and student body will distribute pink triangles and rainbow flags at an information table at the entrance of the Kresge Building. The pink triangle was first used as a symbol by the

Nazi regime to stigmatize homosexuals. Now, lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgendered persons use the pink triangle as a sign of empowerment, while remembering that it originated as a target for persecution.

The six-striped rainbow flag was designed in 1978 by Gilbert Baker of San Francisco as a symbol of gay and lesbian community pride. It has since been adopted by worldwide audiences as a colorful alternative to the pink triangle.

I invite members of the HSPH community to express solidarity with our colleagues by wearing either of these symbols of pride during the celebration of National Coming Out Day.



### SCC Election Results

The HSPH student body has elected the 1998-99 officers and representatives of the Student Coordinating Committee (SCC). The SCC works with faculty and administration on school-wide issues, organizes student representation on school committees, sponsors seminars and other education-related events, and plans social activities. The president of the SCC is elected in the spring by the outgoing committee. This year's president is Laurie Fisher. Election results are as follows:

#### Officers:

**Vice President and Treasurer:** Ali Abtahi

**Secretary:** Elaine Cramer

**Communications Officer:** Katherine Houston

**Community Liaison Officer:** Tracy Rabin

**Athletic Coordinator:** Robin Blum

**Harvard Graduate Council Representatives:** Maggie Zraly and Alissa Myrick

#### Representatives:

**Cancer Cell Biology:** Mark Hickman

**Division of Biological Sciences:**

Anastasia Koutsolioutsou

**Environmental Health:** Glen Goldstein

**Epidemiology:** Joseph Abraham

**Health and Social Behavior:** Pam Surkan

**Immunology and Infectious Diseases:** Chris Mores

**Maternal and Child Health:** Eleni Spartos

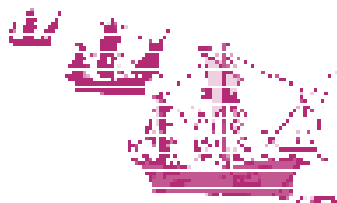
**MPH Program:** Leslie Buckley, Robert Jeen-chen Chen, Sudhanva Hegde



Laurie Fisher, a second-year master's student in the Department of Maternal and Child Health, is this year's president of the Student Coordinating Committee.

Some of the newly elected SCC officers. Clockwise, from upper left: Ali Abtahi, vice president and treasurer; Elaine Cramer, secretary; Katherine Houston, communications officer; and Tracy Rabin, community liaison officer.



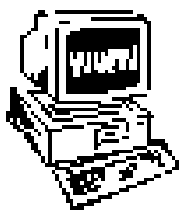


HSPH will be closed on Monday, October 12, in observance of Columbus Day.

## Calendar

Submit calendar listings to Bob Brustman, Kresge 1012, by noon on Monday of the week preceding the event. Listings may be transmitted via Email ([brustman@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:brustman@hsph.harvard.edu)).

See also the online HSPH calendar at [www.hsph.harvard.edu/calendar/](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/calendar/) for late-breaking events and a listing of events scheduled throughout the academic year.



Advisors to foreign students and scholars from the Harvard International Office will hold office hours at HSPH on October 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Kresge G-10. Drop by or call 432-0488 to schedule an appointment. Please remember to bring your passport and other visa documents.

## Tuesday, October 13

### *"Managing Employee Records"*

**Speakers:** From the Office of the General Counsel: Eileen Finan, Robert Iuliano, Marilyn Schriever; Lydia Cummings, associate director for labor and employee relations, Office of Human Resources

**Sponsors:** Offices of the General Counsel, Human Resources MEC 227, HMS, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

### *"Mechanical Impedance of Cultured Human Airway Smooth Muscle Cells from 0.05"*

**Speaker:** Geoffrey Maksym, research fellow, Department of Environmental Health

**Sponsor:** Department of Environmental Health Kresge 502, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

### *"Sociodemographic Adjustment of HEDIS Quality Measures"*

**Speaker:** Alan Zaslavsky, associate professor of statistics, Department of Health Care Policy, HMS  
**Sponsors:** Center for Quality of Care Research and Education Kresge G-2, 12:30-1:25 p.m.

## Wednesday, October 14

### *"Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI) Workshop"*

**Speaker:** Christine Hollis, manager, Center for Wellness and Health Communication, UHS

**Sponsors:** Office for Students, Human Resources Office, Information Technology Department Kresge 213, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

## Friday, October 16

### *"Child Passenger Safety Research Forum"*

**Speakers:** Maria Segui-Gomez, director, Harvard Injury Control Research Center; Roberta Glass, research specialist, Division of Public Health Practice; Toben Nelson, research specialist, Department of Health and Social Behavior; Eve Wittenberg, research assistant, Harvard Center for Risk Analysis; Anna Castro, Injury Prevention and Control Program, Massachusetts Department of Public Health  
**Sponsors:** Harvard Injury Control Research Center, Division of Public Health Practice  
FXB G-12, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

### *"Reading Strategies and Information Management"*

**Speaker:** Donald Halstead  
**Sponsor:** Office for Students Kresge 206, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

### *"Health Under Siege: Community-Based Initiatives in Settings of Oppression"*

**Speakers:** Jaime Bayona, Socios En Salud, Carabayllo, Peru; Maria Contreras, Soldiers of Health, Roxbury; Julio Quinones and Marta Jimenez, Equipo de Apoyo En Salud y Educacion, Chiapas, Mexico; Bossuet Sainvilus and Loune Viaud, Zanmi Lasante, Cange, Haiti; Paul Farmer and Jim Yong Kim, Partners in Health, Cambridge; Jose Luis Reza, documentary filmmaker, Chiapas, Mexico  
**Sponsor:** David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies 2nd Floor Conference Room, 641 Huntington Avenue, 3:00-5:30 p.m.

## Radiation Sciences and Environmental Health Symposium

On Friday, October 16, and Saturday, October 17, the John B. Little Center for Radiation Sciences and Environmental Health is hosting a symposium titled Genetic Instability and Cancer Susceptibility: Implications for Risk. Over the course of the two days, more than a dozen scholars will discuss topics ranging from the history of radiation science at Harvard to gene therapy targeted by ionizing radiation.

Friday's program begins at 12:30 p.m. in Snyder Auditorium and continues until 5:45 p.m. Following the program, a reception will be held in the Kresge cafeteria.

Saturday's program begins at 8:30 a.m. in Snyder Auditorium, and continues until 5:00 p.m., with a break for lunch from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

For a schedule of speakers and topics, contact Karl Kelsey at 432-1184 or via Email at [kelsey@hohp.harvard.edu](mailto:kelsey@hohp.harvard.edu).

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